



Palm Sunday

Sunday March 25, 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

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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
Kildare Campus 5174 8111
St Paul's Campus 5174 7355



Holy Week

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
11:00am Walk of the Cross
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
10:30am Mass, St Michael's
(Please note there is no 6:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

MASS OF THE OILS: The Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils) will be celebrated by Bishop Pat together with all the clergy, on Tuesday 27th March at 11.00 am in St Mary's Cathedral Sale.

During this Mass, which takes place in Holy Week, the bishop will bless the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and consecrate the Sacred Chrism for use in parishes throughout the coming year. At this Mass too, the priests and deacons renew their commitment to their ministry of God's people and in the service of the bishop. This is a powerful sign of their unity with the bishop. Everyone is most welcome to participate in the Mass.

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 26 to 31

Mon 26	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 27	9:15am	Mass
	7:30pm	Tenebrae Service
Weds 28	9:30am	Mass
Thurs 29	9:30am	Reconciliation
	7:30pm	Mass
Fri 30	10:00am	Stations of the Cross
	3:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Passion
Sat 31	9.30am	Mass, Reconciliation
	7:30pm	Easter Vigil

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

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

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for baptism Judd Lucas Carstein, son of Mark and Tanya: and Georgia Ellen Krekelberg, daughter of John and Jessica.



Congratulations to the family, from us all. 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.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS: With huge thanks to all who regularly support our Parish with financial support.

Receipts for all givers are in on the tables near the Kay Street doors.

Please take yours home with you to help us keep our postage bill to a minimum. Last time the receipts were sent out, we had to mail out over 100 receipts, which proves to be a costly exercise.



LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP: The Lenten Reflection Group will hold the last meeting in the series at the Parish Centre at 7:30pm this coming Monday.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Mon 26

7:30pm Lenten Reflection Group, Parish Centre

Weds 28

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

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

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.



TENEBRAE SERVICE: The Service of Shadows - a gathering in Holy Week to follow Jesus' last hours through the shadow of betrayal into the shadow of his death on the cross. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend our Tenebrae Service on Tuesday March 27 at 7:30pm in the Church.

PARISH OPEN MEETING WITH BISHOP PAT O'REGAN:

Please keep **Thursday April 26 at 7:00pm** 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.

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.'

SUNDAY APRIL 01: not only is it Easter and April Fool's Day (til noon), it's also the end of Daylight Saving - 3:00am becomes 2:00am.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently, including Peter Heron, Bal Gelveson and Joan Jennings and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including John Sola, Brian Hourigan, George Hodgson, Martino Colantuono, Arch Graham, Peter Cunico, Sergio Innocenzi and Daniel and Mary Allman.

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

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.



Congratulations to all our young people who have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this month :- our new Communicants are Amelia Alesi, Charlee Barnes-Stephens, Ella Bedford, Ashlee Bosch, Jimmy Brand, Claudia Buhagiar, Sebastian Calabro, Felicity Calagaz, Ruby Clegg, Christian Colonnelli, Ethan Crookes, Samuel Darby, Tacen Davidson, Shanay Donchi, Sophie Fazioli, Bianca Francolino, Lillian Frankland, Sienna Giblett, Sahanna Hariskrishna, Makaidy Henderson, Molly Henry, Joshua Hodson, Koa Humphrey, Olivia Hurley, Mathilda Joske, Micaiah Judilla, Eva Kelly, Maeve Knowles, Jett Koppen, Harrison Kus, Michele Lear, Hudson Leech, Abbey Lesiw, Ruby Leyshan, LilyKate Lund, Marley Mathew, Savannah McLure, Jayda Morgan, Lianne Mulheron, Adam Murray, Mica Nightingale, Hamish Pettie, Declan Pivato, Olivia Pugliese, Scarlett Reid, Thomas Robinson, Shayla Scandrett, Matthew Sexton, Brilee Smith, Jessica Taylor, Kade Thorley, Jay Tuimaseve, Arielle Valladares-Crivari, Gabriella Valladares-Crivari, Isabelle Van Vondel-Foley, Lillian Van der Velden, Chloe Verdaas, Luca Vitale, Marley Wallace, Cadel Weston, Hannah Whitty, Samuel Wight, Freyja Winnell and Andrea McLure.



Congratulations

Our huge thanks to our Sacrament Team members for all their hard work and dedication, and to the families of our new Communicants - as the first educator of their children, it is wonderful to see parents ensuring that their child's faith journey is nurtured and encouraged.



When Psyche Mae feature in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement near a rubbish dump in the Philippines. She is now a social worker with plans to study a Master's degree, whilst helping others emerge from poverty, thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia. Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.



A Just Future starts with your support!

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

FINANCE MATTERS:

February Giving

Loose collections

Feb 04	\$1,629.00
Feb 11	\$1,609.00
Feb 18	\$1,082.00
Feb 25	<u>\$1,529.00</u>
	<u>\$5,849.00</u>

Planned Giving

Envelopes	\$6,470.00
Direct Debit	\$5,805.00
Credit Card	<u>\$3,225.00</u>
December total	<u>\$15,500.00</u>
Monthly pledge amount	\$18,328.00

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

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

Counters: **Mar 25** Waanders Team
Apr 01 Arend Team

Rosters for March 31 and April 01 Easter

Service	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
7:30pm Holy Thursday	U Imhagwe	B O'Brien	G Imhagwe, J Hanratty plus 4	A Sykes	Jane	G Imhagwe
3:00pm Good Friday	A Reid, J Panozzo-Tilè	Youth	G Imhagwe, J Hanratty, B O'Brien, plus 3	B O'Brien	Jane	L Theissling
7:30pm Sat Easter Vigil	RCIA	S Grout	Six Eucharistic Ministers	D & G Bassett	Jane & Simon	A Symonds
8:30am Easter Sunday	J Dal Pra	M Moulton	Six Eucharistic Ministers	R Benbow M Wilkinson	Filipino Choir	P & L Van der Velden
10:30am Easter Sunday	T Denny	L Van der Velden	Six Eucharistic Ministers	T & L Biancon	Jane	P & L Van der Velden

- **Altar Cleaning:** March 26 M Giddens April 01 M Tainsh
- **Church Cleaning:** March Hanratty Team April Collis Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** In recess, school holidays
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** March 25 U & G Imhagwe April 01 S & A Reid
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 29 Moretti Team April 05 Townsend Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

*Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:*

** Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant
mercy!*

*O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.*

** Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant
mercy!*

First Reading Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will
not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I
may know how to reply to the wearied he provides
me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a
disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn
away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my
cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover
my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched
by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know
I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9 17-20 23-24 R v2

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned
me?**

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him
on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to
his equality with God but emptied himself to assume
the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and
being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to
accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which
is above all other names so that all beings in the
heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend
the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue
should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of
God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!*

*Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.*

*Therefore God raised him on high and gave
him a name above all other names.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of
endless glory!*

Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
14:1-15:47.

