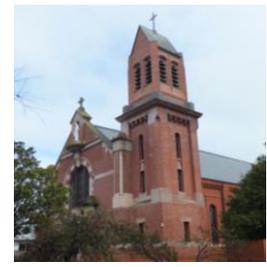


**St Michael's Parish, Traralgon**  
 in partnership with  
**St Mary's Parish, Yarram**  
 and including  
 St Columbkille's, Glengarry  
 St Gerard's Woodside



**St Michael's Vision Statement:** Inspired by Jesus Christ, we are a welcoming Catholic Community seeking to enrich lives. Come and join us!

**St Michael's Mission Statement:**

To provide opportunities for parishioners –

- to grow in holiness
- to discover and live out their personal and community call to mission to live as Catholics who effectively transform society.

**St Mary's Vision Statement:** The Council aims to foster and encourage all baptized Catholics to grow in their love of Jesus, their fidelity to the Catholic Church and to reach out to all members of our worldwide community.

**St Mary's Mission Statement:** To foster and co-ordinate activities that encourage all baptized Catholics to take responsibility for the life and mission of their Church.

**Statement of Commitment to the safety of children and vulnerable adults:** Central to the mission of St Michael's and St Mary's Parishes is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children, young people and vulnerable adults and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

**St Michael's Parish Information**

**Fr Francis Otopo** Parish Priest  
**Fr Saji John** Assistant Priest  
 Parish Centre 5174 2060  
 Priests' Residence: 5174 6765  
 56 Loch Park Road, Traralgon

**Sr Doreen Dagge RSJ** 5174 9997

**Monsignor John Allman**  
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 Parish Secretary: Mrs Bev O'Brien  
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Office hours –  
 Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

**Sacraments Admin:** Mrs Jenifer Hanratty  
 After office hours - in case of emergency,  
 please call 5174 2060 and leave your details on  
 the message service.

**Baptisms:** Four weeks notice required  
**Weddings:** Six months notice required

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Susan Grout Chairperson, Fr Francis, Fr Saji, Sr Doreen, Greg Imhagwe, Rose Pearson, Kevin Taylor, Ray Moretti, Rob Tarraran, Cathy Blackford, Ros Joyner, Doug Doherty and Chris DiCorleto.

**Our Schools:**

**St Gabriel's School** 5174 5515  
 Principal: Mrs Roslyn Joyner

**St Michael's School** 5174 3295  
 Acting Principal: Miss Jan Fitzpatrick

**Lavalla Catholic College** 5174 5272  
 Principal: Mr John Freeman  
 Kildare Campus 5174 8111  
 St Paul's Campus 5174 7355

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

*by Greg Sunter*

This week's gospel is the first of three predictions of Jesus' death and resurrection in Matthew's gospel (see also Mark and Luke). Despite Peter's confession of faith that immediately precedes this passage (see last week's gospel), the disciples still do not have a very solid understanding of Jesus' purpose. They may regard him as the Messiah, but still do not fully understand what that means. In this passage, Jesus is beginning to prepare them for the events of the passion – his death and resurrection. He is trying to lead them to a greater understanding of his mission and message. But Peter abruptly 'rebukes' Jesus and tells him not to speak like that. One can almost hear Peter saying, 'Look, Jesus, you've got a good thing going here, don't spoil it by talking about dying!' However, Jesus responds to Peter very sharply, suggesting that his lack of understanding is inspired by evil and reflects human thought, not divine wisdom.

The passage then leads in to a description of the challenge of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus means to 'deny' oneself, take up one's cross and follow Jesus. In the context of this passage, to 'deny' oneself means to not be concerned about 'I' but to be concerned about 'You' – to put others before self. To be a follower of Jesus means to be selfless, not self-centred. In the ultimate example of

this, Jesus tells his disciples that whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it. To 'save' your life is to hold back from giving yourself fully to the message of Jesus – to be 'half-hearted' in your faith. But to 'lose' yourself in the message of Jesus is to fully give yourself over to living the reign of God and through 'losing' yourself in this way, Jesus tells us, is how to truly find life.

