



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.

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 Christ.

Isn't God amazing! Here I am in the seminary in Carlton for our annual clergy in-service trying to figure out how to send out a particular message to our parish community in Traralgon, and the Spirit is sending out the same message to the body of clergy present. It is a call to rebuilding the community spirit of our parish and how it is a job for every one of us. And guess what? Though our discussion at the in-service centers more on the celebration of Christian funeral, it is observed that at the heart of every parish funeral is the sense of the parish as a community. It is the community, the family and friends that actually farewell one of its own. For instance, among many other roles, **The Order of Christian Funeral** identifies that: "The responsibility for the ministry of consolation rests with the believing community, which heeds the words and examples of Jesus..." See how God works. And all the time, I was simply nodding in affirmation. Friends, where a community spirit is built up, people feel much more at home. This, I guess, is the central message of our vision statement: a welcoming parish.

Last weekend, you must have read in the bulletin that I will be presenting a series of talks over the course of three Thursdays and one Friday in October. This is true. And I did explain that these sessions will be very practical on how we all can restore the sense of community that we had as a parish. We all have a role to play in this task. This is why the theme for our discussion is **Building the Body of Christ**. Since we are the body of Christ, we need to take care of this spiritual body just as we all like to take care of our physical bodies. What this means and how it may work in our context is what we shall be discussing, with the word of God as our foundation. Please, let us all come together and let the community flourish again. The dates are Thursdays: 4th, 11th, 18th, and Friday 26th of October between 7.00 and 8.30pm. For details on the program of event, please see the inside of this bulletin. **A plate to share will be appreciated.**

Meanwhile, in line with Prov 27:17 which states – "as iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another," we may have testimonies of the faith journey of any two parishioners each night who are willing to share their faith stories. Please let me or the parish secretaries know.

Looking forward to catching up with you all there...

Fr Francis

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm	St Michael's Traralgon
Sunday	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
	6:00pm	St Michael's Traralgon

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

October 01 to 06		
Mon 01	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 02	9:30am	Mass
Weds 03	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 04	10:30am	Mass, Dalkeith
Fri 05	9:30am	Mass
Sat 06	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 Mrs Gina Lomagno (Fr Manny's mother), Mark Martin and Jim Birmingham, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Nerolie Luddeni, Judith White, Elise Fuoco, Ray Still, Franco Fuoco and Theresa Ryan.

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, Dorothy Buckland, 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 Riggall, Dorothy Smith, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, Fr Frank Young, and Justin Young.



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Mon 01 7:00pm Finance Team

Weds 03

9:00-11:30am Weds AM Cells Group, Mary MacKillop Room

Thurs 04

9:00am-3:00pm Diocesan CWL Meeting, Mary MacKillop Room

7:00-8:30pm Building the Body of Christ, Mary MacKillop Room

7:30pm - RCIA meeting, Parish Centre

Fri 05 5:00pm Finance Team

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for Baptism – 

***Imogen Rose Hillier**, daughter of Chantelle; and

* **Logan Andrew Brown**, son of Andrew and AbbyLee.

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.

OFFICE CLOSED ON TUESDAY: Jen and Bev will be absent from the office on Tuesday, attending a First Aid training inservice in Sale. This is to enable our office to meet occupation health and safety requirements.

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 10.30am 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

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

FR MATTHEW JOSEPH is currently in Australia, and will be here at St Michael's on **Wednesday October 03 at 2:00pm**. Please call in and have a chat with him, he'd love to see you all - bring a plate of afternoon tea to share.

DAYLIGHT

SAVING begins next **Sunday**

October 07.

Remember to wind your clocks forward one hour, or you'll be late for everything all day.



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 will be on sale in the Parish Office in coming weeks, watch this space!

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: This weekend the Church is celebrating Social Justice Sunday.

