



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

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Baptisms: Four weeks notice required

Weddings: Six months notice required

Parish Pastoral Council

Greg Imhagwe Chairperson, Fr Francis, Fr Saji, Sr Doreen, Kevin Taylor, Ray Moretti, Amanda Reid, Jenifer Hanratty, Steve Kimani, Marita Kennedy, Rob Tarraran, Jan Fitzpatrick, Ros Joyner and Doug Doherty, Bev O'Brien.

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

First World Day of the Poor:

Let us love, not with words but with deeds --- Pope Francis

What is the World Day of the Poor?

- In his apostolic letter to close the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." He designated this day as the "World Day of the Poor." It will be celebrated on the thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary time (two Sundays before the season of Advent each year). The inaugural World Day of the Poor is Sunday, 19 November 2017.

- *"It would be a day to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. Lk 16:19-21), there can be no justice or social peace. This Day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelization (cf. Mt 11:5) which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy." – Pope Francis*

- [You can read Pope Francis' message for the first World Day of the Poor; go to catholicoutlook.org/pope-francis-message-first-world-day-poor.](http://catholicoutlook.org/pope-francis-message-first-world-day-poor)

Sunday Morning Mass
 Sunday 26th November
 at 9:00am

Quotes from Pope Francis' message

- We know how hard it is for our contemporary world to see poverty clearly for what it is. Yet in myriad ways poverty challenges us daily, in faces marked by suffering, marginalization, oppression, violence, torture and imprisonment, war, deprivation of freedom and dignity, ignorance and illiteracy, medical emergencies and shortage of work, trafficking and slavery, exile, extreme poverty and forced migration. *(Pope Francis, Message for World Day of the Poor, n. 5)*
- Poverty has the face of women, men and children exploited by base interests, crushed by the machinations of power and money. What a bitter and endless list we would have to compile were we to add the poverty born of social injustice, moral degeneration, the greed of a chosen few, and generalized **indifference!** *(Pope Francis, Message for World Day of the Poor, n. 5)*
- There is a poverty that stifles the spirit of initiative of so many young people by keeping them from finding work. There is a poverty that dulls the sense of personal responsibility and leaves others to do the work while we go looking for favours. There is a poverty that poisons the wells of participation and allows little room for professionalism; in this way it demeans the merit of those who do work and are productive. To all these forms of poverty **we must respond with a new vision of life and society.** *(Pope Francis, Message for World Day of the Poor, n. 5).*

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday	6:00pm	St Michael's Traralgon
Sunday	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

20th to 25th November

Mon 20	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word St Michael's
Tues 21	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word St Michael's
Wed 22	12:00pm	Mass, St Michael's
Thurs 23	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
Fri 24	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
Sat 25	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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Olive Tryhorn, Kevin Maxfield and John Johnson and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Nell Hammond, Giovanni DiSisto, Bruce Hunter, Salvatore Agostino, Giovanni Lombardo, Caterina Raso-Lombardo, Tim Spithoven, Mary Gilmour and Henrietta Glaubitz.

Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including Peter Marslen, Sharlet Madonna Vaz, Val Gleeson, Dot Mulquiney, Jan Gilmour, Simon Panther, Maria Alessandrini, Vincent O'Neill, John Besselink, Damian Black, Joyce Martin, 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.**



ROBIN MANN CONCERT & SINGALONG:

Robin is a singer, guitarist and worship leader, he will be at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 249 Kay Street, Traralgon on **Thursday November 23** at 7:30pm. Adults \$10, school aged \$5. Limited tickets available from the Parish Office. Contact Dieter Melzer on 4122 1623 for information.

BAPTISMS: We welcome for Baptism this weekend Willow Rae Kurrel, daughter of Joshua and Deceah. Congratulations to the family from us all.



The next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday 13th December at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information.

PAUL MUNDAY VISITING: We welcome Mr Paul Munday from the Diocese of Sale at our Masses. Paul is the Professional Standards Officer for the Diocese, he will be here to help us understand the complexities and need for compliance in many areas, and especially in the area of child safety.

ALTERED MASS TIME: Parishioners please note that Sunday morning Mass on Sunday November 26 will be at 9:00am and not at 9:30am. This is to enable parishioners to be able to drive their cars home before the street is closed for the Traralgon Christmas Parade.

RECONCILIATION NEWS: Next Sunday at 6:00pm Mass, all the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the First time this month will receive their Certificates. The Mass will be followed by a celebration meal for the children in the Mary MacKillop Hall.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: The CPG meets every Thursday evening at 7:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. This coming Thursday Br Valerio from the Koinonia community in Italy will be our Guest Speaker.

All are welcome to come and join in! Enquiries to Cathy on 5174 3001.

DIocese OF SALE – SITUATION VACANT FACILITIES CO-ORDINATOR (Fixed Term)

A 2 year appointment, 3 days per fortnight to assist Parishes in the management of Parish Church facilities. Responsibilities include working with Parishes to ensure compliance with essential safety, hazard identification, and Occupational Health and Safety in the maintenance of church properties. The position will be based in Warragul and will require travel to Parishes in the Diocese.

A Position Description, Application Form, Confidential Referee Assessment Form and relevant information can be obtained from hr@sale.catholic.org.au. Applications close on November 24.

CHRISTMAS GIFTING TREE:

St Michael's St Vincent de Paul Conference has again organised the Christmas Gifting Tree to be in the Church from November 01 to December 10.



Parishioners are asked to take a gift tag, and return your gift/voucher by December 10. There will be envelopes in the foyer if you wish to make a monetary donation.

Last year more than 300 children received gifts, and a similar number is expected this year. The conference would like to thank all parishioners for their support during 2017.

