

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

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours.

Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching.

As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.



Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop:

Mary Helen MacKillop RSJ (15 January 1842 – 8 August 1909), now formally known as **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**, was an Australian nun who has been declared a saint by the Catholic Church. Of Scottish descent, she was born in Melbourne, but was best known for her activities in South Australia. Together with the Reverend Julian Tenison Woods, she founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites), a congregation of religious sisters that established a number of schools and welfare institutions throughout Australasia, with an emphasis on education for the rural poor.

With the process to have MacKillop declared a saint having begun in the 1920s, she was beatified in January 1995 by Pope John Paul II. Pope Benedict XVI prayed at her tomb during his visit to Sydney for World Youth Day 2008 and, in December 2009, approved the Catholic Church's recognition of a second miracle attributed to her intercession. She was canonised on 17 October 2010, during a public ceremony in St Peter's Square at the Vatican. She is the first and only Australian to be recognised by the Catholic Church as a saint.

We give grateful thanks for St Mary MacKillop and the Josephite Order, and especially for the presence of so many Josephite Sisters over the years in our Parish. They have all deeply enriched our Parish life, sharing their many gifts, talents and faith, including our very own Sr Doreen, we're so blessed to have you here.



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

August 06 to 11, 2018

Mon 06	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 07	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Weds 08	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 09	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
Fri 10	9:30am	Communion service (St Michael's PS)
	10:30am	Mass, Bupa Care
Sat 11	9.30am	Mass, Reconciliation

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently, including Michael Dieni, Brian Donnelly, Lynette McCullough and Kathleen Davis and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Nessie Dal Pra, Jeanette Alexander, Maria Melenhorst, Joseph and Angela Dieni, Joan Bermingham, Rita Sweeney, Gerard Pawluck, 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 Mark Martin, Joyce Martin, Joe Agostino, Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, Dorothy Buckland, Fr Bernard Buckley, Lisa Daly, Gary Donchi, Fr Frank Freeman, Carolyn Gleeson, Robert Hazelman, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Ann Lapuh, Ivy May, May O'Reilly, Joan Riggall, Dorothy Smith, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, and Fr Frank Young, Justin Young.



Our Australian Saint, Mary MacKillop



PARISH FORUM:

Sunday August 19, 2:00 to 4:00pm
In preparation for our Forum on August 19, copies of the Parish Strategic Plan which was formulated in 2016 are available for parishioners to take home and consider. The Strategic Plan is printed on bright yellow paper and is available in the Church entrances.

The Parish Pastoral Council will welcome comments at the Forum gathering. The Forum is a great chance for everyone to learn what's happening in our Parish and to have input into which direction the Parish might wish to move in our future. *Lord, we pray for your guidance for our parish. May we remember always your provident love and place our trust in you*

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!

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Tues 07

7:30pm Celebrate Youth Event, Committee Meeting, Parish Centre.

Thurs 09

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.

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 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

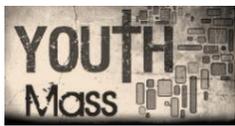
Plenary Council Prayer

*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*

ORDINATION TO DIACONATE: The Diocese of Sale is looking forward to celebrating the Ordination to the Diaconate of Stanly Devasia at St Mary's Cathedral at 11 am on Saturday 22nd September 2018.

I will be conducting a Diocesan Choir and welcome expressions of interest from anyone who would like to sing with the choir on that day. Singers must have a current Working With Children Check in accordance with the Diocese's Child Safety Policy. Music packs will be emailed to singers.

Please register your interest by contacting Sophy Morley without delay. E smorley@sale.catholic.org.au P 5622 6677 or 0413 590 007



The next Youth Mass is on Sunday 19th August at the 6:00pm Mass, followed by Pizza in the hall.



Training session for the Mass is on Thursday August 9th at 4:30-5:30pm

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).

Operation Christmas Shoebox is underway once again. Parishioners are asked to support this outreach venture, please refer to the fliers in the church entries for more details. Thank you.

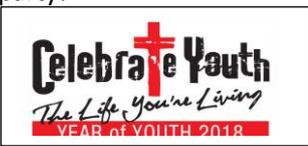
Friday 17th August – Movie Mania Night Relax and enjoy a movie on the Big Screen at Lavalla Cinema. Variety of food & drinks available, no BYO. Wear your PJ's, bring blankets, pillows etc. Lourdes Performing Art Centre, Lavalla Catholic College, St Paul's Campus, Grey Street, Traralgon. Enter the car 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.*

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 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](mailto:Salesspirituality1@gmail.com) to enquire and/or advise of attendance.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

July, 2018

Loose collections

July 01	\$1,158.00
July 08	\$ 982.00
July 15	\$1,017.00
July 22	\$1,058.00
July 29	<u>\$1,132.00</u>
	<u>\$5,347.00</u>

Planned Giving

Envelopes	\$ 9,773.70
Direct Debit	\$ 6,338.00
Credit Card	<u>\$ 3,160.00</u>
March total	<u>\$ 19,271.80</u>
Monthly pledge amount	\$18,328.00

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

Counters:

- August 05** Mitchell Team
- August 12** Waanders Team

Rosters for August 11 & 12 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	A Taylor	S Hill	J Scholtes, Volunteers X 3	Volunteers	Jane	D Buckland
9:30am	M Hansen N Georgeson	H Daly	W Detering, D Prestipino, B & S Edgar, G Imhagwe, A Reid	C Payne M Wilkinson	Jane	M Hanratty
6:00pm	E Joseph	S Luscombe	J Fleming, Volunteers x 3	M Noone	Jane	L Theissling

- **Altar Cleaning:** Aug 05 L Kennedy Aug 12 M Giddens
- **Church Cleaning:** August St Gabriel's
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Aug 12 Alison, Tamille and Josephine
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Aug 05 M Hourigan Aug 12 S & C Kanara

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 16 Scholtes Team Aug 23 Hemming Team

Entrance Antiphon Ps 69:2,6

*O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.*

First Reading Exodus 16:2-4 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24**(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. **(R.)**
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. **(R.)**
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. **(R.)**

Next week's Readings ~ August 12, 2018
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Kings 19:4-8
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2
Gospel: John 6:41-51

Second Reading

Eph 4: 17, 20-24

Eph 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

*Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
But on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!*

Gospel John 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'