



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 09, 2018

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

Hello everyone,

I'd like to say a big 'thank you' to all our parishioners for your generous donations and support for the Operation Shoe Box initiative of the parish youth ministry. Many thanks also to Lou, Leah, Sally, Rachel and Scott from the youth group for the work they do, not just for the youth ministry in the parish, but also for sowing the seed of social justice in the hearts of the young ones. God bless us all.

As you all know, the parish youth ministry is planning an event to celebrate the young ones in the parish (but open to the entire Valley region). This event is titled "**Celebrate Youth of the Valley.**" It comes up next Sunday, September 16. To support this event, we had a leaving collection a couple of weeks ago. Thanks for that. This Sunday, September 9th, after the 9.30am Mass, the young ones are having a sausage sizzle and pie drive ... to raise funds to support the event, and for their Ignite Youth Conference in Brisbane. I solicit your support and patronage for the young ones please.

This Sunday is Child Protection Sunday. It recalls our task of ensuring that children in our churches and schools can grow, talk, and play safely. The day carries great weight because we know that in the church and some other institutions in the past, many people entrusted with the care of children exploited and abused them. In the wake of recent uncovering of cases of child abuse, many hearts are wounded. Many hearts are still bleeding. Those protecting the house became bandits. Child protection Sunday draws our attention to ensuring that proper protocols and safeguards are observed. As a faith community, it is more deeply a time for asking how better we can make our church a welcoming space in which our children can be safe, feel safe and flourish. This is a duty for every one of us.

In our Gospel story today, Mark tells us that Jesus brings a deaf and dumb man out of the world of silence to a state where he can hear and speak clearly. In the past, children were silenced: they were not listened to, those who heard them did not believe them, or failed to report it, and priests and bishops tried to preserve public silence about it. This was a silent world in which children suffered. Child Protection Sunday reiterates the call of the church today that: **the church to which Jesus calls us is one where people, and everyone, can speak freely, children play safely, and life is lived transparently.** **Glory to God!!!**

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 10	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 11	9.30am	Mass
Weds 12	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 13	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's
Fri 14	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
	10.30am	Mass, Bupa
Sat 15	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.

BAPTISMS:

This weekend we welcome for Baptism

***Harvey Joseph Bordonaro**

Son of Claude and Julie

***Vanessa Harvey**

Daughter of Nicolas and Angela

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).

CONGRATULATIONS ON 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Agnes and Robert Drenen celebrated their 60th wedding Anniversary on Thursday 6th September. We congratulate them and wish them our blessings and prayers on such a momentous occasion. Well Done!!

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. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

WELL DONE to Matthew Hanratty, Thomas Mathew and Shane Reid, for speaking at Mass on Sunday morning about what being a father means to them. Each experience is unique and they did a great job sharing.



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 our young people.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Tues 11th

10am – CWL Meeting in MMR

12noon – St Michael's Plenary Discussion in Parish Centre

1pm – Knights of the Southern Cross, MMR

7.00pm – Micks Kitchen Meeting, St Vinnies

7.30pm – Diocesan Plenary Training

Wed 12th

4.30pm – Baptism for School aged Children, Parish Centre

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

Thurs 13th

4.30pm – Youth Council

7:30pm RCIA meeting, Parish Centre

FINANCE MATTERS:

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

Counters

September 09 Mitchell Team

September 16 Waanders Team

FATHER'S DAY PRIESTS WELFARE FOUNDATION COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Priests' Welfare Foundation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently, including Lisa Daly and Patricia Bruce and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Maria Calabrese, Charlotte Maat, Maria Disito, Olga Breen, Carmel Iseppi, John McKee, Leonardo DiSisto, and Filomena DiSisto.

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

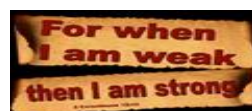
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including Mark Martin, 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: Thank you to everyone who has been so patient with Jen whilst Bev has been away. Bev still has 1 more week holiday's and Jen is counting down the days until she returns.

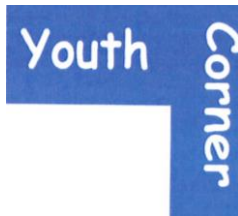


CELEBRATE YOUTH OF THE VALLEY

NEXT SUNDAY!!!!

