



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

Dear Friends, as a diocese, we mark the conclusion of Migrants and Refugees week, it's worth reading the messages of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and the Australian Bishop delegate for Migrants and Refugees, Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen (OFM Conv).

Pope Francis: quotes Leviticus 19:34: "You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him/her as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." The Pope states: "Throughout the first years of my pontificate, I have repeatedly expressed my particular concern for the lamentable situation of many migrants and refugees fleeing from war, persecution, natural disasters and poverty. This situation is undoubtedly a 'sign of the times' which I have tried to interpret, with the help of the Holy Spirit, ever since my visit to Lampedusa in 2013.

Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age (Matt 25:35-43). The Lord entrusts to the church's motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future. This is a great responsibility, which the church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities.

In this regard, I wish to reaffirm that our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate.

Bishop Vincent Long: We are challenged by the message of the Holy Father to consider how we can welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees in our own Australian context. Welcoming migrants and refugees in Australia begins with an open heart and an open mind. As the history of our nation has shown, there is mutual benefit for both new comers and host communities as they grow in strength and solidarity. Understanding, supporting and journeying together will provide concrete foundations for social cohesion. Protecting migrants and refugees begins by "defending the rights and dignity of migrants and refugees, independent of their legal status." Migrants and refugees must be protected in transit and once arrived in their destination country. This is where social cohesion and personal responsibility are integral... identifying and challenging racism or discrimination can be the beginning of protecting migrants and refugees in our communities. By breaking down obstacles and giving migrants opportunities to become members of our communities, allowing them to flourish, we in turn contribute to social cohesion.

May the good Lord continue to bless us as we welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees in our community.

Fr Francis

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm	St Michael's Traralgon
Sunday	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
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WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

August 27 to September 01, 2018

Mon 27	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 28	9.30am	Mass
Weds 29	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 30	9:30am	Mass
Fri 31	9:30am	Mass
Sat 01	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 Victor Milkens, Anne O'Brien (Sale), Pat McMillan and Michael Dieni and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Maria Calabrese, Dorothy McKee, Aileen Dixon, Peter Kamsma, Michael Ruane, Bishop Patrick Lyons, Damian Goodwin, Doreen Bickerton, Pauline England, Kathleen Heal, Jim W Gilmour, Eva Lang, Joseph & Angela Dieni. **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, Lisa Daly, 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 at 7:30pm 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 3 weeks as Bev is on holidays. Jen Hanratty will do her best to man the office whilst caring for her 4 children. Please be patient if the office isn't open when you expect.

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for Baptism-

***Jax Shane Frith,**
son of Ryan and Lauren

***Aria Mae Spense,**
daughter of Dylan and Danielle,

***Mila Hope Fosberry,**
daughter of Danny and Samantha,

***Logan Phillip Mustoe,**
son of Craig and Rachel and

***Christian Matteo DiCiero,**
son of John and Angelina.

Congratulations to the families, from us all. Welcome to our Parish.

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.

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 has 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

We are so pleased that Monsignor Allman will be back to celebrate Mass at Glengarry on Sunday September 2nd. Thank you for all your prayers.



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Thurs 30

4:30-5:30pm Youth Council Meeting, Parish Centre

7:30pm RCIA meeting, Parish Centre

7.30pm Finance Meeting, Parish Centre

FINANCE MATTERS:

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

Counters

August 26 Armstrong Team

September 02 Morris 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 OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE

This fund supports the priests and deacons of our diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests, including overseas priests and deacons in times of sickness. The budget expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be about \$180,000. Envelopes are available in the Church for the special collection to be taken up next weekend to assist the work of the Priests Welfare Foundation of the Diocese of Sale. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible. If you require a receipt for tax purposes, please print your name and address clearly on the special envelope.

THANK YOU ST MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY

Last weekend we saw St Michael's generosity at its best with a leaving collection for our thriving Youth Ministry. Our Youth Council members did a marvelous job speaking at all 3 Mass's and we raised \$954.50. This will go a long way to supporting the Youth Ministry events coming up. Thank you, parishioners of St Michael's.



