



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

G'day everyone,

It is not coincidence that the Australian church declared this year as the **YEAR OF YOUTH**. For us as a parish community, it is divine arrangement. It is ten years since World Youth Day was held in Australia. To mark this tenth anniversary, the church deemed it fit to celebrate the Youth in a big and exciting way. Fabulous!

Why do I have to say it is a divine arrangement for us as a parish community? Come to think of it. Sometime last year we prayed, we discussed, and we enquired about how the young ones can take on active roles in the parish community in such a way that they not only see it as theirs, but actually feel part of the parish. This prayer, discussion and enquiry, having been blessed by the Holy Spirit, gave birth to the initiative where the young ones now have resumed taking up ministries at a monthly celebration of the Eucharist within the parish community. Isn't that awesome!!

Now, it is over twelve months since that initiative was inaugurated. Is it not time we celebrated the renewed spirit, activity and enthusiasm of the youth in our midst. This is why, this Sunday, as a community we come together to CELEBRATE YOUTH OF THE VALLEY. So, even if you been to Mass on Saturday night or Sunday morning, please you are welcome to join the rest of the parish at the Kildare Campus of Lavalla College on Sunday evening (16/09/19) as we celebrate the very many talents of our youth, followed by an amazing atmosphere of a youth led Mass, after which the party begins. Ooo hoooo!!!

We are simply saying to the young ones of the community: we acknowledge, appreciate, cherish and value their presence in the parish. The parish is theirs. They are not only the future of the parish but even right now, they are the "present" of the community. This can be seen from their active roles in the parish life: leading music at masses, taking up other ministries during the Mass, forming the junior Youth Council to develop their leadership skills, active involvement in social justice issues and seasonal liturgies (Lenten, Easter and Christmas) and other fun activities that bring the young ones together. Wow!!!! What a glorious God we serve. May HIS name be praised for the zeal of our young ones. I call on everyone to please be a continuous encouragement and support for these young members of our community. They deserve our "thumbs up."

Good on you guys... keep up the good job.

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

September 17 to September 22, 2018

Mon 17	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 18	10.45am	Liturgy, Majory Cole
	11.00am	Funeral Mass
Weds 19	11.00am	Funeral Mass
Thurs 20	9:30am	Mass
Fri 21	9:30am	Mass
Sat 22	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 Brianna Lowden, Joe Agostino and Patricia Bruce and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Tom King, Carmel Iseppi, John McKee, Willemina Nijenhuis, Alan Webber, Blair Turnbull, Margaret Kozlowska, Fr Tim Hourigan, Matt Dal Pra, Mary Cooney.

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, 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.

WELCOME BACK BEV: A huge welcome back to Bev to the Parish Office. We are thrilled to have you back in the office this week (especially Jen). Bev is a wonderful presence in our Church and we are very lucky to have her smiling face back in the Parish Office.

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.



EMMAUS WALKING RETREAT: October 14 to 21, 2018. A 7 day walking Retreat from San Remo to Welshpool. The walk takes participants along the George Bass Coastal Walk, Bass Coast Rail Trail and the Great Southern Rail Trail. If interested, please contact Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality on 9854 8110. Registration by July 30, please. Please see flyers in the church foyers for further information.

CATHOLIC MISSION SUPPORT

The Bishop would like to set up a small group to assist in promoting the Work of Catholic Mission in the Sale Diocese. Catholic Mission is the Australian agency of the International Pontifical Mission Societies which supports those who are working for the spread of the Gospel in places where the local people cannot financially afford to support them. The main appeal is the annual Catholic Mission Collection which is taken up each year in October. Another task of this group would be to raise awareness of this important work in the colleges and schools of our diocese. If you are interested please contact the parish office.

