



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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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
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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

By Dianne Bergant CSS

God's ratification of the covenant with the people is described in dramatic terms. There is first a ritual of word, and then one of blood. Moses delivers the ten commandments to the people. These laws governed Israel's life. To this the people responded: 'We will do everything.' Two sacrifices were offered, a holocaust and a peace offering. The holocaust or burnt offering consumed the entire animal, signifying the worshippers' total self-offering to God. The peace offering either established peace or celebrated a peace already made. The pouring of blood on the altar sealed the covenant. After the people declared: 'Amen', the blood was sprinkled on them, sealing their relationship with God.

The psalm sketches a temple service of thanksgiving. There is an appeal to God and a promise to perform an act of devotion when the request is granted. Most vows were promises to offer some form of sacrifice (cf. Ps 56:13): holocaust (cf. Ps 66:13; Lev 22:18-20); peace offerings (cf. Ps 50:14; Lev 7:16; 22:21-22); or cereal offerings and libations (cf. Num 15:3,8). The Psalmist insists that, contrary to any appearances, God is concerned with the fate of the righteous. The psalmist's own situation is an example of this. The psalmist may have suffered, but ultimately God did intervene. Still, the point of this psalm is not the sufferings endured, but the deliverance from God.

Features of the ritual of the Day of Atonement are compared with Christ's

high priesthood. The high priest yearly entered the Holy of Holies to sprinkle blood on the mercy seat: by his death Christ did this once, and through this act accomplished atonement for all time. There is an eschatological finality to what Christ did. He passed through a perfect tabernacle, the heavenly or spiritual archetype of all other temples. The author states that Christ's sacrifice does not repudiate the sacrifices of the past. On the contrary, they achieved the purposes for which they were intended. However, the external cleansing that they effected cannot be compared with the cleansing of consciences that the blood of Christ effects.

In the gospel passage, the account of the institution of the Eucharist takes place during the Passover meal. The latter celebration sets the stage for the former. The symbolism in the Eucharistic ceremony both recalls the covenant of old and reinterprets it. Eating bread was a common ritual expression of companionship; the reference to the blood of the covenant recalls the ratification of the earlier covenant through the blood of the sacrifice (cf. Exod 24:6-8). When Jesus says that he will not eat again, he may be referring to his death. More likely the author is alluding to the messianic banquet of the future, the banquet that is symbolised by the body and blood of the Lord and which will be enjoyed by all when the reign of God is brought to fulfilment.



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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| 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

June 04 to 09

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| Mon 04 | 9:30am | Liturgy of the Word |
| Tues 05 | 9:30am | Mass |
| Weds 06 | 12:00pm | Exposition Communion Service |
| Thurs 07 | 10:30am | Mass, Dalkeith |
| Fri 08 | 9:30am | Communion service, St Michael's PS |
| | 10:30am | Mass, BupaCare |
| Sat 09 | 9.30am | Mass, Reconciliation |
| | 6:00pm | Mass |

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 10:15am &

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently, including Dot Trewella, Sieni Waanders, Nancy Young, Richard Jeffrey, those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Adrian Stasinowsky, Jennifer Cukier, Greg Birmingham, Darren Wall, John McEntee, Rocco Bruzzese, Kathleen Mulquiney, and Kathleen Hughes.

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including 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.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Mon 04 – 10:00am Charismatic Renewal Service Committee, Mary MacKillop Room

Tues 05 - 7:00pm Mick's Kitchen Meeting, St Vincent de Paul Centre

Weds 06

– 9:00-11:30am The WedsAM Cells Group, Mary MacKillop Room

- 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Centre

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 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.

OUR WEBSITE:

We are still chasing a short report and photo from most of our Parish Groups, to go on our 'new look' website. Huge thanks to those Group Leaders who have sent their report and photo already, well done!

The good news, the new look website will up and running this weekend.

BAPTISMS: The next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday 20th June at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information.



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



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

PARISH FORUM:

Sunday June 17, 2:00 – 4:00pm

The beginning of our parish discussion for the Plenary Council. This Forum is our time to speak about our Church, our Diocese and what we hope for in the future. Hopefully, all parishioners will come and let us know how they're feeling about the Church.

