



St Michael's Parish, Traralgon

St Michael's Church, Traralgon

St Columbkille's Church, Glengarry

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.

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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 Otobo Parish Priest
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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, Sr Doreen, Kevin Taylor, Ray Moretti, Amanda Reid, Jenifer Hanratty, Steve Kimani, Marita Kennedy, Rob Tarraran, Jodie Ware, Ros Joyner, Doug Doherty and Bev O'Brien.

Our Schools:

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

St Michael's School 5174 3295
Principal: Mrs Jodie Ware

Lavalla Catholic College 5174 5272
Principal: Mr John Freeman
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By Jim Quillinan

Crucify Him!

It is easy enough to stir up a crowd, whip up anger, to find a quick answer to a problem, to play on fear and suspicion. It was in Jesus' day too.

Early in the week people were welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem: *A very large crowd spread their cloaks, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"* When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee". Mt 21 8-11

What an extraordinary scene. The praise could not be higher; the excitement sweeps through the crowd. The people are out in force. But those in charge are not. They feel threatened.

Four days later, the same crowd is calling for his execution.

Can't you see it now – the whispering campaign against him. He is a threat to our way of life. How will the Romans respond? He mixes with the wrong crowd. He has no respect for our religious beliefs and practices. He wants to change them. He doesn't keep the Sabbath. Whipping up suspicion, making him an 'outsider', not to be trusted, threatening our way of life,

challenging what we hold dear and so on and so on. He's an extremist! Find a charge, any charge. Make it stick.

Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation."

Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." . . . So from that day on they plotted to take his life. John 11 54-53

When change is in the air, when the going is tough as it was under the Romans, making something black and white is made so much easier. We like things to be simple, uncomplicated. Easier to sell, easier 'to explain' – the attitude that things are bad enough now, we don't need this. He is a challenge to our way of life. So make up a few charges, twist his words, quote selectively, make what he says a threat to peace and order: *"We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king." "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."*

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm	St Michael's Traralgon
Sunday	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
	10:00am	St Columbkille's Glengarry
	6:00 pm	St Michael's Traralgon

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

April 02 to 07

Mon 02	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 03	9:30am	Mass
Weds 04	9:30am	Mass
	11:00am	Funeral Prayers for Graeme Carney
Thurs 05	10:30am	Mass, Dalkeith
Fri 06	9:30am	Mass
Sat 07	9.30am	Mass, Reconciliation
	6:00pm	Mass

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 Graeme Carney, Bal Gelveson and Peter Heron and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Denis O'Brien, Helen Henning, Dino D'Angelo, Monika Dyblik, Martino Colantuono, John Sola, Brian Hourigan, George Hodgson, Martino Colantuono, Arch Graham and Peter Cunico.

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

BAPTISMS: This weekend, we welcome for Baptism – Chase Oscar, Archer Cruz, Melanie Rose, Henry Maxwell, Levi Reuben, Jackson Reid, and Elsie Charlotte: children of Clinton & Emma Stanistreet. Congratulations and welcome to our parish family!

The next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Tuesday 17th April at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information.

PARISH OPEN MEETING WITH BISHOP

PAT O'REGAN: Please keep **Thursday April 26 at 7:00pm to 9:30pm** free to come and attend an Open Meeting with Bishop Pat about preparation for the 2020 Plenary Council Meeting. Bishop Pat will speak about the direction the Australian Bishops Council, and the Diocese of Sale are moving in, and what our Parishes will be asked to do.

CONFIRMATION 2018 DATES:

Parent Information Meeting –
St Mary MacKillop Hall (Parents only)

Date: **Wednesday 18th April 2018**
Time: **6.45pm**

Parent & Child Workshop 1 –
St Mary MacKillop Hall

Date: **Wednesday 2nd May**
Times: **4pm or 5.30pm**

Parent & Child Workshop 2 –
St Mary MacKillop Hall

Date: **Wednesday 9th May**
Times: **4pm or 5.30pm**

Celebration of Confirmation

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on:

Friday 11th May - 6pm Mass

Saturday 12th May - 6pm Mass



Fr Francis and Sr Doreen would like to extend their warm wishes and prayers to all our parishioners this Easter.

OFFICE CLOSED The Parish Office will only be open for minimal hours over the School Holidays, whilst our hardworking support staff have a break.

The office will be open on the Fridays of the school holidays from 9:30am to 2:30pm.

In an emergency situation, please call the Parish Office number (5174 206) and leave a message.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including, Joe Agostino, Fr Bernard Buckley, Joan Lamont, May O'Reilly, Brian Vivian, Graham Carney, Dorothy Buckland, Lee Allman, Joy Cahill, Cornelia Bakker, Dot Mulquiney, Ivy May, Celie Smith, Maria Alessandrini, Joyce Martin, Marie Howard, Robert Hazelman, Fr Frank Freeman, Carolyn Gleeson, Gary Donchi, Ann Lapuh and Fr Frank Young.



