



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



Thursday 21st February 2019

7:00pm

Sacred Heart Hall,
265 Commercial Road, Morwell

Mark Edwards is one of the auxiliary bishops in the Archdiocese of Melbourne currently ministering in the Western Region. In 1980 he entered the seminary of the Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate and was ordained a priest on 16th August 1986. He self-identifies as a missionary and wants to help us be more effective in our reaching out to our society. A teacher for many years in Oblate Colleges, Rector of the Oblate Seminary and lecturer at Catholic Theological College, he has a background in Philosophy, Mathematics and Physics.

He was consecrated Bishop on 17th December 2014 in St Patrick's Cathedral. He is the Episcopal Vicar for tertiary education and Youth. Bishop Mark will share with the Valley Pastoral Area on the topic:

The Age of Authenticity

Pope Francis tells us that we are in a change of era (rather than an era of change). Charles Taylor describes this world in 'A Secular Age' - we feel the truth of his description in our guts because he is describing our world - and this talk gives a few of the key insights of this seminal work in accessible language. It will give a guide to some of the important sociological changes in our world and help us to be even more effective missionaries.

All are warmly invited to come
and hear Bishop Mark Edwards speak.
Supper, Tea & coffee provided.

For catering purposes, please advise your Parish Office
(by February 15) that you will be attending.

Churchill/Morwell Parish 5134 2849
Moe/Newborough Parish 5127 1057
Traralgon Parish 5174 2060

Admission: Gold coin donation

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

January 28 to February 02

Mon 28	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 29	9:30am	Opening School Year Mass
Weds 30	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 31	9:30am	Mass
Fri 01	9:30am	Mass
Sat 02	9:30am	Mass

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

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



BAPTISM

BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome for Baptism, **Isabella Elizabeth Mustac**, daughter of Denis and Emma. Congratulations to you, from us all.

Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Tuesday February 12th at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Office on 5174 2060 for further information.

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.

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday Jan 29

7:00pm Mick's Kitchen Team
Leaders, SVdP Centre

Thursday Jan 31

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.

Thanks to the few people who have responded with generosity to our plea. It would be marvellous to have two or three more volunteers.

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.

REFLECTION: by Fr Michael Tate

The prophet Isaiah had drafted a manifesto for divine action in the world. Jesus of Nazareth is divine action in the world, and no doubt his fellow villagers in Nazara would have been thrilled that one of theirs would 'set the downtrodden free'. But, in proclaiming 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', Jesus inaugurated a revolutionary phase within the Jewish tradition. He invited people to relax!! Holiness is not a matter of our striving, but of accepting that we are accepted by the All Merciful God. Good works should follow in response, but good works don't gain our acceptance by God.

How does one best show acceptance of someone, forgiveness of someone, friendship with someone? One relaxes over a meal together. This was Jesus' characteristic way of embodying Divine Acceptance in our world. It still is.

We might pause for a moment to relax into the saving fact that we exist in 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', that this acceptance is signified and effected by our sharing in the Bread of Life and the Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion which gives us the energy to help make Divine Acceptance a reality for others.

ALPHA: An exciting time in our Parish with the re-introduction of the Alpha program. Sincere thanks to those who have volunteered to be part of the basis for our parish team. Places are filling quickly, so please let the office know if you are interested.

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.

DIARY DATE:

Feb 05 Maintenance Team Meeting

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Margaret Arbuthnot, Roma Marshall, Frank Calabrese, Zebedio (Ding) Aragon, Albert Matthews and Fred Sullivan and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Roger Biancon, Elizabeth Russell (née Jones) and Kenneth McNally. **Lord, Let your perpetual light shine upon them. May the rest in peace. Amen.**

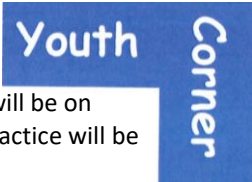
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

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.



Australians all, let us rejoice!





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. All interested families need to contact Uwa Imhagwe on 0406 212 504. Children wishing to take part in this Mass will need to meet Uwa at 8:30am at the Church. Roles will be appointed and a quick practice will take place then. 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 8th, 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 10 to 25 years 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.

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



FINANCE TEAM: We will have a vacancy on our Finance Team in March this year, so are calling for expressions of interest from our Parishioners. If you feel this is how you can serve your parish, please leave your details with Bev at the office before Friday February 01. Thank you.

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

Counters - see Rosters

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

January 27, 2019

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (Nehemiah 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.

Rosters for February 02 & 03 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	Sr Doreen	Sue Hill	C DiCorleto, D Buckland, T Wisby, Volunteer	A O'Hara R Tactor	Jane	A Symonds
9:30am	C McLure R Diaz	C McCabe	J & W Waanders, J Cahill, K Jones, E Ryan, J Hanratty	T Biancon M Rigg	Philippino Choir	P & L Van der Velden
6:00pm	Volunteer required	M Noone	R Tarraran, J Reid, D Locke, Volunteer	A Ward	Diamente family	B Kennedy

- **Altar Cleaning:** Jan 27 L Kennedy Feb 03 M Giddens
- **Church Cleaning:** January Limbom Team February St Michael's School Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Feb 03 Marianne and Therese
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Jan 20 & 27 M & J Hanratty Feb 03 G & I Edgar
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 31 Adroit Team Feb 07 Mitchell Team
- **Counters:** Jan 27 Mitchell Team Feb 03 Waanders Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 95:1-6

*O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.*

First Reading Neh 8:2-6 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(R.) *Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.*

- The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
- The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**
- The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**
- May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

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

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

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Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 1:38

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the
poor and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!*

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

Next weeks Readings:

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13,

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30