



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 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: Six 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

Introducing Saint Damien of Molokai:

Father Damien or Saint Damien of Molokai, SS.CC. 3 January 1840 – 15 April 1889), was born **Jozef De Veuster**, and became a Roman Catholic priest from Belgium and member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, missionary religious institute. He won recognition for his ministry from 1873 to 1889 in the Kingdom of Hawai'i to people with leprosy (also known as Hansen's disease), who were required to live under a government-sanctioned medical quarantine on the island of Moloka'i on the Kalaupapa Peninsula.

During this time, he taught the Catholic faith to the people of Hawaii. Father Damien also cared for the patients himself and established leadership within the community to build houses, schools, roads, hospitals, and churches. He dressed residents' ulcers, built a reservoir, made coffins, dug graves, shared pipes, and ate poi from his hands with them, providing both medical and emotional support.

After eleven years caring for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of those in the leper colony, Father Damien realized he had also contracted leprosy when he was scalded by hot water and felt no pain. He continued with his work despite the infection but finally succumbed to the disease on 15 April 1889.

Father Damien has been described as a "martyr of charity". He was the tenth person in what is now the United States to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. In both the Latin Rite and the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, Father Damien is venerated as a saint. In the Anglican communion, as well as other

denominations of Christianity, Damien is considered the spiritual patron for leprosy and outcasts. Father Damien Day, April 15, the day of his passing, is also a minor statewide holiday in Hawaii and to this day Father Damien is the patron saint of the Diocese of Honolulu and of Hawaii.

Upon his beatification by Pope John Paul II in Rome on 4 June 1995, Blessed Damien was granted a memorial feast day, which is celebrated on 10 May. Father Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on 11 October 2009. The Catholic Encyclopedia calls him "the Apostle of the Lepers."



May we all be blessed with steadfast faith and generosity of spirit. May we all remember St Damien of Molokai as a model of faith.

(Information from Wikipedia)

PARISH FORUM:

*Please keep free
Sunday August 19,
2:00 to 4:00pm.*

Please note correction to the date which was previously advertised as August 12.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

July 02 to 07

Mon 02	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 03	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Weds 04	12:30pm, 1:30pm	Rosary Funeral Service for Antonella Fuoco
Thurs 05	10:30am	Communion Service at Dalkeith Hostel
Fri 06	9:30am	Communion Service
Sat 07	9.30am	Mass, Reconciliation

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 Antonella Fuoco, Barbara Maladay, Helen Bermingham, and Patricia Eastham and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Patrick Deane, Michael Snee, Baby Mikey McConnell, Angelo Bau, Joseph Cornelius Hourigan, Dora Spurio, Matt Dal Pra, Jack Cooney, Eileen Fitzsimon, Jozef Cukier, Charles Glaubitz, Tom Dwyer, Bishop Richard Ryan, Salvatore (Sam) Prestipino.

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including Justin Young, Lisa Daly, Joan Riggall, Jerry Templer, Dorothy Smith, Joe Agostino, Fr Bernard Buckley, Joan Lamont, May O'Reilly, Brian Vivian, Dorothy Buckland, Lee Allman, 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.



HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you or someone you love should find themselves in hospital and would like to receive a visit from our hospital visitation team or Deacon Tony or Fr Francis, please make sure you put your name on the 'Catholic List' at the time of admission to the hospital.

WELCOME: Again we thank Fr Mark Godridge for being with us to say our Masses this weekend.

Your presence here among us is greatly appreciated, Fr Mark.

BAPTISMS: The next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Thursday July 19 at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information.

SR DOREEN: Sr Doreen will be absent from the Parish for two weeks whilst she attends a Retreat.

We hope your time away brings you peace and blessings, Sr Doreen. Travel safely.



Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in
Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way
of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us grace to see your face in one
another and to recognise Jesus, our
companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories and
to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you
are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for
the journey from age to age.*

Amen.

*Our Lady Help of Christians,
pray for us.*

*St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.
Amen*

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: The CPG meets every Thursday evening at 7:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. All are welcome to come and join in! Enquiries to Cathy on 5174 3001.

PARAPROSDOKIANS TO PONDER:

1. How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
2. Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES

STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY: is commemorated this Sunday, a time when we acknowledge that God has been walking with National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples, making his presence known through a continuous living culture over thousands of years.

We praise God for the people who nurture the land here in our parish that we call home.

ST MICHAEL'S "GUARDIAN": We are putting together a Parish Report of all our activities from July 1 2017 to June 30 June 2018. The name of the new periodical is the "Guardian". The report will be given to the Parish in August.

So, **help is needed.** To make the publication worth reading, we need to have a report from all groups and ministries in the Parish. So to our leaders, could you please put together a report, and email it to the Parish at sec@smpt.org.au by July 15 at the latest.

Thank you for all you do, now let's celebrate it and share it with our community.

