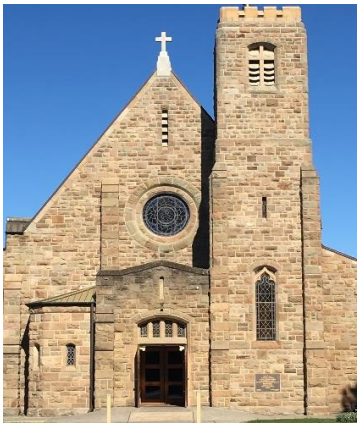

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 02, 2018

St Michael's Parish, Traralgon

St Michael's Church, Traralgon

St Columbkille's Church, Glengarry

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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.

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.

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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

Hello everyone, It is Father's Day. Let us share in the joys of all fathers present and say Happy Father's Day…

I do remember the look on the face of my older brother years ago when the midwife broke the news to him that his wife had been delivered of a bouncing baby girl. He is normally not the smiling type, but no, not that day. The news brought out all the smiles he had hidden all his life. He had a bright face, grinning cheerfully, with a clap of hands at the same time, as if he had just kicked a goal for the Bombers. We congratulated him and he started hugging everyone in the room. He was extremely excited at becoming a father – a new title and change of status. He exclaimed: I am now a father.

On my part, I remember when my mates and I were processing out of the church after our priestly ordination, and one of the parishioners whispered: FATHER! I turned, looked at him and couldn't help but give a smile. I was happy. It was a happy occasion.

This weekend, as we celebrate Father's Day, we share in the joy of fatherhood of all fathers present. To all fathers here I say 'good on you'. Whether you are a biological father, a step-father, a father figure in someone's life, or a reverend father, this is your weekend. We celebrate you all. All the mums and all the children all over the world celebrate you today. For your love, for your presence, for your encouragement, for your support, for all you are for the family, may God bless you and keep you in His care. We want you to know that you are cherished and appreciated.

As we celebrate Father's Day today the memory of my father, who passed on some twenty years ago, comes to mind. May he rest in peace. For all our fathers who have passed on too, we celebrate them. May they now rest in God's presence, having done their best in the race.

So for fathers present, and for those who have gone before us, we say:

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY.

Let us pray: *God our Father, as we celebrate Father's Day this weekend, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them by the light of your truth to be good role models and loving to all their children. In all their ways help them to be a father like you are. Give them wisdom, grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Fr Francis.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm	St Michael's Traralgon
Sunday	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
	6:00pm	St Michael's Traralgon

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

August 27 to September 01, 2018

Mon 3	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 4	9.30am	Mass
	10.30	Liturgy of the Word, Bupa
Weds 5	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 6	10:30am	Communion service at Dalkeith
Fri 7	9:30am	Mass
Sat 8	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 Lisa Daly, Ron Pearce, Victor Milkens, Fr Tom Brophy and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Maria Calabrese, Dorothy McKee, Aileen Dixon, Peter Kamsma, Michael Ruane, Charlotte Maat, Maria Disito, Olga Breen, Leonardo DiSisto, and Filomena DiSisto.

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: including Imogen Hillier, Joe Agostino, Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, Dorothy Buckland, Fr Bernard Buckley, Gary Donchi, Fr Frank Freeman, Carolyn Gleeson, Robert Hazelman, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Ann Lapuh, Mark Martin, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Joan Riggall, Dorothy Smith, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, and Fr Frank Young, Justin Young.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: The CPG meets every Thursday evening, starting with a cuppa at 7:00pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. All are welcome to come and join in! Enquiries to Cathy on 5174 3001.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: will be varied over the next 2 weeks as Bev is on holidays. Jen Hanratty will do her best to man the office. Please be patient if the office isn't open when you expect.

BAPTISMS:

Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday September 19 at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** *Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information.*

WEDDING BELLS:

Congratulations and every blessing to Rocchina Marino and Ashley McKay who are being married at St Michael's this weekend.

"May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place our hope in you" Psalm 32.

CATHOLIC WOMENS' LEAGUE IN OUR PARISH. Our parish is holding meeting for interested ladies who would like to join the Catholic Women's League. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11th September** in the Mary MacKillop Room beginning with a cuppa at 10:00am for a 10:30am start. Fr Francis will attend the meeting; it's hoped there will be a lot of support.

The Catholic Women's League plays an important part in the fabric of the life of the Diocese and of parishes. For many years, our parish was blessed with the presence of the Catholic Women's League and it's hoped that the we may now re-open the St Michael's Traralgon branch.

If you're interested please come along on September 11. If you're unable to be there on the day, please give your details to Linda Darmody on 5174 9770, Ansje Sykes 0413 489 704 or leave a message at the Parish Office (5174 2060).

AN EVENING WITH JOHN ALLEN, JR:

JOHN L Allen Jr is the editor of Crus, specialising in coverage of the Vatican and the Catholic Church. He was written nine books on the Vatican and Catholic affairs, and also is a popular speaker on Catholicism.

Thursday September 06 7:30pm at St Peter's Church, 844 Centre Road, East Bentleigh. Books at Try Booking: https://www.trybooking.com/WWRZ or pay at the door. Cost $20 ($10 unwaged). For further info, contact Jack Stuart jgpstuart@hotmail.com.

MASS AT GLENGARRY

Welcome back to Monsignor Allman who is back at Glengarry this weekend.

