



Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 04, 2018

## St Michael's Parish, Traralgon

St Michael's Church, Traralgon

St Columbkille's Church, Glengarry

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**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.

**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  
Parish Centre 5174 2060  
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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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

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

### WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

#### **March 05 to 10**

<b>Mon 05</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word St Michael's
<b>Tues 06</b>	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
<b>Weds 07</b>	11:00am	{Exposition
	12:00pm	{Mass, St Michael's
<b>Thurs 08</b>	10:30am	Mass, Dalkeith
<b>Fri 09</b>	10:30am	Mass, BupaCare
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross St Michael's
<b>Sat 10</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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently, including Jan Gilmour, Ben Mannion (Ireland), Alejandro Aragon, Domingo Zabala, Rosario Abogado Serrano, Mario Calabrese and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Ted Aucote, Annemarie Smith and Margaret Moretti.

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

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including Brian Vivian, Dorothy Buckland, Lee Allman, Joy Cahill, Cornelia Bakker, Ken Vivian, 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.

**BAPTISMS:** The next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 09) will be led by members of the Charismatic Prayer Group.

**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 05**

**7:30pm** Lenten Reflection Group, Parish Centre

#### **Tues 06**

**4:30pm** First Communion Catechist Session 3

#### **Weds 07**

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

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

**4:00pm** Baptism For School-Aged Children Meeting, Mary MacKillop Room 1<sup>st</sup> session

**7:00pm** Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Centre

#### **Thus 08**

**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. You will see the children this weekend on Sunday Night Mass for our first Youth Mass of the year.

Our next Youth Mass will be: Training session 8<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm.

**Youth Mass** - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 sessions:** will be held at 4:30pm on Tuesday Mar 06 and 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### BAPTISM PROGRAMME

**FOR SCHOOL - AGED CHILDREN:** Our Parish is once more running a programme for children aged from 4 to 13 who wish to be baptized.

There will be three weekly sessions of one hour (**4.30-5.30pm**), held in the Parish Centre, starting on Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>.

The other dates are **Wednesdays March 14 and 21**. The children will be presented to the Parish community in the Rite of Reception on Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> at the 6.00pm Mass. They will then be baptized at the Easter Vigil on Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>. Contact either the Parish Office on 5174 2060 or **Susan Grout (0412 671 308)** if your child/children are interested.

There is a cost of \$20 for a baptism candle and \$20 for a baptism stole for each child to use in the baptism ceremony. Parents are asked to bring correct money for these to the meeting on March 7.



## 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
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>		9:15am	Mass, St Michael's
		7:30pm	Tenebrae Service, St Michael's
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>		9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>		9:30am	Reconciliation, St Michael's
		7:30pm	Holy Thursday Mass, St Michael's
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March (Good Friday)</b>		10:00am	Stations of the Cross, St Michael's
		3:00pm	Service of the Lord's Passion, St Michael's
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March (Holy Saturday)</b>		7:30pm	Easter Vigil, St Michael's
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April (Easter Sunday)</b>		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*



Bayan is a 12 year old Syrian girl, living with her family in Jordan. An ambitious student, Bayan has her sights set on a career as an ophthalmologist. As a quiet, young refugee she struggled to overcome the trauma of growing up in a conflict zone and faced the prospect of missing out on schooling. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is an academic high-achiever who is flourishing in a stable school environment.

**A Just Future starts with your support!**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



**FINANCE MATTERS:**

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4*  
 How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:**

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

**Counters:** **Mar 04** Armstrong Team  
**Mar 11** Morris Team



**Rosters for March 10 and 11 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	A Taylor	D Smith	J Scholtes, R Tactor, Volunteers x 2	G & D Bassett	Jane	D Buckland
9:30am	T Denny S Reid	C McCabe	W Detering, D Prestipino, B & S Edgar, G Imhagwe, Volunteer	C Payne M Wilkinson	Jane	M Hanratty
6:00pm	K Matters	Volunteer needed	J Fleming, S Luscombe, Volunteers x 2	M Noone	Jane	L Theissing

- **Altar Cleaning:** March 11 F Rycak March 18 L Kennedy
- **Church Cleaning:** March Hanratty Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Carolyn & Grace
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** March 4 M Van Berkel March 11 J & D Doherty

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](mailto:memou_38@bigpond.com)



**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 24:15-16

*My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.*

**First Reading** Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

*The Law was given through Moses.*

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery.  
'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

**(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **(R.)**
4. They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 1:22-25

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

*We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 3:16

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!  
God loved the world so much,  
he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!*

**Gospel** Jn 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
**Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.**  
Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Next week's Readings: 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B	
First Reading:	Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Second Reading:	Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel:	John 3:14-21