PLANNED GIVING

ENVELOPES AND RECEIPTS:

Huge thanks to Peter and Jenny Dal Pra and their crew, who volunteered to deliver many of our Planned Giving Envelopes. You have all reduced what would have been a very large postage bill. That's truly seeing a need and doing something about it! Thanks, from us all.

Receipts for electronic givers are on the table by the Kay Street entrance. Please take yours with you, to keep our postage bill as low as possible.

R.C.I.A.: These letters stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the ancient Rite of welcoming people into the Church. St Michael's Parish warmly invites anyone interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith to attend our meetings on Thursdays, in St Michael's Parish Centre. We start at 7.30pm sharp, and finish by 9.00pm sharp. This year's starting date is July 19th. *If you know anyone who may be interested, bring them along.*

Contacts: Susan Grout (0412 671 308) or Parish Office (5174 2060) – but you can just turn up!





The next Youth Mass will be held on **Sunday 29th July**, followed by pizzas. There is a training session at 4:30-5:30pm on **Thursday 26th July**.

BAPTISM 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 *two sessions*, of one hour (4.30 – 5.30pm), held in the Parish Centre, starting on Wednesday September 12 with a second meeting on September 19th. The children will be presented to the Parish community in the Rite of Reception later in September, prior to Baptism being celebrated on Sunday 23rd September. Contact either the Parish Office on 5174 2060 or **Susan Grout (0412671308)** by Wednesday August 15th, if your child/children are interested. There is a payment of \$40 for the Candle and Stole each child will receive at their Baptism. Please bring this with you on September 12th to place your order, unless you would like to make your own.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: all kinder and primary school-aged children are welcome to participate in the Liturgy of the Word which occurs during 9:30am Masses during term time. Please contact Marianne Saunders on 0490 628 833 for information. *Children's Liturgy of the Word will be in recess over the school holidays.*

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)**.

The youth Group is in recess and will reconvene in Term 3.

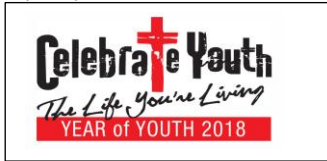
YOUTH NIGHT: an opportunity for secondary school aged students to gather in the Mary MacKillop Hall on Friday 3rd August, 7:00 – 9:00pm. Supper will be provided! Fun and friendship. Mark this date in your calendars, spread the word! More information in coming Bulletins, watch this space, check out the website.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES!: *A Celebrate Youth Event!!*

Sunday 16th September, Kildare Hall, Lavalla Catholic College, Kosciuszko Street, Traralgon.

We are looking for performers, musicians. There will be a concert from 4:00pm to 5:00pm, followed by Mass at 5:00pm, followed by a party!

This is a special event to celebrate the many talents of our Youth, and to celebrate the close of the Year of Youth. Please contact Jen at the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested.



WALKING FRAME FOUND: Traralgon Police have let us know that a blue walking frame was found outside our Church in March this year.

If you feel this might be yours, please contact Leanne Staple on 5172 2700.

TRARALGON SECONDARY COLLEGE DRAMA DEPARTMENT:

Are looking for items which may enhance a drama act, eg, firemans hat, doctors coat, etcetera.

If you have any interesting items you are willing to donate, please contact Liz Sulley, Chaplin on 5176 2240.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." 2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

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

Counters:

- July 01** Mitchell Team
- July 08** Waanders Team

FROM POPE FRANCIS:

"When I meet someone who is getting married, I say to them, 'You are the ones who have courage!' Because it is not easy to form a family, not easy to change your lives forever; it takes courage. And I am proud that you are courageous."

(In relation to the World Meeting of Families occurring in Dublin next month.)

Rosters for July 07 & 08 ~ - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	J Panozzo-Tilè	Sr Doreen	J Scholtes, Volunteers (x 3)	Volunteers	Jane	D Buckland
9:30am	R Diaz C McLure	L Van der Velden	W Detering, D Prestipino, B & S Edgar, G Imhagwe, A Reid	C Payne M Wilkinson	Jane	M Hanratty
6:00pm	H Theissling	J Hanrahan	J Fleming, S Luscombe, Volunteers x2	M Noone	Jane	L Theissling

- **Altar Cleaning:** July 01 L Kennedy July 08 M Giddens
- **Church Cleaning:** July Volunteers needed (ring Tom on 0407 160 466)
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** July 08 School holidays
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** July 01 E Membrey July 08 L Panozzo-Tilè
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:** July 05 Burns Team July 12 Moretti Team

Entrance Antiphon Ps 46:2

*All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!*

First Reading Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.

To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) *I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.*

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R.)**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

Next weeks Readings:

July 08 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezek 2:2-5

Second Reading: 2 Cor12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Second Reading 2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15

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

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation Lk. 1:76

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 5:21-24. 35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.