LOST AND FOUND

A blue Missal has been left in the Church. If you know who this belongs to please contact the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Tues 4th

7:30pm - Celebrate Youth of the Valley Meeting, Parish Centre

Wed 5th

7.00pm - PPC Parish Centre

Thurs 6th

4.30pm – Youth Council

7:30pm RCIA meeting, Parish Centre

FINANCE MATTERS:

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only…" JAMES 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

Counters

September 02 Morris Team

September 09 Mitchell Team

DIOCESE OF SALE APPOINTMENTS

The Bishop of Sale is seeking to appoint a Manager of Professional Standards and Pastoral Ministry and a Business Manager for a 5 year fixed term. Both appointments will be responsible to the Bishop. Enquiries may be directed to hr@sale.catholic.org.au

Applications close on September 7th.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE

Today the Special Collection for the Priests Welfare Foundation will go towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons in our diocese and the overseas priests in the time of sickness. All donations of $2.00 or more are tax deductible. If you require a receipt for taxation purposes, please put your name clearly on the special envelope and a receipt will be issued in due course.

LECTIO DIVINA MEDITATION

Chris Roga will be running 2 sessions of Lectio Divina meditation. The first session will be on September 5th in the St Paul's Chapel from 4pm-5pm. If you are interested in attending please contact Chris Roga at ROGACHR1@lavalla.vic.edu.au

SMY@L- St.Michael's Parish Youth Group
FRIDAY 7th SEPTEMBER OPERATION SHOE BOX & FOOTY & PIE NIGHT!

Youth Corner

Dress up in footy colours (prizes for best dressed), and have some fun as we sort & pack the shoeboxes & have pies/snacks for supper! A great night to come and help those in need! At St.Michael's Mackillop Hall, 6.30 – 8.30pm. Parent/family help required from 7.45pm please. Cost; Items/donations/money for the shoeboxes.

Phone Lou on 51750877 for info

Parishioners, this is the last week for collection of items/donations for the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. Thank you to those that already donated, we appreciate your support. Further donations can be left at the Parish office by Friday morning please. Anyone who would like to come along and help to pack boxes, you are most welcome to come along Friday night from 7.30pm at the Mackillop Hall.

YOUTH FUNDRAISING

With so many exciting events coming up for our young parishioners, our Youth Team has decided to continue trying to raise funds to make it all happen. They would love your support in any of the following.

***We are running a **Pie Drive** in our Parish over the next few weeks. Supported by Yarragan Bakery you can order a variety of sweet and savory pies. Order forms are available at the entries of the Church and in the Parish Office. Forms and money are due back by to the Office by Sunday 9th September.

***On September 9th the Youth Council will run a **sausage sizzle** after 9.30am Mass to continue to try and raise funds for the Celebrate Youth of the Valley Event on September 16th and their trip to the Ignite Conference in Brisbane on Sept 26-30th. It will be in front of the Hall and sausages and drinks will be available for all.

CELEBRATE YOUTH OF THE VALLEY!!
Sunday 16th September, 4pm – 7pm

Kildare Hall, Lavalla Catholic College, Kosciuszko Street, Traralgon.
Fr Francis, Jen Hanratty and members of our Youth Council have visited all 7 primary schools in the Latrobe Valley this last 2 weeks, to advertise and invite all the children to this celebration. With help of donations we have been able to book a sound and lighting expert to run the event and lots of others fun things for the kids.
Please contact Jen at the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you have any questions or can support this event in any way. We would love to see you attend!

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING: Sundays - October 21 and December 02. Please put the dates in your diaries. Altar serving training sessions are for those going into Grade 3 next year and above. Training sessions will be held at 11:00am on both these Sundays in the Church. We ask that children that have already started to Altar Serve please come along too so they can continue to grow and learn. Let the Parish office know if your child(ren) will be attending.

MASS TIME CHANGE

On September 16th 2018 we are Celebrating Youth of the Valley at Lavalla, so on that day there will be

NO 6PM Sunday MASS IN THE CHURCH.

Sunday night Mass will be celebrated with the Youth at 5pm at Lavalla - Kildare campus on Kosciuszko St, Traralgon. The youth cannot celebrate themselves so we hope to see you all supporting the young people of the Church.

PlenaryCouncil2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Plenary 2020 Small Group Sessions

Parishioners and interested people are invited to come together to continue the discussion begun earlier in the year, teasing out and discerning 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?'

Choose your option

Over shared lunch:
Sept 11th, 17th, 25th
Over afternoon tea:
October 10th, 16th, 24th
In the evening:
September 20th; October 22nd
Before Sunday night Mass:
November 18th

See the poster for details

Rosters for September 08 & 09 ~ Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	A Taylor	Volunteer required	J Scholtes, Volunteers x 3	Volunteers needed	Jane	D Buckland
9:30am	S Reid T Denny	C McCabe	W Detering, D Prestipino, B & Edgar, G Imhagwe, A Reid	C Payne M Wilkinson	Jane	M Hanratty
6:00pm	E Joseph	M Noone	J Fleming, S Luscombe, Volunteers x 2	M Noone	Jane	L Theissling

- **Altar Cleaning:** Sept 02 F Rycak Sept 09 L Kennedy
- **Church Cleaning:** September McLaughlin Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Carolyn and Grace
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Sept 02 B Wilksch Sept 09 H Theisling
  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:*** Sept 13 McLaughlin Team Sept 20 Van Berkel Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:3 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5 Rv1

(R.) The just will live
in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
   He who walks without fault;
   he who acts with justice
   and speaks the truth from his heart. **(*R.*)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
   who casts no slur on his neighbour,
   who holds the godless in disdain,
   but honours those who fear the Lord. **(*R.*)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
   who takes no interest on a loan
   and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
   Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(*R.*)**

Next week's Readings ~ September 9, 2018
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Isaiah 35:4-7
Second Reading:	James 2:1-5
Gospel:	Mark 7:31-37

Second Reading James 1:17-18 21-22 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation see John 6:63 68

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7:1-8 14-15 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.
You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'