



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 04, 2018

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

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

by Dianne Bergant CSS

The first reading contains what many consider the most significant prayer of the Israelite religion. It is a profession of faith in the one God to whom belongs Israel's exclusive and undivided commitment. This God is the patron deity of Israel, the one who drew the people out of Egyptian bondage, led them through the perils of the wilderness, and brought them into the land of promise. This profession of faith is found within a summons to obedience. This obedience cannot be simply external conformity to law. It must be total commitment to God, and all of their interior faculties must be involved in this commitment – the heart, the soul and the strength.

The psalm of praise for deliverance contains an array of metaphors characterising God. They include: rock, fortress, deliverer, shield, horn of salvation, stronghold. Although they each have their respective meanings, they all embody some aspect of deliverance. The victory cry 'The Lord lives!' is a cultic formula that extols God's dynamic activity. Because the psalm speaks of the psalmist's need for defence and deliverance, the reference is certainly to God's saving activity in history. What began as a hymn of thanksgiving is now a doxology of praise of God's mighty accomplishments. The very last verse introduces a royal theme. The God who has been the defence of the psalmist has also secured victory for the king.

Three aspects of the extraordinary high priesthood of Jesus are celebrated in the second reading: its permanence, the holiness of Jesus the high priest, and the legitimacy of the high priesthood. This

passage underscores the excellence of Jesus' high office by contrasting its divine character with the very human character of the Levitical priesthood. The permanent nature of Jesus's high priesthood enables him to intercede for others, as the high priests did, but without interruption. Four adjectives describe the holiness of Jesus – holy, innocent, undefiled, and separated from what is sinful. They recall the attributes that constitute Levitical purity. Finally, Jesus' high priesthood is legitimated by identifying Jesus with Melchizedek, whose priesthood was established by a divine oath (cf. Heb 7:20; Ps 110:4).

By the time of Jesus, 613 commandments had grown up surrounding the official biblical law. While all were considered delivered by God to Moses, some were more important than others. The scribe should have understood this. Jesus does not single out any particular law, but endorses the summons that constitutes the *Shema*, the most significant prayer of the Israelite religion (cf. Deut 6:5). Jesus was asked to identify one commandment, and he offers two. The second is a citation from the Book of Leviticus (19:18). By bringing these admonitions together as he does, Jesus shows that, though not identical, they are interrelated. No one dared challenge Jesus again. What else was there to ask? What other answer could be given?



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

November 05 to 10

Mon 05	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 06	9:30am	Mass
Weds 07	11:00am	Funeral Prayers for Margaret Mayr
Thurs 08	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
Fri 09	9:30am 10:30am	Communion Service Mass, BupaCare
Sat 10	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 Rosetta Zanella, Margaret Mayr, Des Bennett, Larry Lee and Dianne Patterson; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Mary Gilmour, Alex Abela, Leo Bernard Vaz, Greg Penny, Rosemary Haley and Archbishop Patrick O'Donnell.

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, 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.



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?' Please come along on **Sunday November 18 4:00-5:30pm**. We will meet in the Mary MacKillop room.

We would love to see you there.

WELCOME: This weekend, we welcome Fr Peter Bickley back to St Michael's. Fr Francis will celebrate Masses in Sale this weekend, allowing us a chance to catch up with Fr Peter!

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.

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.

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.

Drinks at bar prices.

Tickets are now on sale in the Parish Office and after Mass this weekend. Please book your tickets now, so we can gain numbers for catering purposes.

ADVENT ECUMENICAL CONVERSATION:

Bishop Pat O'Regan together with the Anglican Bishop of Gippsland, Bishop Richard Treloar, invites parishioners to join in an Advent Conversation at **The Abbey, Raymond Island on Thursday December 06, 2018.**

Our common Sunday lectionary during Advent this year focuses on the Gospel of Luke. This is a great opportunity to study together around these texts as we prepare for the great feast of the Nativity and what it means in today's world and today's churches.

The Reflections will be led by Fr Francis J Moloney AM and Canon Dorothy Lee. Information about the presenters is displayed in the Church foyers, along with the program for the day.

If you are interested in attending please go to info@theabbey.org.au or phone the Abbey on 5156 6580.

For accommodation and catering purposes, booking is essential.

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.

We are also seeking singers for the Diocesan Choir for the Ordination.

Please contact Sophy Morley smorley@sale.catholic.org.au or phone 03 5622 6677 to register your interest if have not already done so.

Diocesan Choir rehearsals 10.30 am Saturday 24th November at St Mary's Church, 52 Monash Rd, Newborough 11.30 am Saturday 1st December at St Mary's Cathedral, Foster St Sale. We would like singers to come to one of these rehearsals as well as the final rehearsal at 9.30 am on the day of the Ordination. Singers will be sent music beforehand.

RCIA: Please keep **Richard Webber** and **Kelly Maher** in your prayers as they continue their journeys to full reception into the Catholic faith. Kelly will be received into the Church at midday Mass on November 14 and Richard will be received into the Church at the **6:00pm Mass on Saturday November 24.**

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 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.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Weds 07

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

5:30pm **Liturgy Team Meeting**
Parish Centre

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

Thurs 08

4:30-5:30pm

Youth Mass Training

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Well done to our young people and their families who are undergoing preparation for the Rite of Reconciliation. It's been good to get to know you and to meet you as you accompany each other in this important growth in the faith life of your children and your families.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated from 6:30pm on **Tuesday 13th November and Wednesday 14th November**. At 6:00pm Mass on Saturday 17th November (our next Youth Mass), certificates will be handed out to those who received this Sacrament for the first time. Mass will be followed by a get together and pizza in the hall.

YOUTH MASS: Our next Youth Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 17th November. Come along and support our talented and dedicated youth. Pizza in the hall afterwards. Training session on Thursday November 08, 4:30-5:30pm in the Hall.



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.

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.*

TEACHING DAY WITH BISHOP PATRICK

O'REGAN: *'Becoming One Body, One Spirit in Christ'*. Catholic Charismatic Renewal is hosting a teaching day with Bishop Patrick, Nov 10th at St Joseph's Church and Marian room, Witton St Warragul. 9.30am - 4.00pm. All welcome. BYO lunch or to share. Tea and coffee provided. See notice for information or contact, Cathy McLure 0432588195.



PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

October 2018

Loose collections

October 07	\$1,129.00
October 14	\$1,059.00
October 21	\$1,169.00
October 28	\$1,194.00
	<u>\$6,033.00</u>

Planned Giving

Envelopes	\$6,024.85
Direct Debit	\$6,078.00
Credit Card	<u>\$2,865.00</u>
September total	<u>\$ 14,967.85</u>
Monthly pledge amount	<u>\$18,328.00</u>

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

FINANCE MATTERS: *"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices."* MARK 12:33

Of all the gifts that God gives us the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

Counters (see below)

Rosters for November 10 & 11 ~ Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- **Altar Cleaning:** 11 F Rycak Nov 18 L Kennedy
- **Church Cleaning:** Nov Rickwood Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Alison, Tamille and Josephine
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Nov 04 P & L Van der Velden Nov 11 M Ayres
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:** Nov 08 McLaughlin Team Nov 15 Van Berkel Team
- **Counters** Nov 04 Armstrong Team Nov 11 Morris Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 37:22-23

*Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!*

First Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2**(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. **(R)**

**Second Reading** Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

*Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

Next week's Readings ~ November 11
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16
Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44