

**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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**Fr Saji John** Assistant Priest

Parish Centre 5174 2060

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**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**

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

**COMMENTARY ON THE READINGS:**

**by Fr Richard Leonard, SJ**

The Roman Emperor Constantine was baptised in 337. He put it off for years. In the early Church Christians could only confess their sins once in their lives, so Constantine remained a catechumen until he was nearing the end. When he thought his death was imminent, and that he could probably sin no more, he asked for baptism, received Holy Communion and later confessed his sins. It was a watershed moment for the Church.

In 313 Constantine declared that Christianity was to be the new state religion. No one could hold any other belief. It was meant to unify the Empire as trade, law, taxation and Roman culture had done. I think we should admit that this move has been a mixed blessing for the Church ever since.

On the positive side of the ledger it finally sealed the end of the persecution of the earliest Christians. The blood of the martyrs had been so eloquent that their witness caused even a few emperors to ask what sort of love would see so many followers be prepared to die for their beliefs. It also saw the Church become a significant player in shaping the values of society, especially in the West. There is no question that Christianity moderated, cultivated and humanised some of the worst Roman excesses.

On the cost side, the Church became very powerful very quickly. Bishops started to wear the purple robes of the senators. Churches took on the shape of

the Roman basilicas, while the government of the Church mirrored that of the Empire. Our liturgy imported all sorts of practices that were popular in the Roman temples. Tragically, for the next few hundred years, conversions were demanded at the end of a sword. No religious dissent or pluralism was tolerated. It's in this context that Islam arises against Imperial Christianity in the 6th Century. It cannot surprise us that after Constantine's conversion the image of Christ the King becomes one of the most popular ones used in religious art. Up to this time the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd was the most represented. After 313, however, Jesus is dressed in royal robes, with a crown, sceptre and orb. Mary is often presented in similar dress and starts to be called the Queen of Heaven.

The problem with all this is not that imperial language was now being used in reference to Jesus. He described himself as a King. The problem comes in how Christianity starts to forget that Jesus also pointed out that his kingdom was 'not of this world' and that his courtiers could be recognised by how they feed the hungry, water the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit prisoners. Jesus' reign, and his courtiers, are of an altogether different order to that usually prized in worldly kingdoms.

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### 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

#### **27<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

<b>Mon 27</b>	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word St Michael's
<b>Tues 28</b>	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word St Michael's
	11:00am	Mass, St Mary's
<b>Wed 29</b>	12:00pm	Mass, St Michael's
<b>Thurs 30</b>	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
<b>Fri 01</b>	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
<b>Sat 02</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

### WEDDING BELLS:

Congratulations and every blessing to Natalie Amoroso and Michael Black who are being married at St Michael's this weekend. *"May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place our hope in you"* Psalm 32.



### BAPTISMS:

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



### FIRST

### RECONCILIATION

### CONGRATULATIONS:

It's with great pleasure and huge thankfulness that we congratulate Amelia Alesi, Charlee Barnes-Stephens, Ella Bedford, Ashlee Bosch, Jimmy Brand, Samuel Buckley, Claudia Buhagiar, Sebastian Calabro, Felicity Calagaz, Ruby Clegg, Christian Colonnelli, Ruby Combridge, Ethan Crookes, Arielle Crivari-Valladares, Gabriella Crivari-Valladares, Samuel Darby, Tace Davidson, Shanay Donchi, Sophie Fazioli, Bianca Francolino, Lillian Franklin, Sienna Giblett, Milee Hayes, Makaidy Henderson, Molly Henry, Joshua Hodson, Koa Humphrey, Olivia Hurley, Mathilda Joske, Micaiah Judilla, Eva Kelly, Maeve Knowles, Jett Koppen, Harris Kus, Michele Lear, Hudson Leech, Abbey Lesiw, Ruby Leyshan, LilyKate Lund, Sahanna Marianne, Marlee Mathew, Savannah McLure, Jayda Morgan, Lianne Mulheron, Adam Murray, Mica Nightingale, Gabriel Paolemilio, Hamish Pettie, Declan Pivato, Olivia Pugliese, Scarlett Reid, Thomas Robinson, Shayla Jay Scandrett, Matthew Sexton, Brilee Smith, Jessica Taylor, Kade Thorley, Jay Tuimseve, Lillian Van der Velden, Isabelle Vavondel-Foley, Chloe-Maree Verdaas, Luca Vitale, Marley Wallace, Cadel Weston, Hannah Whitty, Samuel Wight, Freyja Winnell, and all their families. Congratulations and thanks also to our Sacramental Team for all their efforts, their caring and hard work in looking after all these wonderful children. May they all be blessed with a deepened faith, and may they always walk closely with their God.



### 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.



### MEN'S BREAKFAST:

All men of the Parish and beyond are welcome to come and share a meal, catch up with friends, meet some new ones, listen to a guest speaker. The inaugural St Michael's Men's Breakfast is happening on Saturday December 2, 8:00am to 10:00am, in the Mary MacKillop Hall. This is a chance for fellowship . . . a time for local men to get together, interact, chat and get to know one another. The plan is for a full cooked breakfast; but it's not so much about the food as the chance to share a meal and time together. Our first guest speaker is Deacon Mark Kelly. Please let the Parish Office (5174 2060) know that you are coming, to assist with catering. A gold coin donation entry is required.



**Mick's Kitchen** A quick report to the parish to say that Mick's Kitchen is still feeding those who need a meal each Thursday evening. Our teams are all continuing this marvellous ministry, we are about to celebrate our second 'birthday' on November 26.

We are now cooking and serving the meals in the St Vincent de Paul Centre, and we thank them for their ongoing generous support.