YOUTH MASS Our next Youth Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm Mass on



Saturday November 25. Any youth who wish to volunteer, please contact Jen at the Parish Office on 5174 2060.

WORKING BEE: 56 Loch Park Road, Monday 20th November at 8:00am.

We are looking for assistance to clean gutters, weed garden, paint gates, sand handrails, lop large trees, and load green waste onto truck.



All tools supplied, please bring your own gloves. Contact Peter Mitchell on 0410 191 966 for more details.

NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS

Tuesday Nov 21

7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council,
Parish Centre

Wednesday Nov 22

5:00pm Men's Breakfast Team
Parish Centre

5:30pm Liturgy Team,
Parish Centre

FINANCE MATTERS:

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - MATTHEW 25:21

God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

Stewardship Campaign:

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

Counters: **Nov 19** Armstrong Team
Nov 26 Morris Team .

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: (continued)

- All the poor – as Blessed Paul VI loved to say – belong to the Church by “evangelical right” (Address at the Opening of the Second Session of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, 29 September 1963), and require of us a fundamental option on their behalf. **Blessed**, therefore, are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them: they are hands that bring hope. **Blessed** are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wounds of humanity. **Blessed** are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange, with no “ifs” or “buts” or “maybes”: they are hands that call down God’s blessing upon their brothers and sisters. (Pope Francis, Message for World Day of the Poor, n. 5)
- At the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy, I wanted to offer the Church a World Day of the Poor, so that throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ’s charity for the least and those most in need. To the World Days instituted by my Predecessors, which are already a tradition in the life of our communities, I wish to add this one, which adds to them an exquisitely evangelical fullness, that is, **Jesus’ preferential love for the poor**. (Pope Francis, Message for World Day of the Poor, n. 6)
- I invite the whole Church, and men and women of good will everywhere, to turn their gaze on this day to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity. They are our brothers and sisters, created and loved by the one Heavenly Father. This Day is meant, above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to **embrace the culture of encounter**. (Pope Francis, Message for World Day of the Poor, n. 6)
- It is my wish that, in the week preceding the World Day of the Poor, which falls this year on 19 November, the Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Christian

communities will make every effort to **create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance. They can invite the poor and volunteers to take part together in the Eucharist on this Sunday**, in such a way that there be an even more authentic celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, on the following Sunday. (Pope Francis, Message for World Day of the Poor, n. 7)

- At the heart of all the many concrete initiatives carried out on this day should always be prayer. Let us not forget that the **Our Father** is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life’s uncertainties and the lack of what they need. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he answered in the words with which the poor speak to our one Father, in whom all acknowledge themselves as brothers and sisters. The Our Father is a prayer said in the plural: the bread for which we ask is “ours”, and that entails sharing, participation and joint responsibility. In this prayer, all of us recognize our need to overcome every form of selfishness, in order to enter into the joy of mutual acceptance. (Pope Francis, Message for World Day of the Poor, n. 8)

Five ways to

observe the World Day of the Poor

(adapted from Catholic Relief Services USA)

- **Practice the Corporal Works of Mercy.** The Corporal Works of Mercy are drawn from Jesus’ life and teachings. They call us to: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, bury the dead and give alms to the poor. Pope Francis added a new work of mercy: to care for God’s creation. The Corporal Works of Mercy offer a clear model and starting point for how to care for our neighbors in need.

Some helpful links:

- [Reflection booklet on the Works of Mercy](#)
- [Works in action: Sr Mary O’Shannassy sgs on Prison Ministry](#)
- **Support outreach efforts to the poor.** One way to care for the poor around the world is to support the work of local and international relief services such as [Caritas Australia](#), the [St Vincent de Paul Society](#), [Catholic Mission](#) or [Aid to the Church in Need](#).
- **Making caring for the poor a part of your routine.** Do you buy coffee, chocolate or Christmas gifts? One way to support low-income workers around the world is by buying things you use on a regular basis from organisations that pay a fair wage. If you drink coffee or tea, look for a fair trade label, which means that the farmers who harvest the coffee or tea are paid fairly and work in safe conditions. As you begin your Christmas shopping, consider buying gifts from around the world that are produced and traded ethically.
- **Learn about the causes of poverty and work to change them.** There are many reasons why people around the world are trapped in poverty: lack of jobs, war and climate change that affects what farmers can grow are only a few examples. We can raise our voices together to ask our government to support policies that help address these causes of poverty.
- **Pray for the poor.** There are so many people who need our prayers. If you’re overwhelmed and not sure where to start, try praying with your newsfeed. As you see headlines about what’s happening around the world, pause and pray for the people affected by those stories.

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Rosters for November 26 ~ The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
Saturday 6:00pm	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	J Scholtes, R Tactor, J Hanratty, volunteer	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	A & M Giddens
Sunday 9:30am	U Imhagwe	L Van der Velden	W Detering, C Payne, J Cahill, C Mesaric, Volunteers x 2	C Collis, E Freeman	Jane	G Imhagwe
Sunday 6:00pm	Rob Tarraran	Robyn Tarraran	R & J Hayes, Volunteers x 2	G Edgar, J Sykes	Jane	C Fernando

- **Altar Cleaning:** November 26 A Xuereb December 03 L Kennedy
 - **Church Cleaning:** November Rickwood Team December Van Berkel Team
 - **Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** November 26 Marianne and Therese
 - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** November 19 Mr & Mrs R Stockdale November 26 Mr & Mrs O Pretto
- 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:** November 23 Burns Team November 30 Townsend Team

Entrance Antiphon Rv 5:12, 1:6

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5 R v1**(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)*
- Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)*
- Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. (R.)*

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

Next weeks Readings: Christ the King

First Reading: Ezekial 34:11-12, 15-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46.

