



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



Well done to Hayley Aarons, Eli Addison, Nelson Archibald, Tommy Ayres, Arlia Bedford, Oliver Blythman, Rebecca Boers, Rylan Bordonaro, Reese Bordonaro, Kira Briffett, Daisy Campbell, Lachlan Carney, Patrick Cataldo-Stoddart, Olando Clifton, Thomas Colaciello, Rharni Cooper, Taite Crosby, Jonathan Cullen, Jacob Cullen, Grace Cunningham, Aine Doherty, Joie Evans, Jake Furlan, Xavier Giblett, Jadyne Gomez, Jasmine Hanratty, Maddison Harle, Mia Hollands, Archie Jones, Neluca Keppitipola, Esther Konyi Loni, Aliana Krieger, Ruby Kurrle, Callum Lambourn, Milly Leech, Anna Linehan, Alyssa Little, Joshua Longin, Luke Mainella, Archer Mallia, Alice McDermott, Grayce Meyer, Xavier Miller, Hayden Moon, Summer Moretti, Ava Murphy, Ashleigh Nachorny, Vivian O'Neill, Ethan Palmer, Tessa Phillips, Nekeisha Piening, Aleksandra Poursanidis, Callum Purcell, Himesh Rajapakse, Shaven Rajapakse, Kristopher Riseley, Jonathan Roscoe, Riley Schroeter, Lachlan Seeber, Alexander Smith, Archer Stanistreet, Chase Stanistreet, Eva Switzer, Thomas Van Der Velden, Samuel Van Iwaarden, Macie Vitale, Sienna Vivian, Brielle Watson and Willow Whitwam. The children all celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. May you all continue to grow in your relationship with your God.

And the winners were:

The Parish Trivia Quiz winners . . . Angela Edey, Ros Joyner, Anne Taylor, Chris DiCorleto, Amanda Reid, Ivanka Moulton, Clare Fisher, and Alison Phillips. They know their way around our Parish! Congratulations!



Sincere thanks to all involved in the preparations for our Parish Dinner. The evening was a great success with over one hundred attending. Special thanks to Ray & Jo Moretti, Kevin Taylor and to Jen and Bev.

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 19 to 24

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| Mon 19 | 9:30am | Liturgy of the Word |
| Tues 20 | 10:45am | Mass, Marjery Cole |
| Weds 21 | 11:00am | Exposition |
| | 12:00pm | Mass |
| Thurs 22 | 9:30am | Mass, St Gabriel's PS |
| Fri 23 | 10:30am | Mass, BupaCare |
| Sat 24 | 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 Margaret Ross (nee Allen); and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Monsignor Bill Caffrey, Bishop Jeremiah Coffey, Tim Spithoven, Giovanni Di Sisto and Bruce Hunter.

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.



RECONCILIATION REFLECTIONS: What a wonderful time Reconciliation has been. We are so richly blessed with wonderful families. Some comments from the past few weeks :-

- "Mum, Mum, I've done it!!!"
- 'It was lovely to hear the children's thoughts and understanding- especially about their relationship with God.'
- Saying sorry isn't too hard, at all!
- Our family all learned a bit more about the blessings of reconciliation

CONGRATULATIONS to Kelly Maher who celebrated his First Communion and Confirmation and was received into the Church at 12:00 midday Mass on Wednesday this week. We welcome Kelly and his wife Connie to our Parish community.

WEDDING BELLS:

Congratulations and the very best wishes of us all to Brent Muir & Lauren Cantwell who married this weekend in our Church.



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.



MENS BREAKFAST: All men of the Parish and our community are warmly invited to come along to the third Men's Breakfast for 2018, being held on **Saturday December 01**, in the St Vincent de Paul Centre. Breakfast at 800am. The topic being discussed will be Gambling Related Harm. The statistics for this problem are quite alarming! Come along and enjoy

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Tues 20
7:00pm **Finance Team Meeting**
Parish Centre

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.

RCIA: Please keep **Richard Webber** in your prayers as he continues his journey to full reception into the Catholic faith. Richard will be received into the Church at the **6:00pm Mass on Saturday November 24.** There will be a cuppa afterwards in the Mary MacKillop Hall. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate of supper to share.

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.

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.

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 11.30 am Saturday 1st December at St Mary's Cathedral, Foster St Sale. With a final rehearsal at 9.30 am on the day of the Ordination.



FIRST RECONCILIATION: Thanks to our Sacramental Team for all their efforts in preparing 69 of our young parishioners to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. The children and their families were a delight to spend time with in this growth process in their faith journeys. Fr Francis, Mrs Ros Joyner, Mrs Jodie Ware, Chris DiCorleto, Danuta Locke, Marg Noon, Alison Phillips, Sue Hill, Jenifer Hanratty and the Year 3 & 4 teachers at our Primary Schools.

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.

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.

CONCLUSION TO THE YEAR OF YOUTH: 'Coming Together Event' to be held in the grounds of Sacred Heart Primary School, Morwell on Sunday 24th November. Event from 2:00pm to 6:00pm followed by Mass in the Sacred Heart Church. Events include, games, music, BBQ, activities. See fliers in the Church for more information. Please RSVP by Nov 22 to Marie D'Alia on 0419 899 091.

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.

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.

Taizè
under the Southern Cross



To mark the end of the Year of the Reformation, and as an expression of our common Baptism, parishioners are invited to gather around the cross of Jesus in an ecumenical embrace to pray for our common needs and the needs of the world. The Lavalla Liturgical Choir will lead the singing of Taizè chants.

Where: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Kay Street, Traralgon

When: Tuesday November 20
1:00pm.

Piety Stall
Stocktake Sale

On Sunday November 25 after the 9:30am Mass, there will be a Piety Stall Stocktake sale. Goods for sale will be displayed on a table at the Kay Street doors to the Church. There will be a wide range of amazing goods for sale. Cash sales only.

Our thanks to Lyn Kennedy and her team for all the time and work that goes into our Piety Stall.

FINANCE MATTERS: "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory."
MARK 13:26

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond?

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

Counters

Nov 18 Mitchell Team
Nov 25 Waanders Team

Rosters for November 24 & 25 ~ Christ the King

| Mass | Lector | Commentator | Eucharistic Ministers | Welcomers | Music | Sacristan |
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| 6:00pm | S Grout | B O'Brien | J Scholtes, Volunteers x 3 | S Frankland | Jane | A & M Giddens |
| 9:30am | U Imhagwe J Dal Pra | M Tainsh | W Detering, C Payne, J Cahill, C Mesaric, M Hanratty, S Reid | C Collis E Freeman | Jane | G Imhagwe |
| 6:00pm | R Tarraran | R Tarraran | J O'Brien, R O'Connor, Volunteers x 2 | G Edgar J Sykes | Jane | L Theissling |

- **Altar Cleaning:** Nov 25 M Giddens Dec 02 M Tainsh
 - **Church Cleaning:** Nov Rickwood Team Dec Van Berkel Team
 - **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Jane Doherty
 - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Nov 25 Mr & Mrs O Pretto Dec 02 A & K Watts
- 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 29 Mitchell Team Dec 06 Scholtes Team

Entrance Antiphon Jer 29:11, 12, 14

*The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.*

First Reading Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:5, 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) *Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.*

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

Next week's Readings ~ November 25
Feast of Christ the King

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14
Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33-37

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:36

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before
the Son of Man.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

