



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
St Paul's Campus 5174 7355

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSS

In an episode in the life of the prophet Elisha, a man who brings grain comes from a place that is named for and probably devoted to Baal, the Canaanite god of fertility. Presumably he intends it to be offered to the god worshipped at that shrine. The prophet directs that the bread and grain be given to the people who were suffering from famine. Those who ministered at the shrine objected, but Elisha insisted, and his insistence overrode their objection. This is clear evidence of the authority that the 'man of God' wielded, and that the others recognised. One hundred men were fed by a mere twenty loaves. The miracle reveals the bounteous generosity of God. The responsorial psalm is a hymn of praise. The psalmist invites all of God's works to give thanks, proclaims the LORD's universal providence, and extols divine righteousness. The works of the LORD include everything that God has made as well as everything that God has done. The faithful of the LORD are those who are bound to God in covenant loyalty. They are summoned to praise God in reverence and awe. A vivid image is used to depict both the dependence of all living creatures and the generosity of God. All of life stands needy and trusting before God in whose hands is the sustenance upon which life depends, and God is open-handed in satisfying this need.

Paul exhorts the converts to live according to social virtues that characterise the Christian life. His imprisonment demonstrates the price that he himself is willing to pay for his convictions. All the virtues are relational attitudes that foster

community harmony. This harmony is grounded in their belonging to the one body of Christ, their being filled with and fashioned by one Spirit of God, and their being moved by the one hope of their call to salvation. Their life is Trinitarian; they have all been called by God to salvation in Christ through the Spirit. This unity is expressed in their allegiance to one LORD, their commitment to one faith, and their celebration of one baptism.

The power of Jesus had a mesmerising effect on the crowds. They followed him from place to place. However, they did this less out of faith than out of the hope that they might witness the performance of some marvel. Jesus took the barley loaves (note the link with the Feast of Unleavened Bread), gave thanks (eucharisté), distributed them, and then did the same with the fish. The Eucharistic allusions here are obvious. Once again the crowds were overwhelmed by Jesus. They had followed him to the other side of the lake in order to witness his exceptional power. They were not disappointed. However, they now recognise him as more than a wonder-worker. He is the long-awaited prophet like Moses (cf. Deut 15:18), the one who would usher in the messianic age.



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 30 to August 04, 2018

Mon 30	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 31	11:00am	Requiem Mass for Lynette McCulloch
Weds 01	12:00pm	Liturgy of the Word
Thurs 02	10:30am	Mass, Dalkeith
Fri 03	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
Sat 04	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 Lynette McCullough and Kathleen Davis and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Len & Anna Van Berkel, Angelina Agostino and KJ 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 Templar, 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.



PARISH FORUM:

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

All Parishioners are warmly invited to come along to our Parish Forum, to spend time with the Pastoral Council, to learn what's happening in our Parish and to have input into which direction the Parish might wish to move in our future.

WELCOME: Welcome back to your 'second home', Fr Francis! We hope you had a wonderful time with your family and friends, and hope you've returned in good health, and with lots of energy!! Our thanks to Deacon Tony, Fr Mark Godridge and Monsignor Allman for keeping things going during Fr Francis' holiday.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Weds 01

7:00pm PPC, Parish Centre

Thurs 26

4:30pm Snr Youth Council Meeting, Parish Centre

7:30pm

- (i) Maintenance Committee Meeting, Parish Centre
- (ii) RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre

BAPTISMS:

The next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday August 15 at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information.



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.

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. *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!



PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday 31st July. In an emergency, please ring the parish office number and leave a message.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The third of our Men's Breakfasts is coming up on August 4th. This is a great opportunity



to come together and catch up with friends and meet new ones. Our guest speaker is Brett Van Berkel who will tell us about his trek along the Kokoda Track. St Vinnies Centre, 43 Kay St . . . 8am-10am. Help is needed with the preparation of the meal and setting up of the tables. If you are able to assist please ring Mike Hansen: 0417 243 703.

ST MICHAEL'S 'GUARDIAN': Thanks so much to all who have sent in contributions to go in our "Guardian" chronicle. Please, keep them coming. Email to sec@smpt.org.au.

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.



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*



The next Youth Mass this Sunday at 6:00pm. Mass followed by Pizza's.



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.

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 17th August – Movie Mania Night Relax and enjoy a movie on the Big Screen at Lavalla Cinema. Variety of food & drinks available, no BYO. Wear your PJ's, bring blankets, pillows etc. Lourdes Performing Art Centre, Lavalla Catholic College, St Paul's Campus, Grey Street, Traralgon. Enter the car park via the gate next to Traralgon College. Parents will need to sign permission form to watch PG rates movie. 6:30-9:00pm. Cost \$3:00. *Phone Lou 5175 0877 for info.*

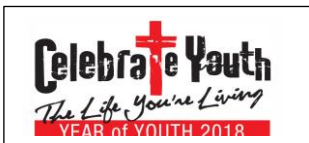
YOUTH NIGHT: an opportunity for secondary school aged students to gather in the Mary MacKillop Hall on Friday 3rd August, 7:00 – 9:00pm. Supper will be provided! Fun and friendship. Mark this date in your calendars, spread the word! Guest Speaker will be Cristiano Grosso.

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.



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.

EMMAUS SPIRITUALITY MINISTRY is conducting 'A Winter Journey', a prayer session. All are warmly invited to come.

August 09 1:00-3:00pm
At **48-50 Monash Road, Newborough (the former convent).**

Contact 0477 474 848 or email to Salespirituality1@gmail.com to enquire and/or advise of attendance.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

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

Counters:

July 29 Morris Team
Aug 05 Mitchell Team

They still make me smile . . .

- * For God so loved the world, that He didn't send a Committee!
- * Noah should have swatted the 2 mosquitoes.

Rosters for August 04 & 05 ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	C DiCorleto	S Grout	B Power, D Buckland, T Wisby, Volunteer	R Tactor	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	C Grosso	J Hanrahan	R Tarraran, J Reid, D Locke, Volunteer	A Ward	Diamante Family	B Kennedy

- **Altar Cleaning:** July 29 F Rycak Aug 05 L Kennedy
- **Church Cleaning:** August St Gabriel's
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Aug 05 Carolyn and Grace
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** July 29 F & B Melenhorst Aug 05 M Hourigan
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:** Aug 02 Adroit Team Aug 09 Scholtes Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

*God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his
people.*

First Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) *The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.*

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Eph 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation see Eph 1:17-18

*Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!*

Gospel John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Next weeks Readings:

August 05 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-5, 12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35