Sunday 16th September, 4pm – 7pm

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



YOUTH FUNDRAISING

Sunday 9th September – pie drive and sausage sizzle after 9.30am Mass. We hope to see you all there to support and encourage our young ones. This is the last day Pie orders are accepted and they will be ready to be picked up from the Hall on Thursday 20th September between 3.30pm – 6pm.

ST MICHAEL'S CHUCH YOUTH COUNCIL

The Youth Council meets regularly with Fr Francis and Jen Hanratty to discuss many things such as : youth events, bible readings, praying, positive attitudes, leadership ect. We would like to introduce each member so you can get to know them better. They each bring a different gift to the group and we are thrilled to have them on board.

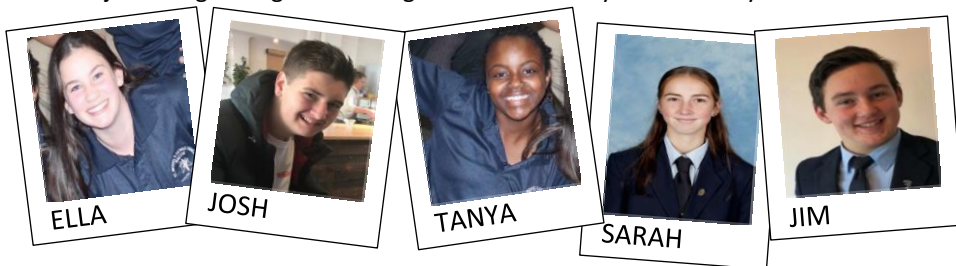
Ella is 15 and in Y9 at Gippsland Grammar in Sale. Her desire to grow our Youth ministry at St Michael's is amazing and her confidence and leadership qualities are outstanding.

Tanya is 14 and in year 9 at Chairo Christian College in Drouin. She displays a deep faith and reverence in all she does and is extremely reliable and willing to do all she can.

Jim is 14 and in year 8 at Lavalla Catholic College and shows fantastic confidence and leadership qualities. He also has amazing courage to stand up for what he believes.

Sarah is 15 and in Year 9 at Lavalla Catholic College. Her kindness and calm nature is a great addition to our team and her patience with the younger children is exceptional.

Josh is 13 and in Y8 at Gippsland Grammar. Josh has amazing musical talent and does a brilliant job in organising and leading the music in the youth ministry activities.



BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Our Parish is once more running a program for children aged 4 – 13 who wish to be baptised. There are two sessions of one hour (4.30-5.30pm) 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)* for more information. 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.

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 in the Parish Centre:
Sept 11th, 17th, 25th - Noon – 1.30pm

Over afternoon tea in the Parish Centre
October 10th, 16th, 24th - 2pm – 3.30pm

In the evening:
September 20th; October 22nd - 7.30-9pm

Before Sunday night Mass:

November 18th 4pm – 5.30pm

We would love to see you there.

See the posters in Church for more details contact the parish Office or Mike Hansen.



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.

Rosters for September 15 & 16 ~ Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	C DiCorleto	S Hill	C DiCorleto, B Power, M Giddens, D Buckland	Volunteer needed	Diamente family	Volunteers required
9:30am	M Hansen N Georgeson	M Moulton	T Denny, J & W Waanders, L Panozzo-Tilè, A Symonds, volunteer	R Benbow M Blanchard	Charismatic Choir	P & L Van der Velden
5:00PM	YOUTH MASS AT KILDARE CAMPUS, LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE, KOSCIUSZKO STREET, TRARALGON					

- **Altar Cleaning:** Sept 09 L Kennedy Sept 16 M Giddens
- **Church Cleaning:** September McLaughlin Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Alison, Tamille & Josephine
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Sept 09 H Theisling Sept 16 J McCormick

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 20 Van Berkel Team Sept 27 Adroit Team

Entrance Antiphon Ps 118:137 124

*You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10 R v1**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation see John 6:63 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Next week's Readings ~ September 16, 2018
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9
Second Reading: James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35