

## 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

**Fr Francis Otobo** Parish Priest  
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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



**A GREAT PHOTO:** We certainly had a Mass with a difference last Sunday evening! Our Youth Mass in which our young people took on the roles of Welcomers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Commentator, Musicians, Singers, Offertory Gift Bearers and Money Collectors with great reverence and style. How fortunate we are to have members of the 'future church' learning with great enthusiasm and awe, and spending hours and hours practising to ensure that 'their' Mass is a respectful, reverent celebration of the Eucharist. As you can see from the photo, we were privileged to have Bishop Michael Aporchi from the Diocese of Otuokpo in Nigeria celebrate the Mass, he had alongside him four priests from the Diocese of Otuokpo: our very own Fr Francis Otobo, Fr Edwin (Morwell), Fr Solomon (Sale), and Fr James (Canberra). Fr Joseph (Cranbourne) was unable to join in the celebration of the Mass here on Sunday evening.

We are very grateful to Bishop Michael and the Diocese of Otuokpo for the presence of these priests here in Australia, working among us.

### THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST



## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

## WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

### June 25 to 30

<b>Mon 25</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Tues 26</b>	9:30am	Communion Service
<b>Weds 27</b>	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
<b>Thurs 28</b>	11:00am	Funeral Service for Helen Berminham
<b>Fri 29</b>	9:30am	Communion Service
<b>Sat 30</b>	9.30am	Mass, Reconciliation

**Rosary:** Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently, including Helen Bermingham, Patricia Eastham and Zeljko Sabol and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Joseph Cornelius Hourigan, Dora Spurio, Matt Dal Pra, Jack Cooney, Eileen Fitzsimon, Jozef Cukier, Charles Glaubitz, Tom Dwyer, Bishop Richard Ryan, Salvatore (Sam) Prestipino, Justin O'Brien, Heather Hammond, Fr William McLoughlin and Aleyamma Varghese.

***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:

We welcome Fr Mark Godridge to our Parish. Fr Mark has generously agreed to celebrate our weekend Parish Masses in Fr Francis' absence. We hope you enjoy being back in St Michael's, Fr Mark.



## BAPTISMS:

This weekend we welcome for Baptism -  
• Eli Christopher and Zoe Kate, son and daughter of John and Kate Pavlic. Congratulations to the family, from us all.

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.

## OUR WEBSITE:

Check out our [www.smppt.org.au](http://www.smppt.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.



### **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*

**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](mailto: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.

**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:** 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.

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS:**

Our Plenary Council Forum held last Sunday certainly was a busy place. We had approximately 70 people in attendance. It is a big question 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?'

Our parish group discussed many issues, some more related to Parish Forum topics, but mostly great comments on the Catholic Church in Australia. **Our next Parish Forum will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup>.**

The information gathered is being collated by a Plenary Council Committee and will be taken back to the Parish Council.

**MONTHLY YOUTH  
MASS:**



The next Youth Mass will be held on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July**, followed by pizzas. There is a training session at 4:30-5:30pm on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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)**.

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

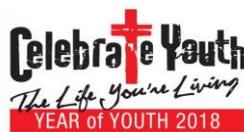
**YOUTH NIGHT:** an opportunity for secondary school aged students to gather in the Mary MacKillop Hall on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 7:00 – 9:00pm. Supper will be provided! Fun and friendship. Mark this date in your calendars, spread the word! More information in coming Bulletins, watch this space,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

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

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested.



**Youth  
Corner**

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AND RECEIPTS:** Giving Envelopes for the coming twelve months and receipts for the past three months are on tables at the rear of the Church.

Receipts for electronic givers are on the table by the Kay Street entrance. Please take yours with you, as otherwise we face a hefty postage bill. Thank you.

**FINANCE MATTERS:**

*"...Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet." – ACTS 13:25*

Stewardship is a lifestyle, it's not a program or a process. It's how we are called to live our lives twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week! It challenges us to live "God-centered" lives, not "self-centered" lives. Reflect on your daily activities, do you do them for the glory of God or for the glory of your own name?

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:**

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

**Counters:**

- June 24** Morris Team
- July 01** Mitchell 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](mailto:admin@ytu.edu.au) for an appointment. See [www.ytu.edu.au](http://www.ytu.edu.au)

**Rosters for June 30 and July 01 ~ - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	B O'Brien	S Grout	B Power, C DiCorleto, D Buckland, T Wisby	A O'Hara	Jane	A Symonds
9:30am	R Diaz C McLure	C McCabe	J & W Waanders, J Cahill, K Jones, E Ryan, J Hanratty	T & L Biancon	Filipino Choir	P & L Van der Velden
6:00pm	R Tarraran	R Tarraran	J Reid, D Locke, volunteers x 2	A Ward	Diamente family	B Kennedy

- **Altar Cleaning:** June 24 F Rycak July 01 L Kennedy
- **Church Cleaning:** June Zalesiak Team July Volunteers (ring Tom on 0407 160 466)
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** July 01 School holidays
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** June 24 E Harte July 01 E Membrey  
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](mailto:memou_38@bigpond.com)
- **Mick's Kitchen:** June 28 Hemming Team July 05 Burns Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Jn 1,6-7; Lk 1,17

*A man was sent from God,  
whose name was John.  
He came to testify to the light,  
to prepare a people fit for the Lord.*

**First Reading** Is 49:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Behold I will make you a light to the nations.*

Islands, listen to me, pay attention, remotest peoples. The Lord called me before I was born, from my mother's womb he pronounced my name.

He made my mouth a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me into a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in his quiver.

He said to me, 'You are my servant Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing'; and all the while my cause was with the Lord, my reward with my God. I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 138:1-3. 13-15. R. v.14

**(R.) I praise you for I am wonderfully made.**

1. O Lord, you search me and you know me,  
you know my resting and my rising,  
you discern my purpose from afar.  
You mark when I walk or lie down,  
all my ways lie open to you. **(R.)**
2. For it was you who created my being,  
knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you for the wonder of my being,  
for the wonders of all your creation. **(R.)**
3. Already you knew my soul,  
my body held no secret from you  
when I was being fashioned in secret  
and moulded in the depths of the earth. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Acts 13:22-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Christ's coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John.*

Paul said: 'God made David the king of our ancestors, of whom he approved in these words, "I have elected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

**Gospel Acclamation** Lk. 1:76

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*You, child, will be called the prophet  
of the Most High;*

*you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Lk 1:57-66 80

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*John is his name.*

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.'

They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

Next weeks Readings:

July 01 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

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

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43