The 2018-2019 Statement, titled 'A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land', is a response to the growing problem of homelessness in Australia. It seems hard to believe that in a rich nation such as ours, the latest Census figures show that the number of Australians who are homeless has grown to more than 116,000. House prices and even rents are spiraling out of each of too many families and placing huge financial stress on ordinary people, even when they are employed. For those living on pensions or allowances, finding secure housing can be a far greater challenge – one that often takes a terrible toll on social wellbeing and mental health.

The Scriptural basis of this year's Statement is Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-35), about the outsider who stops to help a man in desperate need, takes him to safety and pays for his care.

The Statement examines the extent of Australia's homelessness and housing crisis. It emphasises that secure housing is a human right and an uncontested public good, affirmed by both Catholic teaching and the Declaration of Human Rights. In concluding, it issues a challenge to government, to Church and to the community and to us as individuals to bring about change and reform.

Copies of the 2018-2019 Social Justice Statement are available in the Church Entrances, or by going to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au to download, or read online.

CELEBRATING OUR SAINTS: Thursday September 27 was the Feast day of St Vincent de Paul. We are grateful for the dedication, energy and commitment to all those who work tirelessly for the Society of St Vincent de Paul here in Traralgon.

Saturday (Sept 20) is the Feast day of St Michael, St Gabriel and St Raphael.

In late medieval Christianity, Michael (together with St George), became the patron saint of chivalry and is now also considered the patron saint of police officers, paramedics, firefighters and the military, and of course our very own Parish, our church, our many groups, and our primary school, St Michael's.

St Gabriel, in Christian tradition, is ever the angel of mercy. Gabriel is the patron saint of communication, because he delivers many of God's most important messages, and helps people to communicate well with each other. He is recognized as the patron saint of messengers, telecommunication workers and postal workers, and of course, our parish school, St Gabriel's.

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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: is in recess over the school holidays, recommencing on Sunday October 14.

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.



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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: The Parent Information Meeting will be held on Wednesday October 10 at 6:45pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. 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.

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

In the evening:

October 22nd - 7.30-9pm

Before Sunday night Mass:

November 18th 4pm – 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, 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.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." MARK 9:41

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

August 2018

Loose collections

August 05	\$1,129.00
August 12	\$1,059.00
August 19	\$1,169.00
August 26	\$1,151.50
	<u>\$4,508.50</u>

Planned Giving

Envelopes	\$6,106.80
Direct Debit	\$6,028.00
Credit Card	\$2,970.00
March total	<u>\$15,104.80</u>

Monthly pledge amount \$18,328.00

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

Counters

September 30 Armstrong Team

October 07 Morris Team



PlenaryCouncil2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Rosters for October 06 & 07 ~ Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	B O'Brien	S Grout	B Power, C DiCorleto, D Buckland, T Wisby	A O'Hara	Jane	A Symonds,
9:30am	R Diaz, C McLure	C McCabe	J&W Waanders, J Cahill, K Jones, E Ryan, J Hanratty	T & L Blancon	Filipino Choir	P & L Van der Velden
6:00pm	C Grosso	J Hanrahan	R Tarraran, J Reid, D Locke Volunteer	A Ward	Diamente Family	B Kennedy

• Altar Cleaning:

Oct 07 F Rycak

Oct 14 L Kennedy

• Church Cleaning:

October Cooling Team

• Children's Liturgy of the Word:

School holidays, in recess

• Touring Statue of Our Lady:

Sept 30 Mr & Mrs McNulty

Oct 07 Mrs D Bau

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:

October 04 Mitchell Team

October 11 Scholtes Team

Entrance Antiphon Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42

*All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgment,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your
mercy.*

First Reading Nm 11:25-29

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A reading from the book of Numbers

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6 8 Rv6**(R.) The precepts of the Lord****give joy to the heart.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**
3. So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

Next week's Readings ~ October 07

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Genesis 2:18-24
Second Reading:	Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel:	Mark 10:2-16

Second Reading James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James
Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation see Thes 2:1

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mark 9:38-43 45 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

