

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
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BUILDING THE BODY OF THE CHRIST: In the third session in this series held on Thursday evening, Fr Francis asked us to reflect on practical ways of building up the body of Christ in our context and in our community.

And so, he took us back to scripture, to look at how Jesus lay the foundation in his own ministry. And we found, Jesus called people to repentance and to accepting the Good News (Mark1:15); he appointed twelve people to help him minister to the people (Matt 10:1-15, Mar 6:8-11, Luke 9:2-5 cf. Luke 10:1-20).

Jesus encouraged them to form communities of disciples ('where two or three gather in my name' . . . Matt 18:20). The community is to be formed around his Word ('if you make my Word your home, then you are my disciples . . . John 8:31) Jesus then ministered to the needs of the people - the hungry were fed (John 6:1-14): the sick were healed (Luke 4:38-41): the demon possessed were liberated (Luke 4:31-37): the bereaved were comforted (John 11:17-37): the dead raised to life (John 11:38-44, Luke 7:11-17): the downtrodden were set free (John 8:1-11): and the word of God was preached to everyone (Luke 6:27-19).

Jesus is people centred.

Jesus wanted his disciples to continue and build on what they already had when he sent them out "as you go, proclaim the good news, 'the kingdom of God has come near'. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons..." (Matt 10:7-8)

Jesus' great concern is the people of God. And same with the early church.

- * to build up the body of Christ is to build up the community of believers.
- * is to build up a people who care for one another; interested in the well-being of the other; who value one another; and are prepared to form a community with one another.
- * is to build up a community that has Jesus at the centre of its existence.
- * is to build up a community whose love for God and for one another draws from the love of Christ in the Spirit.

Some of the issues we encounter in our endeavours to Build the Body of Christ are that our major community assembly is mostly on Sundays: not many wait around after Mass, and those who do usually speak with the same people: people rush away for different reasons, so no connection is made with each other: not enough time for biblical expositions or for theological and doctrinal discussions: not enough time to get to know others, not even for a cuppa.

The last evening in this series will be held in the Mary MacKillop Hall on Friday October 26 at 7:00pm. A reflection for us all to consider between now and then is "**Our co-responsibility in building the Body of Christ**".

Hopefully all in our Parish will attend on Friday evening, it would be great if we can make connections with each other. Please bring a plate of supper to share.

Fr Francis

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 22 to 27

Mon 22	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 23	9:30am	Mass
Weds 24	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 25	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
	6:00pm	Graduation Mass for Lavalla Catholic College Yr 12 students
Fri 26	9:30am	Mass
Sat 27	9.30am	Mass, Reconciliation

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 10:15am &



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CATHOLIC MISSION:

This weekend we celebrate Mission Sunday. The work of Catholic Mission helps people in many areas of the world where people are living in poverty. Please give generously to Catholic Mission and support their work which is vital to so many who live with so little in their lives. We will have leaving collections for Catholic Mission after Masses this weekend. There are donation envelopes on the tables in the Church entrances.

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 and after Mass for the next three weekends. Please book your tickets now, so we can gain numbers for catering purposes. Please bring correct money for your tickets, thank you.

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.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Mon 22

7:30-9:00pm **Plenary Session**, Mary MacKillop Room

Weds 24

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

4:00pm & 5:30pm **Reconciliation Workshop 1** for Parents and children.

7:30pm **Finance meeting**, Parish Centre

Thurs 25

7:00pm **Plenary Open Dialogue**, Sacred Heart, Morwell

Fri 26 7:00pm **Building the Body of Christ**, Mary MacKillop Hall

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.*

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:

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." MARK 10:45

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

Counters

October 21 Waanders Team

October 28 Arend Team

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 9770 or Ansjie on 1413 489 704 for details.

RCIA: Please keep Richard Webber in your prayers as he continues his journey to full reception into the Catholic faith which we will all celebrate at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 2nd December. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate of morning tea to share after Mass.

BAPTISMS:

Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday November 14 at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.**

Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information.

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 Henry Smith, Walter Dyblik, Renald Buhagiar, Girolomo & Annunziata Agostino, Joe Agostino, Giuliano & Silvia Pretto, and Mario & Nadia Furlan.

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.