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.

***Youth team 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.

OPERATION SHOEBOX

SMY@L – St.Michael's Parish Youth Group are running this fantastic initiative again. Last year they packed 75 boxes and sent them overseas to those less fortunate. Parishioners are asked to support this outreach venture and hopefully increase on the number they sent last year. The boxes are filled with: something to wear, something to love, something to play with, something for school, something special, & something for personal hygiene. More details on what is appropriate can be found in the entries of the Church.

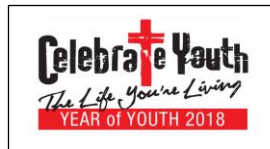
A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES!: *A Celebrate Youth Event!!*

Sunday 16th September, 4pm – 7pm

Kildare Hall, Lavalla Catholic College, Kosciuszko Street, Traralgon.

Lots of exciting plans are underway to mark the Year of Youth and celebrate the gifts and talents our young ones have. Fr Francis, Jen Hanratty and members of the Youth Council have been busy visiting all the schools in the Valley to promote this event. The youth cannot celebrate themselves so we hope to see you all there. Flyers are posted around the Church and performance forms are in the entries of the Church.

Please contact Jen at the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you have any questions or can support this event in any way.



ALTAR SERVING TRAINING: Sundays - October 21 and December 02. Dates for your diaries. Altar serving training sessions will be held at 11:00am on both these Sundays in the Church. Let the Parish office know if your child(ren) will be interested.

PARISH FORUM:

We gathered together last Sunday for our Parish Forum. Fr Francis started us off with a prayer, and we were all privileged to hear our Youth Choir sing – they are amazing! The Forum was a gathering for people to hear about what's been going on in our Parish and what we're hoping to achieve in our future.

* Cath Hill spoke about our Sacramental Celebrations, and the RCIA process.

* Amanda Reid spoke about the welcoming nature of our parish, and the many groups who helped make her and her family feel included.

* We were introduced to our Parish Pastoral Council members and learnt a bit about their lives.

* Four of our Youth Council members spoke about their faith, our parish and their wanting to grow in faith and confidence, they are excited to be attending the Ignite Youth Conference in Brisbane next month.

* Rob Tarraran gave us a picture of where we're at financially, and with bringing the parish into full compliance with risk management, etc.

* Jen Hanratty spoke to us all about all the many, many things happening in our youth area - very exciting and vibrant!

Parishioners then spoke about how the parish had tackled our Strategic plan – what has happened and what we are still hoping to achieve in the areas of Social Justice, Adult Formation, Communicating the Message, Reaching Out, Youth Ministry and Compliance.

It was a great afternoon, with lots and lots of information about our vibrant parish.

Thanks to the PPC and all involved in the preparation and running of the day.

Rosters for September 01 & 02 ~ Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	Sr Doreen	Volunteer required	B Power, C DiCorleto, D Buckland, T Wisby	A O'Hara R Tactor	Jane	A Symonds
9:30am	R Diaz C McLure	L Van der Velden	J& W Waanders, J Cahill, K Jones, E Ryan, J Hanratty	T & L Biancon	Filipino Choir	P & L Van der Velden
6:00pm	H Theissling	J Hanrahan	R Tarraran, J Reid, D Locke, Volunteer	A Ward	Diamente family	B Kennedy

- **Altar Cleaning:** Aug 26 J Scholtes Sept 02 F Rycak
- **Church Cleaning:** August St Gabriel's Team September McLaughlin Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Marianne and Therese
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Aug 26 V & J Besselink Sept 02 B Wilksch
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:** September 06 Moretti Team September 13 McLaughlin Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:1-3

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Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all
the day long.

First Reading Joshua 24:1-2 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9**(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. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **(R.)**
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **(R.)**
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **(R.)**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
(R.)

Next week's Readings ~ September 2, 2018
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8
Second Reading: St James 1:17-18 21-22 27
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8 14-15 21-23

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation see John 6:63 68

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!*

Gospel John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'