

## 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

Hello everyone, I want to believe that we all had a good Christmas break and that we are now back to reality. We have gone past the first half of the first month of the New Year 2019. Life in the office has stabilized. Though the year is gradually becoming an old year, I still say happy New Year. May the good Lord keep us cheerful, loving and fulfilled this year, and may all we do or say be kind to those who encounter us. There are a few things we want to accomplish this year as a parish community. To begin with, have a read of the two items below.

### ALPHA PROGRAM

The Parish Pastoral Council has been discussing the possibility of starting the Alpha program for our parish community. Some of you may be familiar with this program already, others may not. The question then is: what is Alpha? It is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith. Fr Raniero Cantalamessa (Preacher to the Papal Household) acknowledges that "One of the advantages of Alpha is that it focuses on the kerygma." (and I'll explain this to you soon). It is a nice program for us as a parish. I am putting this out because we want to start the pilot program with 10-12 people who will then form the team that will help the parish advance in the program. Hence, anyone who is interested in assisting to form the basis for this parish team should please contact the parish office before the end of January. The first 10 people to respond will then form the alpha leadership team for the parish. Thanks always for your positive and active involvement in the parish life.

### BISHOP MARK EDWARDS (OMI).

Towards the end of 2018, I did hint to parishioners about the visit of Bishop Mark Edwards to our valley region. Bishop Mark is a great speaker, and one of the auxiliary bishops in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. He is visiting the valley at the invitation of the Valley Regional Pastoral Council. Bishop Mark will be speaking on what has been titled: "The Age of Authenticity." Details and flyers will be in the bulletin from next week. Meanwhile, please mark the date as follows:

Date: Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Venue: Sacred Heart School Hall, Morwell.

Time: 7.00pm.

*It is going to be a great night. Please don't miss out.*

I look forward to a good year ahead: lots of fun and laughter together, letting go of hurts and being kind to one another, building a community of love and forgiveness. Welcome to the St Michael's Parish of 2019. Together, let us move forward.

*Fr Francis*

## 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

### **January 21 to 26**

<b>Mon 21</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Tues 22</b>	9:30am	Mass
<b>Weds 23</b>	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
<b>Thurs 24</b>	9:30am	Mass
<b>Fri 25</b>	9:30am	Mass
<b>Sat 26</b>	9:30am	Mass

**Rosary:** Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 10:15am & 5:30pm or any time by arrangement with Father.

## WELCOMING MASS, FEBRUARY 03.

A warm invitation to all parishioners who have come to join us in the past five years.



Please come along to Mass at **9:30am on Sunday February 03**, and share in morning tea in the Mary MacKillop Hall after Mass.

We are hoping our more long-term parishioners will come along to meet our new families and also bring a plate of morning tea to share.

## OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR MASS:

Staff from the Catholic Primary Schools in Moe/Newborough, Morwell, Churchill and Traralgon, along with staff from Lavalla Catholic College will celebrate the start of the 2019 School Year with a Mass in our Church on **Tuesday January 29th at 9:30am**. Priests from the Latrobe Valley Parishes will concelebrate this Mass, and Sr Doreen and Sr Liz will be here with us. There will be a morning tea in the Mary MacKillop hall after Mass. Parishioners are warmly invited to join in.



**RCIA NEWS:** The RCIA Team is ready to go back into action again, with meetings commencing on **Thursday January 24 at 7:30pm**. Anyone interested in learning about the Catholic Faith is welcome to attend. Please contact *Susan Grout* on 0412 671 308.

## NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

### Tuesday Jan 22

**7:00pm** Collectors, Bankers, Counters, Parish Centre  
**7:30pm** Finance Team, Parish Centre

### Thursday Jan 24

**7:30pm** RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre

## LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS

**REQUIRED:** We currently have a real need for people to volunteer as Lectors (Readers) and Commentators, especially at 6:00pm Mass on Saturday nights. Training is available for anyone who is able to answer their baptismal calling in this service to the parish. Please contact Susan Grout on 0412 671 308 if you are interested.

**ABOUT OUR COLLECTIONS:** It's a very Catholic thing, to be sure, to have two collections during our Mass service. It's not a practice which occurs in any other faith.

In the early years of the Church, the faithful brought wine and bread with them to be used during the service. Any left over was distributed to the poor and needy.

Later, people began bringing gifts of money or food which were offered for the work of the Church. In this way the faithful participated in a concrete way in Christ's self-offering in the sacrifice of the cross.

And so through the years to our custom of two collections. The first collection is for money which is used to house and feed our priests and maintain their residence; the second collection is the 'Planned Giving' collection which goes towards the upkeep of the Church and buildings, the Parish Office, rates, utility services, insurances, wages and the normal day to day running costs of the office.

We thank our parishioners for their generosity now, and in the past and remain hopeful of continued and growing support in the future.

## BULLETIN ITEMS:

Our Parish Bulletin is 'our news', and it would be wonderful to receive on a regular basis, reports of "your group's" activities. All that's needed is a short (100 -150 words) report. Please take the time to let your fellow parishioners know of "your group's" events. Who knows, someone may well wish to join you!

Parishioners and group leaders are asked to have items for inclusion in the Bulletin into the office by 10:00am on Thursday morning. Thank you.

## CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL

### COLLEGE:

2019 Study Options are now available.

### Undergraduate and postgraduate options:

Choice of Philosophy, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology, Religious Education or Christian Spirituality units.

