



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

PARISH DINNER: All those who gathered at Dal Mondo's on Friday evening for our Parish Dinner enjoyed a marvellous evening.

Fr Francis started our evening off with grace, and the enjoyment of our meal began. Ray Moretti was the Master of Ceremonies for the night, he kept us all amused and on our toes. The Parish Trivia quiz (very trivial, indeed) tested our memories and powers of observation, and there was absolutely no cheating whatsoever! And those judges were totally impartial.

The evening was a great opportunity for all of us to get to know each other a little better, to learn names of people who we've often seen at Mass and for our parish community to grow. A very enjoyable step in the journey of building the Body of Christ in our parish.

Thanks to Jo Moretti for her organisational skills and to Dal Mondo's for their hospitality.

We look forward to other opportunities of gathering together for fun, laughter and caring in the future.



Did you know?? (even more trivia)

The house fly hums in the middle octave key of F.

A snail can sleep for three years.

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.



Our Parish gives great thanks to some of our parishioners who have given of their time and talents and stepped up to take on roles for the benefit of the Parish over the past few years, and who have now decided that it is time for them to relinquish those roles.

To **Sheila Edgar**, who has for more than twenty years competently and steadfastly worked behind the scenes preparing banners, preparing the church for liturgies and masses, for quietly working behind the scenes to ensure that our priest has what has been needed for our celebrations of masses and liturgies. She has been ably assisted by her husband Bill Edgar in her endeavours, and so our thanks go to him, also.

To **Peter Mitchell**, who has given of his time and expertise for many years working with the maintenance team and helping out with the planned giving program. His efforts have helped keep our church, office and presbytery buildings and grounds in good order.

To **Margaret Wilkinson** who, like Sheila and Bill, does many things around our Parish quietly. She has been involved in the Baptism Preparation Program for the past three or four years now, and her efforts have been of great help to those bringing their children for baptism.

To all three, huge thanks for all the blessings you have given to us, from each and every parishioner, and from Fr Francis and Sr Doreen.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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| 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 12 to 17

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| Mon 12 | 9:30am | Liturgy of the Word |
| Tues 13 | 9:30am | Liturgy of the Word |
| | 6:30pm | Sacrament of (First) Reconciliation |
| Weds 14 | 11:00am | Exposition |
| | 12:00pm | Mass – baptism and reception into the Church for Kelly Maher |
| | 6:30pm | Sacrament of (First) Reconciliation |
| Thurs 15 | 9:30am | Mass, St Gabriel's PS |
| Fri 16 | 9:30am | Mass |
| Sat 17 | 9.30am | Mass, Reconciliation |

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently, including Margaret Ross (nee Allen), Rosetta Zanella and Margaret Mayr, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including John Zahra, Sharlet Madonna Vaz, Giovanni Di Sisto, Bruce Hunter, Mary Gilmour, Alex Abela and Leo Bernard Vaz. ***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.

BAPTISMS: This weekend, we welcome for Baptism :-

* **Audrey Dayna** and **Lachlan Shamus McKenna** children of Michael and Joelene: and



* **Poppy Elizabeth** and **Marley Mae Walsh**, daughters of Nicholas and Sinead.

Congratulations to the families, from us all, we warmly welcome you and your children to our Parish.

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.

DEACON TONY: We wish Deacon Tony all the best as he leaves us this weekend to attend a Diaconate Conference in Malaysia, where he will be a guest speaker. He will return again on November 25. We wish him safe travels.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Tues 13

1:00pm Knights of the Southern Cross, Mary MacKillop Room

Weds 14

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



LETTER FROM BISHOP PAT:

Attached is a letter which Bishop Pat has asked us to share with the members of our parish. We ask that our parishioners pray for healing in the hearts of all who have been involved in this situation.



Catholic Diocese of Sale



Statement to Schools and Parishes re Fr Mahony

It is with deep regret and sadness that we acknowledge the conviction of Fr Bernard Mahony for indecent assaults on two young women between 1978 and 1981.

We continue to struggle with these revelations and must never attempt to minimize or explain away such behaviour, which is a betrayal of the trust placed in the clergy and all adults in positions of responsibility.

As a Diocese, in our parishes and schools, we are committed absolutely to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. It is a responsibility shared by us all. This means we must be vigilant, not just in terms of our own behaviours but also observant to what is happening around us.

All parishes and schools have processes and protocols in place for dealing with concerns raised by children, young people and vulnerable adults. We encourage anyone with concerns for the wellbeing of themselves or others in this regard to bring these matters forward in full confidence that you will be heard and supported.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and survivors, not just of this recent breach of trust but with all that has occurred in this Diocese over many years.

We encourage contact with Victoria Police, Towards Healing, the Catholic Education Office Warragul or the Diocesan Professional Standards Office for further information and support.

+ *Pat O'Regan*

Patrick O'Regan
Bishop of Sale

Maria Kirkwood

Maria Kirkwood
Director of Catholic Education
Diocese of Sale

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 Saturday 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*

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service
URGENTLY WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS – BALGO and LA GRANGE/ BIDYADANGA

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for several parishes including Balgo, and La Grange/Bidyadanga and Warmun.

For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060.. Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**

FINANCE MATTERS: *"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."* MARK 12:43-44

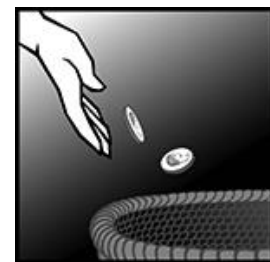
Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

Counters

- Nov 11** Morris Team
- Nov 18** Mitchell Team



Rosters for November 17 & 18 ~ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

| Mass | Lector | Commentator | Eucharistic Ministers | Welcomers | Music | Sacristan |
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| 6:00pm | Youth | Youth | C DiCorleto, B Power, M Giddens, D Buckland, Volunteer | Youth | Youth | Volunteer required |
| 9:30am | M Hansen N Georgeson | M Moulton | T Denny, J & W Waanders, L Panozzo-Tilè | R Benbow M Blanchard | Charismatic choir | L Theissling |
| 6:00pm | C Grosso | S Luscombe | J Reid, R Tarraran, D Locke, Volunteer | D Buckland | Diamente Family | A O'Neill |

- **Altar Cleaning:** Nov 18 L Kennedy M Giddens
- **Church Cleaning:** Nov Rickwood Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Shane & Amanda
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Nov 11 M Ayres Nov 18 Mr & Mrs R Stockdale
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 15 Van Berkel Team Nov 22 Adroit Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 87:3

*Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*

First Reading 1 Kgs 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3

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

Gospel Mk 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

