



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 11, 2018

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

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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, 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

Principal: Mrs Jodie Ware

Lavalla Catholic College 5174 5272

Principal: Mr John Freeman

Kildare Campus 5174 8111

St Paul's Campus 5174 7355



*All men of the parish and beyond
are welcome to attend the first Men's Breakfast for 2018.*

Saturday 17th March 8:00am

St Vincent de Paul Centre, 43 Kay Street (corner of Breed Street)

Gold Coin donation.

*Dr Saji John (from the Traralgon Breed Street Clinic)
will address the topic of Men's Health.*

A chance to catch up with old friends, and make some more.

Share a meal and listen to a guest speaker.

*Sit down to a cooked breakfast with men you may
or may not know well . . .*

Come and join in!



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

March 12 to 17

Mon 12	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 13	9:30am	Mass
Weds 14	9:30am	Mass
	1:30pm	{Requiem Mass for Frank Valencic
Thurs 15	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriels PS
Fri 16	9:30am	Mass
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 17	9.30am	Mass

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

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

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be celebrated each Friday of Lent at 7:00pm in the Church. This coming week (Friday March 16) will be led by the RCIA (Aboriginal Stations)

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP: The Lenten Reflection Group will run through the Mondays of Lent in the Parish Centre at 7:30pm each week.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Mon 12

7:30pm Lenten Reflection Group, Parish Centre

Tues 13

1:00pm Knights of the Southern Cross, Mary MacKillop Room

4:30pm First Communion

Catechist Session 4

7:00pm Baptism Preparation Meeting, Parish Centre

Weds 14

9:00am Weds am Cells Prayer Group Mary MacKillop room

1:00pm Weds pm Cells Prayer Group, Parish Centre

4:00pm & 5:30pm 1st

Communion Parent/Child Workshop 2, St Gabriel's School

Thus 15

4:30-5:30pm Youth Mass Training

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS:

This year we will be celebrating the Year of Youth. One way to do this is to continue having monthly Youth Mass celebrations. We invite children of all ages to be involved and take part in the various ministries. We have something for everyone. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate of morning to share after the Mass in the Mary MacKillop Room.

Lavalla College Liturgical Choir will be singing at 9:30am Mass on Sunday 25th March (Palm Sunday).

Youth Mass - Sunday 18th Mar at 9.30am. Please let Jen Hanratty know if you are interested on 0437492349.



FIRST COMMUNION 2018: Preparation for First Communion for our young Grade 4 students is underway with over 60 children enrolled. Dates to remember are:-

Weds Mar 14 4:00pm or 5:30pm Parent & Child Workshop 2 at St Michael's Church.

Sun Mar 18 9:30am Mass

First Communion Celebration (i).

Sat Mar 24 6:00pm Mass

First Communion Celebration (ii)

Catechist session will be held at 4:30pm on Tuesday Mar 13.

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 23rd March

Easter & Games Night

Join in an Easter egg hunt and discover the real meaning of Easter as we participate in the Stations of the Cross. Indoor & Outdoor games and activities. Cost \$3:00, and bring some canned food for donation to St Vincent de Paul society. 6:30-8:30pm. Phone Lou 0414 540 296 for info.

MASS OF THE OILS: Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Mass of the Oils in St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 27th March at 11:00am. This is a wonderful celebration when Oils are blessed and consecrated and distributed to the parishes for use in our sacramental life.

If you'd like to join the choir for this mass, please contact Sophy Morley at smorley@sale.catholic.org.au; all choir members must supply a current Working With Children Check. If you do not have a WWCC and wish to register, it is a very easy process online, with no fee for registering. Please go to <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS

MOVEMENT NEWS: Fr Peter McGrath CP, founder of the PFGM died peacefully on March 03, 2018. His funeral was celebrated in St Anthony of the Fields Church in Terrey Hills, NSW on Thursday March 08.

We have much to thank him for. May he rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently, including Frank Valencic, John Zahra, Ken Vivian, Jan Gilmour, Ben Mannion (Ireland), Alejandro Aragon, Domingo Zabala, Rosario Abogado Serrano, Mario Calabrese and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Ann Campbell, Patricia Scammell, Wendy Houlihan, Tom Rigg, Ted Aucote and Annemarie Smith.

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including 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, Pat O'Mara, Robert Hazelman, Fr Frank Freeman, Carolyn Gleeson, Gary Donchi, Ann Lapuh, Peter Heron, Fr Frank Young.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: The CPG meets every Thursday evening at 7:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Room (until the Hall is available for use again).

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



Holy Week

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Palm Sunday

Masses	Saturday March 24	6:00pm	St Michael's
	Sunday March 25	9:30am	St Michael's
		10:00am	St Columbkille's, Glengarry
		6:00pm	St Michael's
Tuesday 27th March		9:15am	Mass, St Michael's
		7:30pm	Tenebrae Service, St Michael's
Wednesday 28th March		9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
Thursday 29th March		9:30am	Reconciliation, St Michael's
		7:30pm	Holy Thursday Mass, St Michael's
Friday 30th March (Good Friday)		10:00am	Stations of the Cross, St Michael's
		3:00pm	Service of the Lord's Passion, St Michael's
Saturday 31st March (Holy Saturday)		7:30pm	Easter Vigil, St Michael's
Sunday 1st April (Easter Sunday)		8:30am	Mass, St Michael's
		10:00am	Mass, St Columbkille's, Glengarry
		10:30am	Mass, St Michael's

**please note, no 6:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday*



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

Evangeline is strengthening Aboriginal culture while making a living and creating opportunities for her community. She is now a Senior Artsworker and an inspirational leader for youth. Her work at the non-profit Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation has supported the organisation's growth, it is now a major employer for young people in the remote Northern Territory community.

A Just Future starts with your support! Please donate To Project Compassion 2018, to allow employment and Training for First Australians, essential for a Just Future.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



FINANCE MATTERS:

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

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

Counters: **Mar 11** Morris Team
Mar 18 Mitchell Team



Rosters for March 17 and 18 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	C DiCorleto	B O'Brien	B Power, M Giddens, T D Koke,	H Luque	Diamante Family	Volunteer
9:30am	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	W Detering, D Prestipino, B & S Edgar, G Imhagwe, Volunteer	Youth	Youth	P & L Van der Velden
6:00pm	S Luscombe	H Wilksch	J Fleming, S Luscombe, Volunteers x 2	D Buckland	Jane	A O'Neill

• Altar Cleaning:

March 18 L Kennedy

March 25 M Giddens

• Church Cleaning:

March Hanratty Team

• Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Alison, Tamille and Josephine

• Touring Statue of Our Lady:

March 11 J & D Doherty

March 18 U & G Imhagwe

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:

March 15 Hemming Team

March 22 Burns Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 66:10-11

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

First Reading 2 Chron 36:14-16 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 136 R v6.

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps. **(R.)**
2. For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' **(R.)**
3. O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **(R.)**

4. O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! **(R.)**

Second Reading Eph 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only
Son,
that all who believe in hi might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel Jn 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Next Week's Readings: Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 11:1-45