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!

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:

'BE MOVED BY THE SPIRIT' SEMINAR

Our Charismatic Prayer Group warmly invite parishioners to come and join in the next three sessions of this Seminar, Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:00pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall.

June 07 Forgiveness, Healing and Reconciliation – Cathy McLure

June 14 *Baptism in the Holy Spirit* – Adrian Commadeur

June 21 Growth and Community – John Duiker

For enquiries, please contact Cathy McLure on 0432 588 195

MAINTENANCE: Our Church, parish centre and grounds all require quite a lot of maintenance. If you are at all able to assist, please put your details on one of the Maintenance Volunteer Forms on the entrance tables and put the form in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

We are in serious need of extra helpers, people who can mow, weed, clean cobwebs, do basic carpentry, vacuum, etc. If you're in any way handy or feel you could be of assistance, please let us know!!!

You will need to have a Working With Children's Check and must have listed our Parish as a place where you volunteer. This is easy enough to do on the WWCC website, go to www.wwcc.vic.gov.au, and follow the prompts, you need to list St Michael's Parish Traralgon, PO Box 103, Traralgon as a place where you volunteer. Our Office staff can assist if you need.



MONTHLY YOUTH MASS:

The next Youth Mass will be held on **Sunday 17th June at 6:00pm** followed by pizzas. There is a training session at 4:30-5:30pm on **Thursday 14th June,**



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 5th 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.



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 June 22

Jump'n'Climb Phat Friday

2 awesome hours of jumping fun at Jump'n'Climb, 62 Eastern Rd, Traralgon (meet at venue in the foyer). Bring water bottle & Jump socks if you have them. Youth group sign in still applies.

5:00-7:00pm Cost \$15 members, \$20 non members or late RSVP.

SMS Lou to RSVP by June 18 on 0414 540 296.



We are seeking Volunteers to assist in the food pantry at the SVDP Assistance Centre in Kay Street, Traralgon.

This could be a commitment of one day each week/fortnight (to work in pairs) from 10.30am to 2.30pm, or on a relief basis. The main duties would involve; unpacking and stocking the pantry shelves and packing food parcels as required.

SVDP registration, Working With Children Check and Police Check will be required, we can help volunteers with completing and lodging all of these.

If you would like to be part of a team working together and making a difference, please call the Assistance Centre on 5174 2278 or Lyn Burns on 0448 313 040.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SALE

DIocese ANNUAL CONFERENCE: All members past and present, and all parishioners are invited to attend the CWL Annual Conference being held on Tuesday 5th June in the St Mary MacKillop Hall, Church Street, Traralgon. If coming to the Conference please bring your own lunch. Hot soup, morning and afternoon tea supplied.

If you are able to attend, please contact Margaret on 0400 927 419.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." – MARK 14:23

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself to us completely for our salvation. He offers us the chance to drink from His cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally and, if we listen to Him, we know what drinking from His cup means our own sacrifice – giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do His work on earth.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

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

Counters:

June 03 Waanders Team

June 10 Arend Team



Rosters for June 09 and 10 ~ - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

| Mass | Lector | Commentator | Eucharistic Ministers | Welcomers | Music | Sacristan |
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| 6:00pm | A Taylor | D Smith | J Scholtes, Volunteers x 3 | G & D Bassett | Jane | D Buckland |
| 9:30am | M Hansen N Georgeson | C McCabe | W Detering, D Prestipino, B & S Edgar, G Imhagwe, A Reid | C Payne M Wilkinson | Jane | M Hanratty |
| 6:00pm | H Theissling | S Luscombe | J Fleming, S Luscombe, Volunteers x 2 | M Noone | Jane | L Theissling |

- **Altar Cleaning:** June 03 M Giddens June 10 M Tainsh
- **Church Cleaning:** June Zalesiak Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** June 10 Carolyn and Grace
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** June 03 N & M Limbom June 10 B & M Kennedy
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:** June 07 Van Berkel Team June 14 Mitchell Team

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 80:17

*He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.*

First Reading Ex 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

*(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.*

1. How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect

sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the
Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

Next weeks Readings:

June 10, Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35