



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



The start of a new liturgical year, beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, also marks the transition from one lectionary cycle (A, B, or C) to the next.

These cycles are a result of the Second Vatican Council, which ordered a change in the Sunday readings at Mass so that Catholics would become more familiar with the text of the Bible. As a result we now have a three-year cycle of readings built around readings from the three synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. And so, we have started Year C, the year we use the Gospel according to Luke.



“Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint.

The Lord never lets us down”.

Pope Francis.



ADVENT: Let us celebrate the liturgical seasons of Advent in the spirit of the environmental encyclical of Pope Francis Laudato Si' (LS). Meet Jesus on our pathway through life. He restores our joy and draws us forward in our ecological vocation to belong within the life giving rhythms of Earth itself.

December is observed throughout the Christian world as a month of prayer and giving to the less well off. Let us give from our substance and not just our excess. Advent celebrations remember a time between the first and second comings of Christ. They are meant to make us ask questions as we oscillate between dream and reality.

Central to the Advent Scripture Readings is a tone of waiting and preparing, longing and watching. They tell stories of searching for meaning to human existence. Church communities have special Advent hymns and practices - a crib, the Magi search. On four successive Advent Sundays we light candles to symbolise the journey.

Let us make Advent a time of meaning for adults as well as joy for children. We can fruitfully search for the presence of God in our world. God can be found revealed in Earth as well as in human history. This liturgical Year C we search for Pathways: Hope for the Journey.

(from www.columban.org.au)

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

December 03 to 08

Mon 03	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 04	9:30am	Mass, Fr Cagney's 25 th Anniversary
	2:30pm	Requiem Mass for Glen Peters
Weds 05	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass, St Michael's
Thurs 06	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
	10:30am	Communion Service at Dalkeith Hostel
Fri 07	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
Sat 08	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 Glen Peters, Dorothy Johnson, Jodi Webster, Patrick Dowd, Doreen Ryan, Dorothy Riley (nee O'Neill) and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Fr David Cagney, Antonio Spurio, Domenico & Vittoria Rigoni, Ben Cunico, Aileen Waters and Agostino Damiano, Mark Harrup, Salvatore Agostino, Giovanni Lombardo, Caterina-Raso-Lombardo, Bridget, Danny & Eamonn Hiney and Henny Van Berkel..
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, Ding and Lulu Aragon, Fr Bernard Buckley, Gary Donchi, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Ann Lapuh, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Fred Sullivan, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith and Fr Frank Young.



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 rose bush in the parish 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.

BAPTISMS: Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday December 05 at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information.



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Weds 95

9:00am Weds AM Cells Group

Advent Prayers, Mary MacKillop Room

7:00pm Baptism Preparation Meeting, Parish Center

WORKING BEE SATURDAY

DECEMBER 8:

8:30am-12:00pm.

Volunteers are required to help tidy up Fr Francis' garden in time for Christmas.

Please bring gloves, clippers, secateurs, rakes etc. BBQ lunch provided for volunteers and partners.



SACRAMENTS 2019: In 2019 we will be celebrating Reconciliation in Term 1, Confirmation early in Term 2 and First Communion in Term 4.

Enrolment Forms for all the Sacraments are available from the Parish Office.



CHRISTMAS GIFTING TREE: St Michael's St Vincent de Paul Conference has again organised the Christmas Gifting Tree to be in the Church from November 11 to December 09.



Parishioners are asked to take a gift tag, and return your gift/voucher by December 10. There will be envelopes in the foyer if you wish to make a monetary donation.

Last year more than 350 children received gifts, and a similar number is expected this year. The conference would like to thank all parishioners for their support during 2017, and wish all a happy, holy and safe Christmas spent with those we love most.

'SEEING A NEED AND DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT':

St Gabriel's and St Michael's staff donated and filled over 50 handbags to be distributed to women in need through the "Share the Dignity" organisation. Each handbag contains essential items and often a luxury or two for women who are in need. Congratulations to the staffs at both schools.

FAREWELLS: The community of St Michael's Primary School wishes to invite parishioners to farewell **Jan Fitzpatrick** and **Angela Waanders** who are retiring at the end of the school year. They have both worked tirelessly for the school community over many years.