*Audit options are available*

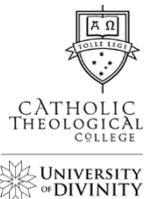
Enquiries: Mr John Bartholomeusz, Assistant Dean P: 9412 3309, E: [ctc@ctc.edu.au](mailto:ctc@ctc.edu.au).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently including Albert Matthews, Fred Sullivan and Maureen Marshall and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Roger Biancon, Elizabeth Russell (nee Jones), Kenneth McNally, Paul de Martin, Johanna & Franciscus Otterdijk, John Zahra, David Anderson, Patricia Kamsma, Barry Felmingham, Giovanni Condello, and Bishop Noel Daly.

*Lord, Let your perpetual light shine upon them. May the rest in peace. Amen.*

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

including Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, Lulu Aragon, Fr Bernard Buckley, Ann-Maree Daly, 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, Malcolm Selzer, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, Margaret West and Fr Frank Young.



**ST MICHAEL'S JUNIOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** As a wonderful addition to the growing and blossoming youth ministry of St Michael's parish, a Junior Children's Choir will be trained to provide music at an occasional Mass on the second Sunday of the Month at 9:30am. Mrs Jane Mitchell will be directing

the choir and children from grade 3 and over are welcomed to participate. The first **Junior Choir Mass** will be on **Sunday February 10**. Though practices will likely occur on the Wednesday prior to the Mass, this first practice will be held on **Thursday February 7 from 4pm-4:45pm** in the church. We look forward to this joyful event.

**SMY@L YOUTH GROUP** will begin the 2019 year on **Friday February 15**. This youth group is open to all young people in Yr 5 to lower secondary years. *(The annual) Messy & Gross Games Night. Don't let your friends miss this one!!* Wear old clothes or bring a spare set and a towel. **W A R N I N G --- YOU WILL GET MESSY!!!** Meet at the Mary MacKillop Hall. 6:30- 8:30pm. Cost \$3.00. Lucky door prize. Contact Leah on 0438 811709 for information.  
**Date claimer** - St Michael's Youth Group celebrates **20 years on Friday May 24!** More details to come.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** All kindergarten and primary-school aged children are welcome to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word which occurs during 9:30am Masses during term time. Sunday February 03 sees Children's Liturgy of the Word recommence. Contact Marianne Saunders on 0490 628 833 for further details.

**YOUTH MASS:** Our next Youth Mass will be at 9:30am Mass on Sunday February 10. Practice time will be announced. This Mass will be followed by a Sausage Sizzle to raise money for the Youth Ministry. Come and enjoy 'a snag'.

**FORMATION SESSION:** A Formation Session on Spirituality for students from Year 6 to Year 12 will be held on Friday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30pm in the Youth Room at the Parish Centre. Anyone wanting more details, please contact Jen Hanratty in the Parish Office.

**ASPIRE TO PURPOSE:** The L.A.M.P. group are running a Youth Day for people aged 13-25yrs of age at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Narre Warren on Saturday February 09. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Jen in the Parish Office.

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

December 2018

Loose collections

December 02	\$1,247.00
December 09	\$1,210.00
December 16	\$1,274.00
December 23	\$1,388.00
December 30	\$1,411.00
	<u>\$6,530.00</u>

Christmas Masses \$2,994.00

Planned Giving

Envelopes	\$6,024.85
Direct Debit	\$5,853.00
Credit Card	\$3,095.00
December total	<u>\$ 14,972.85</u>
Monthly pledge amount	\$18,328.00

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:**

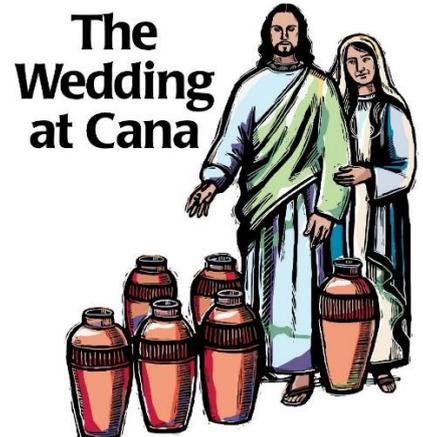
*"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:7)*

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you, feel His love, peace and joy!

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

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

**Counters** - see Rosters



**Rosters for January 26 & 27 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	A Taylor	C DiCorleto	J Scholtes, R Tactor, Volunteers x2	S Frankland L Kennedy		A & M Giddens
9:30am	C McLure R Diaz	C McCabe	W Detering, C Payne, J Cahill, M Hanratty, S Reid Volunteer	C Collis E Freeman	Charismatic Choir	G Imhagwe
6:00pm	J Panozzo-Tilè	S Luscombe	J O'Brien, R O'Connor, Volunteers x 2	G Edgar J Sykes	Diamente Family	L Theissling

- **Altar Cleaning:** Jan 20 F Rycak Jan 27 L Kennedy
- **Church Cleaning:** January Limbom Team February St Michael's School Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** In recess til February 03
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Jan 20 & 27 M & J Hanratty  
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:** Jan 24 Van Berkel Team Jan 31 Adroit Team
- **Counters:** Jan 20 Morris Team Jan 27 Mitchell Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Ps 65:4

*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

**First Reading** Is 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.*

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

**(R.)** *Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.*

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R.)**
2. Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**



Next weeks Readings:

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C*

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6 8-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses

**Gospel Acclamation** Luke 1:38

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Jn 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.'

His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.