CWL FOLLOW UP At the 11th September Meeting it was decided to continue with the process of the Reopening of the CWL Traralgon Branch. There will be a Meeting at 10.30 on Tuesday 2nd October in the Mary MacKillop's Room. Ladies are welcome to attend and join those who are interested in the future of CWL in Traralgon Parish. Please contact Linda Darmody on 51749770, Ansje Sykes on 0413 489 704, Parish Office on 51742060

LECTIO DIVINA MEDITATION

Chris Roga will be running the 2nd session of Lectio Divina meditation on on the 19th of September in the St Paul's Chapel from 3.45pm-4.45pm. If you are interested in attending please contact Chris Roga at ROGACHR1@lavalla.vic.edu.au

MASS TIME CHANGE

**This weekend Sunday 16th
Sept - there is 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:

Mon 17th

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

Wed 19th

1.30pm – Sacrament Team Meeting, Parish Centre

4.30pm – Baptism for School aged Children, Church

7pm – Baptism Preparation Meeting

Thurs 20th

7.30pm – Plenary Session, MacKillop Room

7:30pm - RCIA meeting, Parish Centre

FINANCE MATTERS:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." MARK 8:34

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

Counters

September 16 Waanders Team

September 23 Arend Team

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. Fr Mathew Joseph will be visiting from India to attend this event for his nephew.

Its finally here

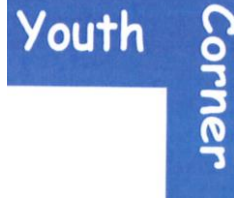
CELEBRATE YOUTH OF THE VALLEY

THIS WEEKEND

Sunday 16th September, 4pm – 7pm

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

Thank you to everyone for their prayers and support! Hope to see you there!!



YOUTH FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all those who helped and supported the sausage sizzle last weekend. Even though it was a cold morning it didn't stop the parishioners buying a sausage and chatting after Mass. We raised \$329.15 for the Youth Ministry!

Pie orders will be ready to be picked up from the Hall on Thursday 20th September between 3.30pm – 6pm. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

OPERATION SHOEBOX

Thank you to all the parishioners who donated to this great cause. The kids had a great time packing all the goodies on Friday night and we managed to pack 75 shoeboxes with more still to go. Stay tuned for an update and photo of the success.

SMY@L – St. Michael's Parish Youth Group

Friday Oct 19th ~ Progressive Dinner

Walking dinner around Traralgon. Meet at St Michael's Church 6.30pm. Pick up from Church at 8.30pm. Contact Sally 0403 282 630 for more info.

BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Our Parish is once more running a program for children aged 4 – 13 who wish to be baptised. The second session of one hour (4.30-5.30pm) is in the Parish centre, on Wednesday 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.

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.

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.

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 LEAFLET IN THE BULLETIN FOR MORE INFORMATION.



DIOCESAN PLENARY OPEN DIALOGUE

Bishop Pat is inviting the whole Diocesan Community to participate in one of 5 regional Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue Sessions with the Bishop, to be held in October and November. The last time he was here was to inform us all about what the Plenary Council was all about so this is a great opportunity to be engaged in prayerful listening, discussion and faith sharing as we journey towards the Plenary Council in 2020. The fruits of our discussions will be submitted online to the Plenary Council. Our closest meeting will be at Sacred Heart at 7.30pm on October 25th.

Rosters for September 22 & 23 ~ Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	S Grout	B O'Brien	J Scholtes, Volunteers x 3	S Frankland L Kennedy	Jane	A & M Giddens
9:30am	U Imhagwe	M Tainsh	W Detering, C Payne, J Cahill, C Mesaric, M Hnratty, S Reid	C Collis E Freeman	Jane	G Imhagwe
6:00pm	R Tarraran	R Tarraran	J O'Brien, R O'Connor, Volunteers x 2	G Edgar J Sykes	Jane	L Theissling

- **Altar Cleaning:** Sept 16 M Giddens Sept 23 M Tainsh
- **Church Cleaning:** Sept McLaughlin Team October Couling Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** School holidays, in recess
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Sept 16 J McCormick Sept 23 S & S Wandue
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 27 Adroit Team October 04 Mitchell Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Sir 36:18

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*Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.*

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10 R v1**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **(R.)**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **(R.)**

Second Reading James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then

what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation Galatians 6:14*Alleluia, alleluia!**My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.**Alleluia!***Gospel** Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



Next week's Readings ~ September 23, 2018
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12 17-20
Second Reading: James 3:16 – 4:3
Gospel: Mark 9:30-37