There will be a community afternoon tea held in the school hall on Wednesday December 12th from 3:45pm. Please RSVP by Friday December 7th to

office@stmtraralgon.catholic.edu.au. If you can't make that celebration, there will be morning tea in the Mary MacKillop hall following the end of school year Mass held on Friday 7th December.

PLENARY COUNCIL : Many thanks to all who placed a sticky note on the Plenary Wall last weekend. The comments have been typed up and copies of the comments are available on the tables at the entries to the Church. Please take one with you for your consideration. This document will help shape the agenda of the Plenary Council 2020.

Our Advent prayer

In cities and towns
In apartments and terraces,

**All: Christ is
waiting to be
born**

In palaces and
paddocks
In high streets
and back streets,

All: Christ is waiting to be born

In the vastness of the universe
In the intimacy of our hearts,

All: Christ is waiting to be born.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus
Come into our homes
Come into our lives
Come and stay.**



TOURING STATUE OF OUR LADY: the Touring Statue of our Lady is received into the homes of parishioners each week throughout the year. We are currently seeking people to host the statue for four dates in 2019. If you are interested, please contact Marie Moulton 5174 0938 or by email to memou_38@bigpond.com.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS:

All parishioners are reminded that before you can act as a Eucharistic Minister, money collector, reader or volunteer in any way, you must have first obtained your Working With Children Check and registered the Parish as a place where you volunteer. *WWCC can be obtained by going online to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au and completing registration.* You can contact the Office on 5174 2060 if you require assistance.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2018

Christmas Eve Monday December 24

7:00 pm Family Mass, St Michael's
All children of the Parish (and their families) are warmly invited to attend our Christmas Eve Family Mass dressed in shepherd, wise men, angels costumes.

8:00pm Mass at St Columbkille's, Glengarry, with Carols from 7:30pm

11:00pm Mass at St Michael's, with Carols from 10:30pm

Christmas Day Tuesday December 25

9:30am Mass Mass at St Michael's



ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD:

Deacon Paul Hiep Van Nguyen will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Sale on **Saturday 15th December at 11.00 am** at St Mary's Cathedral Sale. All are warmly invited to attend.

2019 ROSTERS: It's already that time of year again!! (Eeek!) Could all those wonderful people who manage the Parish Rosters please forward the rosters for 2019 to sec@smpt.org.au no later than Friday December 07.

YALLOURN MADRIGALS warmly invite all to attend an ecumenical service of Lessons and Carols –

1. 2:00pm Sunday 2nd December at St James Anglican Church, Grey Street, Traralgon; and
2. 5:00pm Sunday 16th December at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Cunninghame Street, Sale.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."
LUKE 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

Counters

- Dec 02** Arend Team
Dec 09 Armstrong Team



Rosters for December 08 and 09 ~ Second Sunday of Advent Year C

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	A Taylor	S Hill	J Scholtes, R Tactor, Volunteers x2	G & D Bassett	Jane	D Buckland
9:30am	M Hansen N Georgeson	H Daly	W Detering, D Prestipino, B & S Edgar, G Imhagwe, A Reid	C Payne M Wilkinson	Jane	M Hanratty
6:00pm	E Joseph	S Luscombe	J Fleming, S Luscombe, Volunteers x 2	M Noone	Jane	L Theissing

- **Altar Cleaning:** Dec 09 J Scholtes Dec 16 F Rycak
- **Church Cleaning:** Dec Van Berkel Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Dec 09 Carolyn and Grace
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Dec 09 V Vaz Dec 16 E Kanara
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:** Dec 06 Scholtes Team Dec 13 Hemming Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
 In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
 Nor let my enemies exult over me;
 and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.
 See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
 I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
 In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
 Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
 For you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is good and upright.
 He shows the path to those who stray,
 he guides the humble in the right path;
 he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
 for those who keep his covenant and will.
 The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
 to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus., who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:36

*Alleluia, alleluia!
 Lord, show us your mercy and love,
 and grant us your salvation.
 Alleluia!*

Gospel Luke 21:25-28 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’



Next week’s Readings ~ December	
<i>Second Sunday of Advent Year C</i>	
First Reading:	Bartholomew 5:1-9
Second Reading:	Philippians 1:3-6 8-11
Gospel:	Luke 3:1-6