

## 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 Deacon Tony:** Many of you will by now have seen Deacon Tony's smiling face in and around our Parish.

We are extremely pleased and grateful, Deacon Tony, to have you in our midst.

May you enjoy your time here at St Michael's, we look forward to getting to know you better.



A Catholic Deacon is a member of the clergy. The title "Deacon" comes from the Greek word "diakonos" which means to serve.

A deacon is ordained by the Bishop into the "Diaconate" - the order of Deacons. Once ordained a deacon is permanently and publicly configured to Christ the Servant and shares in the pastoral responsibility of the Bishop to care for all the people in the diocese, in partnership with priests.

Deacons participate in a unique way in Mass, they are official teachers and preachers of the Gospel and they preside at celebrations of baptisms, matrimony, funerals and other forms of community prayer. Deacons also visit the sick, the housebound, those imprisoned and in need.

A deacon is someone who is also a sacramental sign of Christ within the wider community and the deacon also serves as a prophetic reminder to all the

baptized of their own responsibility to care for others.

**What sacraments do deacons celebrate?**

Current canon and liturgical law permits deacons to serve as ordinary ministers of baptism. ("Ordinary" in this sense refers to the fact that deacons exercise this ministry as a normal result of their ordination and the faculties they have received from the Bishop.) They are ordinary ministers for the distribution of Communion.

Deacons also officiate at weddings as the official witness of the Church. Deacons do not confirm, ordain, reconcile or (hear confessions/give absolution).

They are ordinary ministers of viaticum; deacons may also preside at wakes and funerals.

In addition to these sacraments, deacons preach in virtue of their ordination and they may also preside at various prayer services and liturgies, including Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, public recitations of the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, the Liturgy of the Hours and Sunday celebrations in the absence of a priest.

*Information taken from the website of The Permanent Diaconate of Australia <https://clergy.org.au>*

**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

<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

### **July 09 to 14**

<b>Mon 09</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Tues 10</b>	1:30pm	Funeral Service for Isabella (Belle) Hunter
<b>Weds 11</b>	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
<b>Thurs 12</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Fri 13</b>	10:30am	Communion Service at Bupa Care
<b>Sat 14</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 Father.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently, including Jane McLoughlin (Medhurst), Annabella (Belle) Hunter, Antonella Fuoco and Barbara Maladay, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Michael Tognella, Vittoria and Frank Silvestro, Fr John Allen, Fr Matt White, Bernie Campbell, John Knorr, Kathleen Power, Patrick Deane, Michael Snee, Baby Mikey McConnell, Angelo Bau,

**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:** Thanks Fr Mark for being with us again this weekend. It's lovely to have you here with us again.

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend we welcome to our community, in the Rite of Baptism:-

\* **Arielle Leela Joy** and **Elijah Koda Shayne Greening**, children of Shayne and Allyra: and

\* **Blake Carter Wegmann**, son of David and Carine.

Congratulations to the families, from us all. Thanks Deacon Tony, for sharing this special celebration with our families.

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.

## PARISH PLENARY COUNCIL

**PREPARATION COMMITTEE:** Our Parish PCPC met on Tuesday evening this week, their first meeting following our first Plenary Council Forum.

Committee members are Jason Panozzo-Tilè, Kristian Grosso, Cath Hill, Grace Edgar, Maria Rodda, Brendan O'Hara, Ansje Sykes, Cathy McLure, Alan Ryan, Dot Buckland, Judy McLoughlin, Maureen McIntosh, Margaret Tainsh and Deacon Tony Aspinall. The Committee is being led by our very own talented, steadfast and energetic Mike Hansen.

Our thanks to all the team members for sharing their skills and energy with our Parish.

Team members got to know each other a little better, and then began to formulate a direction our parish might pursue in gathering responses to the questions put by the Australian Catholic Bishops Council. A lot more to be done, and we're grateful to all on the Committee for their enthusiasm and generosity.

More news about the Plenary Council coming soon . . . as they say, watch this space!

**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.

**PROCLAIM 2018 CONFERENCE:** July 12-14 in Brisbane. Keynote addresses will be streamed daily over the days of the conference.

You can watch PROCLAIM 2018 via Shalom Media Gallery.

[www.shalomworldtv.org/proclaim2018](http://www.shalomworldtv.org/proclaim2018).

It is free to sign up!

We are blessed to have three parishioners who will be attending Proclaim.

**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!



## **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*



# Youth Corner

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. *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.*

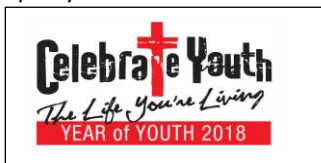
**YOUTH NIGHT:** an opportunity for secondary school aged students to gather in the Mary MacKillop Hall on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 7:00 – 9:00pm. Supper will be provided! Fun and friendship. Mark this date in your calendars, spread the word! More information in coming Bulletins, watch this space, 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 Jen at the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested.



**EMMAUS WALKING RETREAT:** October 14 to 21, 2018. A 7 day walking Retreat from San Remo to Welshpool. The walk takes participants along the George Bass Coastal Walk, Bass Coast Rail Trail and the Great Southern Rail Trail.

If interested, please contact Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality on 9854 8110. Registration by July 30, please. Please see flyers in the church foyers for further information.

**FINANCE MATTERS:**

*"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'"* EZEKIEL 2:2-3  
 God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:**

June  
Loose collections

June 03	\$1,264.00
June 10	\$1,237.00
June 17	\$1,158.00
June 24	\$1,200.00
	<b>\$4,859.00</b>

Planned Giving

Envelopes	\$ 5,834.45
Direct Debit	\$ 5,943.00
Credit Card	\$ 3,395.00
June total	<b>\$ 16,484.85</b>
Monthly pledge amount	<b>\$18,328.00</b>

**Counters:**

- July 08** Waanders Team
- July 15** Arend Team



**Rosters for July 14 & 15 ~ - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	B O'Brien	D Smith	C DiCorleto, B Power, M Giddens, D Buckland	Volunteer	Jane	Volunteer needed for roster
9:30am	S Reid	C McCabe	T Denny, J & W Waanders, L Panozzo-Tilè, A Symonds, Volunteer	R Benbow M Blanchard	Charismatic Choir	Volunteer needed for roster
6:00pm	E Joseph	M Noone	J Reid, R Tarraran, D Lock, Volunteer	Volunteer		A O'Neill

- **Altar Cleaning:** July 08 M Giddens July 15 M Tainsh
- **Church Cleaning:** July Volunteers needed (ring Tom on 0407 160 466)
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** July 15 School holidays
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** July 08 L Panozzo-Tilè July 15 B & S Edgar  
 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
- **Click's Kitchen:** July 12 Moretti Team July 19 McLaughlin Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Ps 47:10-11

*Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

**First Reading** Ezekial 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 122. R. v.2

**(R.)** *Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.*

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords. **(R.)**
2. Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he shows us his mercy. **(R.)**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain. **(R.)**



**Second Reading** 2 Cor 12:7-10

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

*I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

**Gospel Acclamation** Lk. 1:76

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Mk 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Next weeks Readings:

July 15 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13