Palm
Sunday
2018

How very blessed we were to have the Lavalla Liturgical Choir with us for our Palm Sunday celebration last week. A very talented group of young people, it was marvellous to have them with us. Our thanks to Shane Reid and Chris Medhurst for their work in bringing this wonderful choir to us. We look forward to the choir again sharing in our parish liturgy in the future.

'Crucify Him' by Jim Quillinan continued

Very clever tactics. He wants to overthrow everything! So now the crowds are calling: Crucify him! Crucify him!

Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty Pilate says. But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed.

Their shouts prevailed. Sadly that can be the case so often today. The loudest voices are the ones often heard, perhaps not at first but loud, insistent demanding can win the day, despite the truth at times. Create doubt, play on fear, make things simple, a quick, seemingly easy solution. So pick a slogan. We hear 'crucify him' in all sorts of different forms today.

Surely a free society is one characterised by decency in how it treats others. A welcoming and mature church (and the society in which it lives) is one that seeks the truth, one that goes beyond the simple slogan, one that can welcome diversity and entertain complexity.

Some weeks before this trial, Matthew tells us, that *they looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd.* . Mtt 21:46 We can react to fear in a number of ways. We can ask ourselves, why is it that we are afraid? We can seek to understand our own reaction and what motivates it. We can also try to stand in the others' shoes. How much do we know about 'the other'? Have we been fed mistruths like Pilate? Or are we like those feeling threatened in Jesus' time, like those who agitated to have Jesus executed. Get rid of the threat.

We hear 'crucify him' (or them) in very clever ways today.

Jim Quillinan.

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Mick's Kitchen We are currently feeding around 60-70 people each Thursday evening in the St Vincent de Paul Centre. The need for this service in the community is unquestionably obvious.

Our Teams are currently desperately in need of fresh members to help out. It's not difficult and it is very rewarding. Volunteers must have a current WWCC linked to the Parish (this is easy to do online, assistance available at the Parish Office if needed).

We are grateful to all our volunteers, and especially to the students from Lavalla College whose help is invaluable.

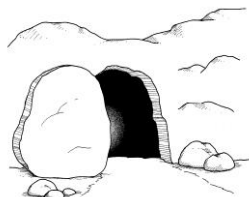
Please contact Judi Scholtes on 0439 555 994 if you are able to help us out. All assistance very gratefully received.

Matthew 25:34

'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.'

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: The CPG meets every Thursday evening at 7:30pm in term time in the Mary MacKillop Hall. We are currently in recess until Thursday April 05.

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



EMPLOYMENT POSITION
Multiplatform Journalist – Catholic Diocese of Sale

This full time position based in Warragul, forms part of the Digital Media and Communications Team. The successful applicant will contribute content to the Diocese's new information and news website, seeking news stories from around the Diocese and presenting these in written and video format. A high level of professionalism, capacity to work autonomously, show initiative and sound communication skills required.

Applicants are expected to demonstrate a commitment to, and support of the mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Sale, and a commitment to the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Email hr@sale.catholic.org.au to receive an information pack. Applications close on Friday 13th April at 5:00pm. Please note, this position is re-advertised with increased hours to full-time and an altered position description.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." – COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

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

Counters:

April 01 Arend Team

April 08 Armstrong Team

Rosters for April 07 and 08 ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	B O'Brien	S Grout	J Scholtes, R Tactor, Volunteers x 2	G & D Bassett	Jane	D Buckland
9:30am	R Diaz C McLure	C McCabe	W Detering, D Prestipino, B & S Edgar, G Imhagwe, Volunteer	C Payne M Wilkinson	Jane	M Hanratty
6:00pm	C Roga	J Hanrahan	J Fleming, S Luscombe, Volunteers x 2	M Noone	Jane	L Theissing

• **Altar Cleaning:**

April 01 M Tainsh

April 08 J Scholtes

• **Church Cleaning:**

April Collis Team

• **Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

In recess, school holidays

• **Touring Statue of Our Lady:**

April 01 S & A Reid

April 08 S Luque

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:**

April 05 Townsend Team

April 12 Van Berkel Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6

*I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia,
alleluia.*

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R. v.24

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Next week's Readings	2 nd Sunday of Easter
First Reading:	Acts 4:32-35
Second Reading:	1 John 5:1-6
Gospel:	John 20:19-31

Second Reading 1 Cor 5:6-8

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

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
Let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 16:1-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."' "