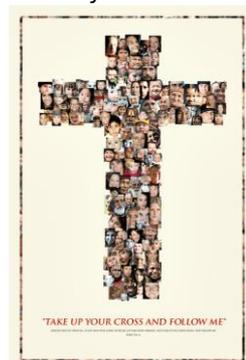
**Questions to think about.....**

*Q. What part of the gospel passage do you find most interesting / challenging? Why?*

*Q. What are some of the challenges you face being a follower of Jesus today?*

*Q. In what ways have you had to 'take up your cross' – deal with a great difficulty – and still tried to live in a positive and hopeful way?*

*Q. Our society today is very self-centred, there are not too many people who 'deny themselves' very much at all. What is one way that you can be more self-less?*



### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm	St Michael's Traralgon
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
	10:00am	St Mary's Yarram
	10:00am	St Columbkille's Glengarry
	6:00 pm	St Michael's Traralgon

### WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Sept to 9<sup>th</sup> September**

<b>Mon 4</b>	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word St Michael's
<b>Tues 5</b>	9.30am	Mass, St Michael's
	11.00am	Mass, St Mary's
<b>Wed 6</b>	9.00am	Mass, St Michaels
<b>Thur 7</b>	9.30am	Mass, St Michael's
	10.30am	Mass, DalKeith
<b>Fri 8</b>	9:30am	St Michael's, Mass
	10.30am	Mass, Bupa
<b>Sat 9</b>	9.30am	Mass, St Michael's

**Rosary:** Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 10:15am & 5:30pm or any time by arrangement with Father.

**BAPTISMS:** This week we welcome for Baptism, Elijah Inchincoli – son of Frank and Teresa. Congratulations from all of us.



**R.C.I.A.:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. St Michael's Parish warmly invites anyone interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith to contact Susan Grout on 0412 671 308 for further information.



**OFFICE HOURS:** Welcome back to Bev in the office who has had 2 weeks holidays. Office hours this week will be as follows:

**Mon Sept 4th** Closed  
**Tue Sept 5th** 9:00am to 4pm  
**Wed Sept 6th** Closed  
**Thu Sept 7th** 9:00am to 4pm  
**Fri Sept 8th** 9:00am to 4pm.

With huge thanks to Jenifer Hanratty and Cath Hill who looked after things in Bev's absence.

### PARISH PASTORAL VISITORS:

A reminder to Parishioners that if you wish a visit from anyone from the Parish whilst you are in a local hospital, you must have indicated this at the time of Admission to the Hospital.

People who are at home and in need of a visit from the Parish need to let the Parish Office know on 5174 2060. Contact needs to be made by a family member. More information about this in coming Bulletins.

**AFTER HOURS CONTACT:** Anyone in urgent need of a Priest outside of office hours needs to call the Parish Office number. The call will be diverted to a message bank. Please leave your name, contact number and a brief message.

**FATHER'S DAY:** Wishing all our Dads in our community a happy Father's Day. And to our 'Parish Fathers' ... Mons Allman, Fr Francis, Fr Saji. We thank you for your faith and generosity.



### FATHERS' DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:

Today the Special Collection for the Priests' Welfare Foundation will go towards the support of the sick or retired priests in our diocese and the overseas priests in time of sickness.

All donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible. If you require a receipt for taxation purposes, please put your name and address **clearly** on the special envelope and a receipt will be issued in due course. With grateful thanks for your support.

**CAKE SHOW FUNDRAISER** A Fundraising Afternoon Tea and Cake Show is raising money for the Blessed Virgin Orphanage in Sri Lanka. On Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> from 2pm - 4pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. You will be provided an afternoon of games, raffles, cake auctions and pampering. Tickets are \$15 each when you book in advance or \$20 on the day. Please contact Inoka for more details on 0451068200 or Jen at the Parish office on 51742060.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently including Fr Joe Pulis SDB, Michelle Kay, Dorothy McKee, Eileen Harkin, Eileen Coleman, Peter Duyndam, Tom Drenen (brother of Bob Drenen) and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Luciana Spano, Lauris Penny, Rita McEntee, Rene Van Dam, Keith Quigley, Maria Di Sisto, Olga Breen, Lucy Lewandowski, Garry and Marie VanDerVelden, Aileen Dixon, Michael Ruane, Petrus Kamsma, Kathleen Heal. **Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including, Wilhelmina Nijenhuis, Maria Alessandrini, Vincent O'Neill, John Besselink, Damian Black, Joyce Martin, Jenny Hansch, Ken Vivian, Marie Howard, Pat O'Mara, Robert Hazelman, Alan Douch, Veronica Barter, Fr Frank Freeman, Carolyn Gleeson, Gary Donchi, Anna Lapuh, Peter Heron, Father Frank Young, Sarah Parker **and all who seek our prayers.**



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for some new volunteers from our Parish to go on the Reading/Commentating roster. We love seeing new people being involved in our Parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

### THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
5.30pm – Parish Council Meeting

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
5pm- 6pm – Youth Mass Training  
Night in Mary MacKillop Hall  
7.30pm – RCIA Meeting

**MESSAGE FROM SR DOREEN** A huge thanks for all the loving care and support she has received. The operation was successful and she is now in the process of making a good recovery

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** The CPG meets every Thursday evening at 7:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. All are welcome to come and join in! Enquiries to Cathy on 5174 3001.



