



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.

www.smpt.org.au
email: traralgon@cdsale.org.au

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

PLENARY COUNCIL FORUM:

Sunday June 17,

2:00 – 4:00pm

in the Mary MacKillop Hall

This gathering is a time for all Catholics to meet to openly discuss the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

It's a time for parishioners to be able to comment freely about the strengths and weaknesses of the Church, and to consider what our parishes, and our Dioceses can be doing to support the growth of the Australian Catholic Church in the twenty-first century.

In our parish we are blessed to have many people with many and varied talents, people who are answering the call of their baptism by generously sharing their talents and time: people who are living their faith.

There are many parishes around our wonderful country – with all these dedicated caring Catholics, praying and talking with each other about the future of our Church, we're in for an exciting time ahead.

Hopefully, all parishioners will come and let us know how they're feeling about our Church.



The aim of the Plenary Council Forum is quite different to the Parish Forums which we have become accustomed to. We have another St Michael's Parish Forum to discuss the needs and progress of our own parish scheduled for August 12th at 2:00pm. Please add this date to your calendars now.



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

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

June 11 to 16

Mon 11	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 12	9:30am	Mass
Weds 13	11:00am	Requiem Mass for Val Trochimczuk
Thurs 14	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's
Fri 15	9:30am	Mass
Sat 16	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 Val Trochimczuk, and Dot Trewella, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Bernard Rooney, Adriano Vergas, Estefan Masternak, Adrian Stasinowsky, Jennifer Cukier, Greg Bermingham, Darren Wall, John McEntee and Rocco Bruzzese.

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.



BAPTISMS:

This week we welcome for baptism ~

* Henry William Chapman, son of Nicole and Steven:

* Harley Jeffrey Thomas Donoghue, son of Aaron and Jessica:

* Darcy Bilyj, son of Jason and Krystal: and

* Leo Francis Kennedy, son of Ben and Marita.

Congratulations to the families, from us all.

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.

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.

OUR WEBSITE:

Check out our www.smpt.org.au 'new look' website! It is very exciting! A huge thanks to Steve Kimani, Greg Imhagwe and Kevin Taylor for all their work. We are still in need of information from quite a number of our groups. It is wonderful when folk can look online and find a welcoming parish there also.

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.



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 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).**

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.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand." – MARK 3:25

Do your parish ministries complement each other or do they compete against each other? Is your parish "one Body of Christ" or a bunch of little, separate ministries controlled by human ego? The goal of all parish ministries is to bring people to Christ. All of our parish work should be for the glory of God's name, not our own name

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

May

Loose collections

May 06	\$1,357.00
May 13	\$1,943.00
May 20	\$1,107.00
May 27	<u>\$1,001.00</u>
	<u>\$5,408.00</u>

Planned Giving

Envelopes	\$ 5,834.45
Direct Debit	\$ 6,085.50
Credit Card	<u>\$ 3,225.00</u>
March total	<u>\$ 15,144.95</u>

Monthly pledge amount \$18,328.00

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

Counters:

June 10 Arend Team

June 17 Armstrong Team

YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION Opens enrolment booking for Semester 2 Study

Discover new depths to your faith. Yarra Theological Union, a Catholic College of the University of Divinity, is taking enrolments for theological study.

Enrolment appointments are from 25th June until 12th July 2018.

Phone 9890 3771 or admin@ytu.edu.au for an appointment. See www.ytu.edu.au

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Tues 12 –

1:00pm Knights of the Southern Cross, Mary MacKillop Room

6:00pm Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Centre

Thurs 14

4:30pm Youth Mass Training, Mary MacKillop Haal

7:00pm Finance Committee, Parish Centre

Rosters for June 16 and 17 ~ - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	C DiCoreto	S Hill	B Power, M Giddens, D Buckland Volunteer	H Luque	Diamente Family	Volunteer needed on roster
9:30am	W Imhagwe	M Moulton	T Denny, J & W Waanders, L Panozzo-Tilè, A Symonds, Volunteer	R Benbow M Blanchard	Charismatic Choir	Volunteer needed roster
6:00pm	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	J Reid, R Tarraran, D Locke, Volunteer	Volunteer	Youth	A O'Neill

• **Altar Cleaning:**

June 10 M Tainsh

June 17 J Scholtes

• **Church Cleaning:**

June Zalesiak Team

• **Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

June 17 Alison, Tamille and Josephine

• **Touring Statue of Our Lady:**

June 10 B & M Kennedy

June 17 M Conedera

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 14 Mitchell Team

June 21 Scholtes Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 26:1-2

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I
dread?*

When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

First Reading Gen 3:9-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7

**(R.) With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **(R.)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak. **(R.)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Cor 4:13-5:1

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

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the

more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:31-32

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 3:20-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

Next weeks Readings:

June 17, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34