Our Team Leader is Mr Ray Moretti, and Ray is energetic, thorough and forward thinking in his endeavours to help us all stay on track. Mick's Kitchen will have a Christmas celebration meal on Thursday December 21, and will take a break then, re-opening on Thursday January 11, 2018. All assistance given to the MK Team is greatly appreciated.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently including Peter McCarthy, Maureen Schkrodani, Olive Tryhorn, Kevin Maxfield and John Johnson and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Agostino Damiano, Julian George, Margaret Morrissey, Henny Van Berkel, Bishop Jeremiah Coffey, Monsignor Bill Caffrey, Nell Hammond, Giovanni DiSisto, Bruce Hunter, Salvatore Agostino, Giovanni Lombardo and Caterina Raso-Lombardo.

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

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including Ivy May, Celie Smith, Mary Dwyer, 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.**



**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.

**Gospel Commentary (Continued)**

That's why today's feast is so important. On the last day of the Church's year we are challenged by Christ our King to give our true allegiance to what really matters. Not ambition, greed, status and power, but the quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just and peaceful place for everyone to live.

To the degree that we do this we are co-heirs to the Kingdom Jesus lived, died and was raised for, and we are witnesses to the real meaning of Christ's reign in our lives.

Richard Leonard, SJ

**MASS OF THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:**

On Friday evening, we celebrated the invaluable, priceless contributions of all the volunteers who help make us St Michael's Parish, Traralgon. Fr Francis celebrated the Mass, which was a joyous occasion. The number of ways people volunteer in our parish, is absolutely unlimited; so too, the strengths and talents of our parishioners are unlimited. During the Mass, thanks was extended to five people who have been in leadership roles in the parish, and who have now 'passed their batons' on to others.

Mrs Susan Grout, who has finished another six year stint on Parish Council, serving as the Chairperson for the last eighteen months of that time. Susan is still volunteering her time and talents in a number of other areas. Our thanks for the energy and direction you brought to the Parish Pastoral Council. Thank you, Susan. That particular baton has now been taken up by Greg Imhagwe. Thank you, Greg.

Chris DiCorleto, who has been Minutes Secretary at the PPC for ten years, perhaps more. Chris' meticulous Minutes, and the promptness of their delivery are legend! Chris also gave freely of her expertise, faith and time during her time on PPC. Thank you, Chris. She has passed her baton on to Marita Kennedy. Thank you, Marita.

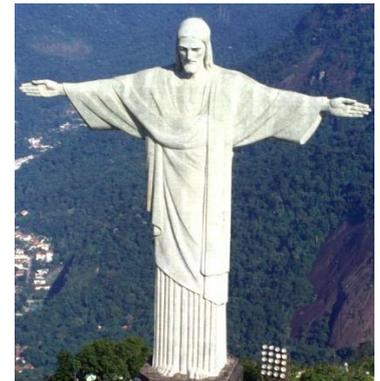
Brian Doyle, who has been the president of the Traralgon Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society. Brian has been a member of the local conference for twenty years and president for approximately the last seven. He has served our community with great dignity, good humour and large amounts of his time. Thank you, Brian. His baton has been passed on to Mrs Lyn Burns, thank you Lyn.

Brendan and Annette O'Hara have been leaders in the Baptism Preparation Team for more years than anyone can remember, but around the twenty year mark. They have given much time and shared their faith with many, many young parents bringing their children to us for baptism. Thank you, Annette and Brendan both. Their baton is yet to be picked up, please volunteer.

None of our celebrations would have been possible without the assistance of so many, many volunteers, both in the past and the present. We are blessed to have been the inheritors of a wonderful parish, may we in our turn all work towards handing on a vibrant, outward reaching parish to the St Michael's parishioners of the future. Our thanks too, to Fr Francis for his enthusiasm which started the ball rolling for

this celebration.

So to all, whether you mow lawns, vacuum the carpet, sing, administer communion, draft policies, sweep cobwebs, clean windows, arrange flowers, sweep footpaths, maintain our buildings, supervise workmen and working bees, manage the parish IT needs, empty bins, fill bins, mend walls, doors, windows etc, etc, who look out for each other, unlock doors, lock doors, paint, look after the website, pray for us and others, weed gardens, wash sacramental linens (the list is endless, can't possibly mention them all). Huge thanks, each one of you - you make us St Michael's Parish, Traralgon. God bless!



**FINANCE MATTERS:**

*"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me" - MATTHEW 25:40*

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

**Stewardship Campaign:**

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

**Counters:** Nov 26 Morris Team  
Dec 03 Mitchell Team

The Feast of Christ the King  
is the end of the Church Year.  
Next week we begin Liturgical Year B

**Rosters for December 03 ~ First Sunday of Advent, Year B**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
<b>Saturday 6:00pm</b>	B O'Brien	S Grout	B Power, C DiCorleto, D Buckland, T Wisby	A O'Hara R Tactor		A Symonds
<b>Sunday 9:30am</b>	R Diaz C McLure	M Tainsh	J & W Waanders, J Cahill, K Jones, E Ryan, J Hanratty	T & L Biancon	Filipino Choir	P & L Vander Velden
<b>Sunday 6:00pm</b>	C Roga	J Panozzo-Tilè	R & Tarraran, J Reid, D Locke, Volunteer	A Ward	Diamante family	B Kennedy

- **Altar Cleaning:** December 03 L Kennedy December 10 M Giddens & C Tognella
  - **Church Cleaning:** December Van Berkel Team
  - **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** December 03 Carolyn and Grace
  - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** November 26 Mr & Mrs Pretto December 03 A & K Watts
- 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 30 Townsend Team December 07 Van Berkel Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Rv 5:12, 1:6

*How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

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

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. **(R.)**
2. Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 15:20-26 28

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

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order:

Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mk 11:9-10

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Mt 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Next week's Readings 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37