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 22 7:30-9:00pm

October 24 2:00-3:30pm

November 18 4:00-5:30pm.

We would love to see you there.



FIRST RECONCILIATION: This weekend we welcome the First Reconciliation children and their families to our Masses, they will be bringing their Prayer Letters with them. Please take a letter from one of our children home and keep him/her and their family in your prayers.

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: Sunday December 09. Please note change of date from December 02. Altar serving training sessions will be held at 11:00am 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.

LAVALLA COLLEGE LITURGICAL CHOIR: It is with great pleasure that we welcome the Lavalla Catholic College Liturgical Choir to our 9:30am Mass this weekend. What a privilege to enjoy their music in our Mass. Please join the choir

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.

SMY@L YOUTH GROUP: Friday November 23 – Traralgon's Amazing Race Rally. A night of fun, mystery and competition. Where will the amazing race take you? Permission forms need to be signed on the night. Leaders/parents cars will be used to transport youth.

Start at St Michael's Mary MacKillop Hall at 6:30pm. Pick up Pax Hill Tennis Club at 9:00pm. Pizza Supper provided. Cost, new toys for Toy Run donation. Phone Rachel on 0499 077 735 or Lou on 0414 540 296 for info. Last event for 2018.

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

MASS FOR CHILDREN GONE TOO SOON:

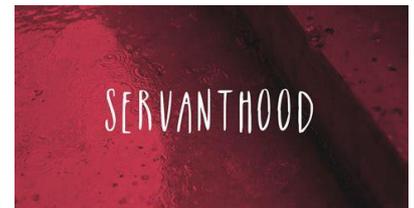
This Mass will be celebrated at the 6:00pm Mass on Sunday November 18. Please mention this Mass to all you know who may wish to attend.

RELAXING WOMEN'S WEEKEND: 9-11th November 2018

Ladies, have you tuned into yourself lately? You have the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing, sharing, rejuvenating weekend at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre in Lysterfield.

Meals are catered, there's a lovely town to explore, it's a great time and place to share with others or to be alone, as you please. It's a time to stop and take care of your self.

For details please contact Colette Jewell by phone on 5174 3926 or email coletteb@live.com.au



FR CAGNEY'S 25th ANNIVERSARY: On **December 04** this year, it will be 25 years since Fr David A Cagney passed away.

Fr Cagney was Parish Priest here in St Michael's from January 1984 until his death in December 1993. The Parish will commemorate his anniversary with the planting of a Mary MacKillop rose bush in the parish rose garden following **9:30am Mass on Tuesday 4th December**. Morning tea will be shared in the Mary MacKillop Room following the planting. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to share.



Rosters for October 27 & 28 ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	C Roga	M Noone	J Scholtes, R Tactor, volunteers x 2	S Frankland L Kennedy	Jane	A & M Giddens
9:30am	T Denny S Reid	L Vander Velden	W Detering, C Payne, J Cahill, C Mesaric, M Hanratty, Volunteer	C Collis E Freeman	Jane	G Imhagwe
6:00pm	H Theissling	R Tarraran	J O'Brien, R O'Connor, volunteers x2	G Edgar J Sykes	Jane	L Theissling

- **Altar Cleaning:** Oct 28 M Tainsh Nov 04 J Scholtes
 - **Church Cleaning:** October Couling Team Nov Rickwood Team
 - **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Marianne and Theresa
 - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Oct 21 C & C Watts Oct 28 Mons Allman
- 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 25 Burns Team Nov 01 Moretti Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 16:6,8

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O
God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

First Reading Is 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and
have long life.*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with
suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.

By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love.
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Heb 4: 14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme
high priest who has gone through to the highest
heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have
professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who
was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but
we have one who has been tempted in every way that
we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident,
then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall
have mercy from him and find grace when we are in
need of help.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve

and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10: 35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached
Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do
us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me
to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one
at your right hand and the other at your left in your
glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus
said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink,
or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be
baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them,
'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with
the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall
be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my
left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those
to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel
indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them
to him and said to them: 'You know that among the
pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and
their great men make their authority felt. This is not
to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to
become great among you must be your servant, and
anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave
to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be
served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom
for many.'

Next week's Readings ~ October 28
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52