



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



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

CELEBRATING 'OUR SAINT':

We were very fortunate to celebrate the Feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Wednesday evening this week. Sr Doreen spoke about Mary MacKillop, about her growing up, her taking on the challenges of the poor and needy in her time, and her 'doing something about it'.

Mary is a great role model for us all.

We shared a very special liturgy in her honour; huge thanks to Mike Hansen and Jane Mitchell for sharing their talents with us. After the liturgy, quite a number of parishioners enjoyed a 'cuppa' (and the most delicious scones) together in the Mary MacKillop Room.



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 13 to 18, 2018

Mon 13	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 14	9:30am	Mass
Weds 15	Feast of the Assumption	
	9:30am	Mass
	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 16	9:30am	Mass
Fri 17	9:30am	Mass
Sat 18		

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 Susan Pignolet, Michael Dieni and Brian Donnelly and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Joan Clarke, Mary Lasaga, Elizabeth Lestin, Roger King, Nessie Dal Pra, Jeanette Alexander, Maria Melenhorst, Joseph and Angela Dieni, Joan Bermingham, Rita Sweeney, Gerard Pawluck
Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including Joe Agostino, Monsignor John Allman, 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, Mark Martin, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, May O'Reilly, 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 at 7:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall.

All are welcome to come and join in! Enquiries to Cathy on 5174 3001.

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for baptism ~

* Jack Brett **Healey**, son of Steven and Sharnie: and

* Archer Ihaia Gerald, Isabella June, Charlie Reihania and Maia Sue **Conway**, children of Joshua & Carmen. Congratulations to the families from us all. Welcome to our Parish family.

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.



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!

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE REQUIRED:

Our Maintenance Team, who do an absolutely marvellous job (thank you so much gentlemen!) have let it be known that many of them are reaching 'grand ages' and need support from younger members of our community.

Our sincere thanks to Peter Mitchell who has worked tirelessly over many years in this area. With grateful hearts we wish you and Joan well, Peter, in the future.

Please put your details on a green Maintenance Form in the entry to the Church if you are able to assist in any way at all. Gardeners, weeders, cobwebbers, tree pruners, carpenters, the scope to use your talents is endless.

WEDDING BELLS:

Congratulations and every blessing to Nyssa Krekelberg and Peter Covino 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.



NEWS ABOUT MONSIGNOR ALLMAN:

Parishioners are asked to keep Mons. Allman in their prayers. He is currently out of action due to health concerns. Until his health has improved, Sunday Mass will not be celebrated at Glengarry.

CATHOLIC WOMENS' LEAGUE IN OUR

PARISH. Our parish is holding a meeting for interested ladies who would like to join the Catholic Women's League. The meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th September at 10:00am in the Mary MacKillop room. 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).

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Tues 14 1:00pm Knights of the Southern Cross, Mary MacKillop Room.

Weds 15 Baptism Preparation Meeting, 7:00pm, Parish Centre

Thurs 16

5:30pm

(i) Finance Committee, Parish Centre

7:30pm

(ii) RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre

Youth Corner

Secondary School

Youth Night: On Friday night we had our 2nd Parish Youth Night for Secondary School Students. It was a wonderful faith filled night



with 18 students from various secondary Colleges ranging from Yr 7 to Yr 11. A huge thanks to Cristiano Grosso who spoke to the Youth about his faith journey and helped them to question where they see God in their life.

A lot of fun was had . . . and of course, pizza!!

IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2018: The Ignite Conference is a national youth conference held in Brisbane every September (27-30). Every year it draws 1500+ adults, kids, ministry leaders, teachers, priests and religious. It's about encountering Jesus Christ and the Church, experiencing dynamic faith, being equipped for living the Christian life, and being empowered to impact the Church and the world.

Our parish is aiming to send three of our senior youth, accompanied by our Youth Co-ordinator, Mrs Jen Hanratty. We will be hearing from our youngsters who are hoping to attend at next weekend's Masses. They are hoping for great support from the Parish.

CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL: *CatholicCare Sunday Appeal* is CatholicCare's major annual fundraiser. This is an opportunity for our parish community in partnership with our Diocese and the Archdiocese of Melbourne to assist CatholicCare to provide essential social services to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in our community, and across Melbourne, Geelong and Gippsland. We will have a collection on Sunday August 26. Donation envelopes are available.

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.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" 1 KINGS 19:7

Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all – the gift of the Eucharist; His own body and blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

Stewardship Program:

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

Counters:

August 12 Waanders Team

August 19 Arend Team

LADIES RETREAT AT TEMPLESTOWE 8 - 10 OCTOBER

The retreat is booked for the above dates and the cost will hopefully be the same as last year.

Any lady who would be interested in attending please contact Anna Allen on 0400 729 526 or Maureen McLeod on 5144 3550 to express your interest so the retreat can go ahead.

Rosters for August 18 & 19 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	C DiCorleto	Volunteer please	B Power, M Giddens, D Buckland, B O'Brien	Volunteers please	Diamante family	D Buckland
9:30am	U Imhagwe/ J Dal Pra	M Moulton	T Denny, J&W Waanders, L Panozzo-Tilè, A Symonds	R Benbow, M Blanchard	Charismatic Choir	M Hanratty
6:00pm	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	J Reid, R Tarraran, D Locke, Volunteer	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	L Theissing

- **Altar Cleaning:** Aug 12 M Giddens Aug 19 M Tainsh
- **Church Cleaning:** August St Gabriel's
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Aug 19 Shane and Amanda
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Aug 12 E & E Brand Aug 19 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

- **Gluck's Kitchen:** Aug 23 Hemming Team Aug 30 Burns Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 73:20,19,22,23

*Look to your covenant, O Lord,
And forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
And forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

First Reading 1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24**(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Eph 4:30-5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord;
Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!*

Gospel John 6:41-51

A reading from the gospel according to John

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Next week's Readings ~ August 19, 2018
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel: John 6:51-58