

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sunday April 15, 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 Parish 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

PARISH OPEN MEETING WITH BISHOP PAT O'REGAN: Please keep **Thursday April 26 at 7:30pm to 9:00pm** free to come and attend an Open Meeting with Bishop Pat regarding preparation for the 2020 Plenary Council Meeting. The meeting will be held in the St Mary MacKillop Hall, and will be followed by supper. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate of supper to share.

The aims of the meeting are:-

- To raise awareness that there is a Plenary Council to be held in 2020
- To outline what the Sale Diocese is doing to prepare for the Plenary Council
- To invite each Parish to be part of the process
- To begin the long process of consultation.

The Plenary Council Meeting will be where the voices of our local parishes will be heard. Bishop Pat is meeting with each parish to discover what our hopes for the future direction of our church will be.

Every parishioner is asked to prayerfully consider our future and come along to the meeting to share our hopes and dreams. Bishop Pat will speak about the direction the Australian Bishops Council, and the Diocese of Sale are moving in, and what our Parishes responses may need to be.

The first session of the Plenary Council Meeting will take place in Australia in October 2020, and so now we are in the preparation stages of this journey.

There will be a second meeting of the Council in May, 2021.

May each of us keep all our Church leaders and our parishes in our prayers throughout this process.

Thursday April 26

7:30 - 9:00pm
Take plate of supper to
Parish Open Meeting
With Bishop Pat
Topic:
the future of our
parish, diocese and
Church.

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 16 to 21

Mon 16 9:30am Liturgy of the Word

Tues 17

Weds 18 12:00pm Liturgy of the Word

Thurs 19

Fri 20 9:30am Liturgy of the Word

Sat 21 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 Nell Bakker and Graeme Carney and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Melissa Gaultier, Gloria O'Neill, Giustina Mosele, Ted Clarke, Sean Pedley, Shirley Membrey and Michelle Lappin.

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, Dorothy Buckland, Lee Allman, Joy Cahill, 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.



MONTHLY YOUTH MASS:


Our next Youth Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 21st April at 6:00pm Mass. Come and join with this energized group of youngsters.



FR FRANCIS AWAY: Fr Francis will be away from the Parish, leaving us on Sunday April 15 and returning on Thursday April 26. We wish him peace and all good blessings as he travels home to be with his family.

WELCOME TO FR EDWIN: Fr Edwin from the Morwell Parishes will be here to celebrate Mass on Sunday April 15 and April 22 at the 6:00pm Mass. Thanks Father Edwin, for coming to be with us.

BAPTISMS:

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.

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

WELCOME BACK: To all our staff and students at our Parish Primary Schools, St Michael's and St Gabriel's and to all at Lavalla Catholic College.

May you all be blessed with enthusiasm, energy and enduring patience, as Term 2 commences. May your faith bring you strength, gentleness, and good humour throughout the term.

LADIES WORSHIP IN SONG:

Saturday May 5 2:00-4:00pm at the Traralgon District Baptist Church, 58-62 Kay Street. Entry by donation, please bring a plate to share.

All ladies are warmly invited to enjoy singing psalms, hymns and songs of praise.

Enquiries to : 0431 936 653.

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.'

All Mick's Kitchen volunteers and especially team leaders are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday 17th April at 7:00pm.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: The CPG meets every Thursday evening at 7:30pm in term time in the Mary MacKillop Hall.

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

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Tues 17 7:00pm Baptism Preparation Meeting, Parish Centre

7:00pm Mick's Kitchen Teams meeting, St Vincent de Paul Centre

Weds 18 9:00am Prayer Group meeting, Mary MacKillop Room.

7:00pm Confirmation Parent Meeting

Thurs 19 9:00am-2:00pm Diocesan CWL Meeting, Mary MacKillop Room

4:30-5:30pm Youth Mass Training

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

by Dianne Bergant CSS:

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: "Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread" Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacramental traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are able to recognize him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

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.

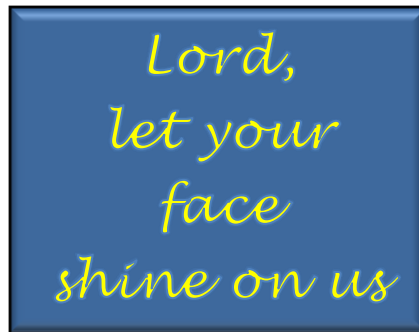
Participants are signed in and out at the end of each session. Our leaders all have experience in working with young people.

Friday April 27

Escape Room!

A night of adventure games where you need to work together to solve a series of puzzles and riddles using clues, hints and strategy to escape the themed room.

Meet at St Michael's Mary MacKillop Hall. 6:30-8:30pm Cost \$3.00. Contact Leah on 0438 811 709 for information.



Unnecessary Information???!?

- A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- Sea captains don't like crew cuts.
- A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumour.
- Without geometry, life is pointless.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

FINANCE MATTERS:

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." – LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

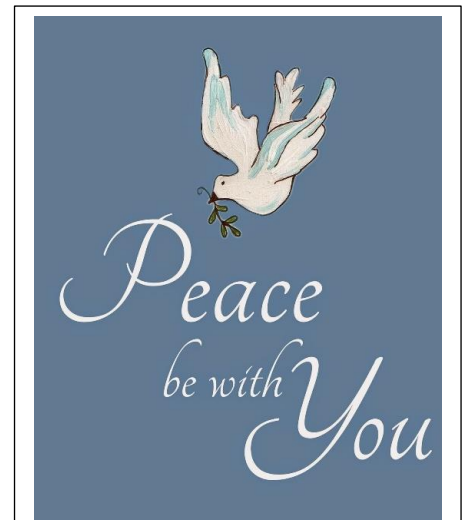
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

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

Counters:

April 15 Morris Team

April 22 Mitchell Team



Jesus' first words to his disciples after his death. They were in hiding, and devastated by Jesus death just days earlier. Jesus meets the disciples 'where they are'. They are Jesus' words to us, too.

Rosters for April 21 and 22 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	Youth	Youth	J Scholtes, R Tactor, Volunteers x 2	Youth	Youth	D Buckland
9:30am	U Imhagwe E Joseph	M Moulton	W Detering, C Payne, J Cahill, C Mesaric, M Hanratty, Volunteer x 1	C Collis E Freeman	Jane	G Imhagwe
6:00pm	Rob Tarraran	Robyn Tarraran	Volunteers required	G Edgard J Sykes	Jane	L Theissling

- **Altar Cleaning:** April 15 F Rycak April 22 L Kennedy
- **Church Cleaning:** April Collis Team May Tognella Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Jane D
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** April 15 A & G Symonds April 22 E & D Hiney
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 19 Mitchell Team April 26 Kitchen closed (Parish Meeting)

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 65:1-2

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R.)**
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation cf. Lk 24:32

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'



Next weeks Readings 4th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18