† On **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**, Bishop Pat will be in our Parish and well celebrate **Mass at St Columbkille's at 10:30am, Mass on that Sunday at St Michael's will be at 9:00am.**

† Celebrating 100 years of Fatima. **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October.** Rosary will be said at the statue of 'Our Lady of the Way' at **10:00am**, following morning Mass.

**YOUTH MASS**

Our first Youth Mass was a huge success on Sunday morning. Around 30 children aged 4 – 15yo did a fantastic job taking part in all the ministries in the Mass and also had a lot of fun. Our next Youth Mass will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6pm followed by supper in the Hall.



Training sessions will run in the Hall on: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 5pm-6pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 5pm – 6pm Please contact Jen Hanratty on 0437 492 349 or the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you know of any school aged children that are interested in learning more.

**SMY@L – St. Michael's Parish Youth Group**  
St. Michael's Youth group is for all young people from **Year 5, 6 & lower secondary levels (from any school)**. SMY@L meet in the Mary MacKillop Hall a few times each school term, and run a variety of activities in a safe, friendly environment with leaders from our Parish Community who all have current Working With Children Checks. We meet on a Friday night.

Participants are signed in and out at the end of each session. Our leaders all have experience in working with young people.

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**OPERATION SHOE BOX & FOOTY PIE NIGHT**  
*Dress up in footy colours (prizes for best dresses), and have some fun as we sort & pack the shoeboxes & have pies/snacks for supper! A great night to come and help those in need!*

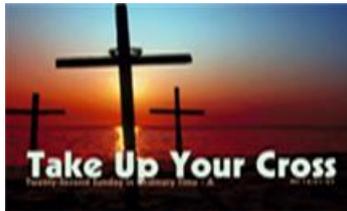
At St Michael's Mackillop Hall. 6.30–8.30pm. Parent/family help required from 7.45pm please. Cost: Items/Donations/money/ for the showboxes. Phone Lou on 51750877 for info.

**THANK YOU TO MARK HUGHES:** We say goodbye to Mark Hughes this weekend after being with us for the last 2 months. We wish Mark all the very best as he continues his faith filled journey.

**ORDINATION NEWS:**

A huge Congratulations to two of our seminarians, Avinash George and Hiep van Nguyen, who are being ordained Deacons for the Diocese of Sale this weekend, **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 11.00 am** at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale. May God continue to Bless them and keep them safe.

**ASSUMPTION COLLEGE KILMORE:** Are you a former student of Assumption College Kilmore? If so Maria Cleve would love to hear from you. ACK will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018 and there are many events being planned for former students. Please phone Maria Cleve in our Alumni Office on 5783 5343 or email her at maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au.



**FINANCE MATTERS:**

*"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - MATTHEW 16:26*

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:**

If you wish to have information about our Planned Giving programme please contact the Parish Office.

**Counters:** September Arend Team  
September 10 Armstrong



**POSTAL PLEBISCITE ON "SAME-SEX MARRIAGE"**

The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include "same-sex marriage" Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tuesday, 12 September and all votes must be received back by Tuesday, 7 November.

**VOTE NO, TO KEEP MARRIAGE AS A UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A WOMAN AND A MAN.**

**Rosters for September 10 ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
Saturday 6:00pm	A Taylor	C Di Corleto	J Scholtes, R Tactor, Volunteer x2	G & D Bassett	Jane	D Buckland
Sunday 9:30am	S Reid	M Moulton R Symonds	W Detering, D Prestipino, B & S Edgar, G Imhagwe, Volunteer x1	C Payne	Jane	M Hanratty
Sunday 6:00pm		J Panozzo- Tile	J Fleming, S Luscombe, Volunteers x2	M Noone	Jane	L Theissling

- **Altar Cleaning:** September 10 M Giddens September 17 S Edgar
- **Church Cleaning:** September McLaughlin Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Alison, Tamille and Josephine
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** September 10<sup>th</sup> Hollie September 17<sup>th</sup> Jane McCormick  
Please contact the family before you leave the statue to make sure they are home. Thank you. For further information regarding roster please contact: Marie Moulton 5174 0938 Email: memou\_38@bigpond.com
- **Mick's Kitchen:** September 7 - Scholtes Team September 14 - Hemming Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Ps 85:3 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

**First Reading** Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 137:1-3 6 8 Rv8

**(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

**Gospel Acclamation** See Eph 1:17-18

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten  
the eyes of our heart,*

*that we might see how great is the hope to  
which we are called.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Next week's Readings: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekial 33:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20