



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

BUILDING THE BODY OF THE CHRIST:

Around 50 people came and enjoyed the second session of Building the Body of Christ with Fr Francis.

It was marvellous to gather together as 'the body of Christ'.

We spoke together about what St Michael's community was like in the past, what attracted us then.

We also looked at our current strengths and weaknesses, how can we improve on what and who we are right now, and what other areas we need to address? We will continue to gather more information on these questions in the coming weeks. To guide us, we went back to Scripture - In Isaiah 66:1-2 we learned that God is looking for 'people of humble and contrite spirit, who thrive on my Word'. So from Isaiah we learn that God wants his Church built with people, people who will be the 'living stones of His Church'.

Peter spoke to the Church saying 'let yourselves be like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house..' (1 Peter 2:4-5)

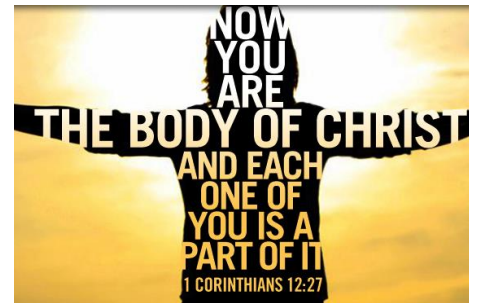
Which brings our community to the time and place where we need to be building a spiritual house, caring for each other and helping our community to grow in strength and in the surety of our faith in the Lord, and in God's abundant love for each of us.

So to reflect for next week - think on practical ways of building up the body of Christ in our context and in our community. And how Jesus laid the foundation in his own ministry.

The gathering was a great opportunity for parishioners to get to know each other a little better, there was great conversation happening. For our community to grow, we need to learn more about each other. So please, come along and be part of our growing community.

THANK YOU a huge thank you to Peter Dal Pra and Graham Frankland and their amazing team of workers who have been as busy as busy can be, looking after our Church and its surrounds. We've had men mowing, digging, digging, digging, cement trucks coming and going pipes being laid, landscaping, and so much more.

We are so blessed to have such enthusiastic, generous, hard working parishioners here in St Michael's and I know this team would be so grateful to have more members offering physical support and presence.



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

October 15 to 20

Mon 15	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 16	10:45am	Mass, Margery Cole
Weds 17	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 18	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
Fri 19	9:30am	Mass
Sat 20	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 Warren Wicks, Bessie Davidson, Gail Potter, Owen Charles and Noel Williams; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Renald Buhagiar, Girolomo & Annunziata Agostino, Joe Agostino, Giuliano & Silvia Pretto, Mario & Nadia Furlan, Jean Lythgo, Edgar England and Cosmo Albanese.

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

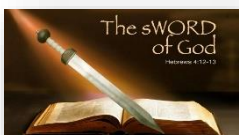
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including, Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, Fr Bernard Buckley, Gary Donchi, Fr Frank Freeman, Carolyn Gleeson, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Ann Lapuh, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Dorothy Smith, Fred Sullivan, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith and Fr Frank Young.



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL DAY:

Is being held at St Ita's Church, Drouin on Saturday October 20, 10:00am-4:00pm. Speakers, Anne Brereton (National Co-ordinator), Lenyce Willason (Melbourne Co-ordinator), Fr Francis Otopo (Celebrant). BYO Lunch. For inquiries, Cathy on 0432 588 195.



BAPTISMS: This weekend, we welcome for Baptism :~

- * **Luana Telesia Tuimaseve**, daughter Damian and Ana:
- * **Lilli Jayne Mueller**, daughter of Peter and Kahlee:
- * **Molly Margaret Davis**, daughter of Anthony and Catherine:
- * **Zara Hope Byrne**, daughter of Stephen and Christie.



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

Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Tuesday October 16 at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information.

PARISH DINNER:

Date: Friday November 09, 2018

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Del Mondo's Restaurant
Post Office Place, Traralgon.

Cost: \$40 per head, adults
\$15 for 12yrs and under,
Under 4 yrs free.

Tickets are now on sale in the Parish Office. Please book your tickets now, so we can gain numbers for catering purposes. Please bring correct money for your tickets, thank you.

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 – enjoy a chat and a cuppa at the Parish Centre.

October 16 2:00-3:30pm

October 22 7:30-9:00pm

October 24 2:00-3:30pm

November 18 4:00-5:30pm.

We would love to see you there.

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. Our best opportunity is to meet with him on **Thursday October 25th at 7:00pm** at Sacred Heart Church, 266 Commercial Road, Morwell.

This is a great opportunity for us to engage in prayerful listening and discussion about our Church. 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.

STEWARDSHIP (Planned Giving) MID

PROGRAM REVIEW:

Our current Stewardship Program is currently half way through its timeline. The Stewardship Program is an important means of support for St. Michael's Parish, it helps provide the core funding commitment for the running of the daily activities of our parish, upkeep of facilities and pastoral programs. We are currently undertaking a review of where we are at, and over the next two weekends you will hear more about our current state/future plans and have the opportunity to consider your contribution. I would like to personally thank you all, for all you have done for our wonderful parish to date, God Bless you! - Father Francis.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Tues 16

2:00-3:30pm **Plenary Session**, Mary MacKillop Room

7:00pm **Baptism Preparation Meeting**, Parish Centre

Weds 17

7:00pm **PPC Meeting**, Parish Centre

Thurs 18

4:30-5:30pm **Youth Mass Training**, Church.

