

## 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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**After office hours** - in case of emergency, please call 5174 2060 and leave your details on the message service.

**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

### Reflection on this week's Readings by

**Mary Coloe PBVM**

**God's Truth**

**Revelations 1:5-8; John 18:33-37**

*Yes I am a King. I was born for this; I came into the world for this.*

The Gospel today breaks from our usual Gospel of Mark, to read from John's Passion account. On Sundays we hear just a small section of the Gospel and so can miss its wider context. This is particularly true today. Throughout the entire narrative of John's Gospel, Jesus has spoken of his passion, his 'Hour', not as a death, but as a 'lifting up'.

"Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what death he was to die.' (John 12:31-32; also 3:14; 8:28)

This expression must be understood with two meanings. It refers to his being lifted up on a cross, but the word also means to be exalted, and, in John, the Cross is the great Hour of Jesus' exaltation. In the Hour he brings to completion the ministry he was sent to accomplish.

From Chapter 10 in John's Gospel, the Kingship theme comes into strong focus. In John 10 Jesus uses the image from the Old Testament of the Shepherd-Kings of Israel and speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd, one who will lay down his life for his flock (10:11). Then in Chapter 12, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey, just as King Solomon once did to claim his kingship (see 1 Kings 1:32-40). In John, the

crowds acclaim Jesus as 'King of Israel,' and wave the same types of palm branches that were used to greet Judas Maccabeus after his victory over the Greeks in 142 BCE. We read in the book of Maccabees, 'the Jews entered in [Jerusalem] with praise and palm branches, and with harps and cymbals...' (1 Macc 13:51). Even in his Passion the soldiers ironically give him a crown and a royal purple cloak to wear. And when Pilate presents Jesus to the crowd he says, 'Here is your King' (19:14), Jesus is still wearing the royal purple. So throughout John's passion Jesus is King.

Poor Pilate! He just doesn't get it. He is thinking of a kingdom with soldiers and armies, but Jesus speaks about truth. Armies can be conquered – even Rome's – but truth outlives Emperors. Even in oppressive regimes small sparks of truth refuse to be overcome by the darkness. Jesus is God's truth for us.

I speak now more personally as this is the final reflection for this liturgical year.

I have tried to bring to these words both biblical scholarship and reflections born of my own faith. I name this clearly, as sometimes I meet people who are afraid that scholarship and faith are enemies to each other. times, letting go the simplistic and sometimes erroneous notions we have carried. Tough! Painful! And liberating! God's truth is like that.

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm	St Michael's Traralgon
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
	10:00am	St Columbkille's Glengarry
	6:00pm	St Michael's Traralgon

## WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

### **November 26 to December 01**

<b>Mon 26</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Tues 27</b>	9:30am	Mass
<b>Weds 28</b>	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
<b>Thurs 29</b>	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
	1:30pm	Requiem Mass for Doreen Ryan
<b>Fri 30</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Sat 01</b>	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 Doreen Ryan, Dorothy Riley (nee O'Neill) and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Aileen Waters, Agostino Damiano, Mark Harrup, Salvatore Agostino, Giovanni Lombardo, Caterina Rado-Lombardo, Bridget, Danny and Eamonn Hiney, Henny Van Berkel, Monsignor Bill Caffrey, Bishop Jeremiah Coffey, Tim Spithoven.

**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.



### BAPTISMS:

This weekend we welcome for Baptism Hannah Patrice Manning, daughter of Cain and Regina: and Eamon Gray Longin, son of Matthew and Bernadette. Welcome to our Parish.



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.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST (AND FOR PARTNERS ALSO):

Saturday December 01, St Vincent de Paul Centre. Breakfast at 8:00am. The topic for discussion at the third Men's Breakfast this year is Gambling Related Harm. Sue Taylor, a Gambler's Help Counsellor is our guest speaker.

In light of the seriousness of this topic, the invitation to attend is extended to all men of the Parish and our community and their spouses / partners.

To assist with catering could you please phone the office on 5174 2060 by 5:00pm on Wednesday November 28 to advise of your attendance.

The Breakfast doesn't just happen . . . Can you help on the day. Please contact Mike on 0417 243 703.

### THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

#### Tues 27

10:30am **CWL Meeting,**  
Parish Centre

#### Weds 28

9:00am **Weds AM Cells Group**  
**Advent Prayers,** Mary  
MacKillop Room

### 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.



**FR CAGNEY'S 25<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



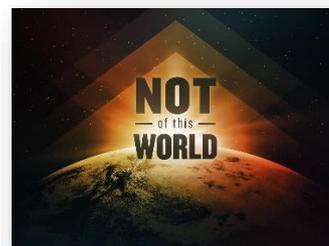
Parishioners are asked to take a gift tag, and return your gift/voucher by December 10. There will be envelopes in the foyer if you wish to make a monetary donation. Last year more than 350 children received gifts, and a similar number is expected this year. The conference would like to thank all parishioners for their support during 2017, and wish all a happy, holy and safe Christmas spent with those we love most.

### READINGS REFLECTION

**by Mary Coloe PBVM**

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Not so! Theological education has the goal of helping the searcher gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of his/her faith. It does challenge us to keep allowing our faith to grow and change to the rigorous faith of an adult. This will involve, at times, letting go the simplistic and sometimes erroneous notions we have carried. Tough! Painful! And liberating! God's truth is like that.



**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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. Hoping our parishioners will come along and support our wonderful youth.*

**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.

**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.

**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 14. Many thanks 😊.

**Matters Catholic:**

Eucharistic Fast ~ Those who receive holy communion are to abstain for one hour beforehand from all food and drink with the exception of water and medicine. This does not apply to the elderly, the sick and those who care for them, or to priests celebrating a second or third Mass on a given day. It is most strongly recommended that the faithful receive holy communion in the course of a eucharistic celebration. (CCL 918-919)

**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.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS:**

All parishioners are reminded that they before you can act as a Eucharistic Minister, money collector, reader or in any way without first having obtained their Working With Children Check and listing the Parish as a place where they volunteer. WWCC can be obtained by going online to [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) and completing registration. You can contact the Office on 5174 2060 if you require assistance.

**FINANCE MATTERS:**

*"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" JOHN 18:36*

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

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

**Counters**

- Nov 25** Waanders Team
- Dec 02** Arend Team

***And even more trivia!***

- Did you know that the 'pulpit' used by Father and our Lectors to proclaim the Word of God is called an ambo?



**Rosters for December 01 & 02 ~ First Sunday of Advent Year C**

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

- **Altar Cleaning:** Dec 02 M Tainsh Dec 09 J Scholtes
- **Church Cleaning:** Nov Rickwood Team Dec Van Berkel Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Dec 02 Marianne and Theresa
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** 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

*How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

**First Reading** Daniel 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

*His sovereignty is eternal.*

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man. He came to the one of great  
age and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and  
kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and  
languages became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall  
never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 92:1-2 5 R v1.

**(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself with might,  
he has girded himself with power. (R)
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;  
your throne has stood firm from of old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R)
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time. (R)



Next week's Readings ~ December 02

*First Sunday of Advent Year C*

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

*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. Year C uses the Gospel according to Luke.  
(from www.loyolapress.com)*

**Second Reading** Rv 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Gospel Acclamation** Luke 21:36

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** John 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*You say that I am a king.*

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