7:30pm **Building the Body of Christ**, Mary MacKillop Hall

CWL NEWS: All ladies are invited to the re-opening of the Traralgon CWL on **Tuesday 30th October, at 10:30am** in the Mary MacKillop Room.

Please contact Linda on 5174 9779 or Ansje on 1413 089 704 for details.



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CATHOLIC MISSION:

Next weekend is also Catholic Mission

Sunday. We will have leaving collections at

our Masses for the work of Catholic Mission Australia. Donation envelopes will be available in the Church.

LECTIO DIVINA MEDITATION:

Chris Roga will be running a third session of Lectio Divina Meditation on Wednesday October 17, 2018 at 3:45-4:45pm in the St Paul's Chapel, Lavalla Catholic College, Grey Street, Traralgon.

PRAYER RETREAT: The Marian Movement of Priests will conduct a Prayer Retreat with Fr Hugh Tomas on Tuesday October 16th, 11:00am -3:30pm in St Brigid's Church, 19 Church Street Cowwarr.

Eucharistic Adoration, Cenacle Rosary Confession, Reflections by Fr Hugh, Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Holy Mass. Please BYO lunch. Coffee & tea provided. Contact Marianne Bagguley on 0407 353 750 for details.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: This weekend we welcome the First Reconciliation children and their families to the Commitment Masses. Our prayers are with you all.

The Parent/Child Workshops will be held at 4:00pm and 5:30pm on **Wednesdays October 24 and 31**. First Reconciliation will be celebrated from 6:30pm on **Tuesday 13th November and Wednesday 14th November**. Parents are reminded that attendance is required at all preparation sessions.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: All kindergarten 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 further information.



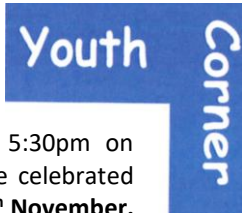
YOUTH MASS: Our next Youth Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday October 21 at the 6:00pm Mass**, with the training session being held on Thursday October 18, 4.30 to 5.30pm in the Hall.

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.

Operation Shoe Box Report The Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes were again a great success thanks to your generosity. With all of the donations from parishioners, youth group families and others, we had enough items to pack *80 boxes* and enough money for the postage costs as well! So thank you, to all those who made a contribution. Special thanks to those who knitted or sewed items for the boxes. A big thank you to all for your support and prayers, from the SMY@L Leaders. There are some photos of the Youth Group and the boxes in the Church foyer.

CLOSURE OF THE YEAR OF YOUTH: "The LAMP ABLAZE": On Nov 17, the Western Region Youth (LAMP) will celebrate with Bishop Pat at St Peter's College, Cranbourne. Registration via <https://thelampwrsale.wixsite.co/home> or via the facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TheL.A.M.P.Sale/>). Cost is \$5 payable on the day.

YOUTH NIGHT FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS: A get together for Secondary School aged students will be held in the Mary MacKillop Hall on Friday November 30th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. All youngsters of that age are warmly invited to attend. It will be a night for our young ones to get together for faith, friendship and food. Please put this date in your diaries.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:

Receipts for Planned Giving for June 01 to September 30 2018 are now available to be collected. Please take your receipt home. This will greatly assist us to keep our postage bill down, thank you.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." MARK 10:25
Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

September 2018

Loose collections

Sept 02	\$1,129.00
Sept 09	\$1,059.00
Sept 16	\$1,169.00
Sept 23	\$1,151.50
Sept 30	\$1,194.00
	<u>\$6,033.00</u>

Planned Giving

Envelopes	\$7,361.25
Direct Debit	\$5,743.00
Credit Card	<u>\$3,715.00</u>
September total	<u>\$ 16,819.25</u>
Monthly pledge amount	\$18,328.00

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

Counters

- October 14** Mitchell Team
- October 21** Waanders Team



Rosters for October 20 & 21 ~ Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	C DiCorleto	D Smith	B Power, M Giddens, D Buckland, volunteer	H Luque	Diamente family	Volunteer needed
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	P & L Van der Velden
6:00pm	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	J Reid, R Tarraran, D Locke, volunteer	Volunteer	Youth Mass	A O'Neill

- Altar Cleaning:** Oct 21 M Giddens Oct 28 M Tainsh
- Church Cleaning:** October Couling Team Nov Rickwood Team
- Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Jane Doherty
- Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Oct 14 Mr & Mrs Tainsh Oct 21 C & C Watts
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:** Oct 18 Hemming Team Oct 25 L Burns

Entrance Antiphon Ps 129:3-4

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord,
who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.*

First Reading Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for
compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and
beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her
to the light, since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me, at her
hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

(R.) *Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!*

1. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R.)**
3. Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**



Next week's Readings ~ October 21
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Second Reading

Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 10: 17-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. . 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'