



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
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Dearly beloved in the Lord,

Alpha: Two weeks ago, we made an appeal asking for parishioners who would like to assist in running an alpha program in our community. We asked for 10 volunteers, and we got 10. Thank you very much for saying yes to this. Very soon, the parish office shall communicate with you on the next step and dates for the pilot program. God bless you all. Amen!

Bishop Mark: Also, we gave you a hint regarding the visit of bishop Mark Edwards (OMI) to the Valley parishes. I'm glad to let you know that though the event is still about three weeks away, we have started receiving RSVPs. Alleluia. Please, the RSVP is to help with numbers for the catering. Therefore, as soon as you decide, PLEASE let the parish office know. I have heard him speak before; and others who have also listened to him speak testify to the greatness of his eloquence, knowledge and spirituality. Looking forward to catching up with you there (details inside the bulletin).

Welcome: This weekend after the 9.30am Sunday Mass, we shall all come together in the Mackillop Hall to say welcome to all families and individuals who have been newcomers to our Parish. Please, let us come together, older and newer parishioners, and let us all celebrate our "common unity" in an atmosphere of loving concern for one another. Even if you have been to the Saturday 6.00pm Mass, please come along and together let us celebrate.

It is a good thing to see that the Men's Breakfast has come to stay, thanks to the committee. Also, we praise God for the commencement of the Catholic Women's League and the continuous growth and development of the Youth Ministry in the parish, with an additional establishment of the younger children choir, thanks to Jane Mitchell and her team for looking after that. Glory to God.

Team for the Young Adults: We are now looking to begin a ministry for the **Young Adults** in our parish. To this effect, we are hoping to form a **Working Team** of 5 to 6 young adults in the parish. For enquiries, or if the Spirit of God is moving you to help in this regard, PLEASE let me know or call the parish office and indicate your interest, or call Gina Symonds who has offered to be on the team on 0428766000.

Friends, this parish community belongs to all of us; and we all have the responsibility to build the body of Christ. When the community stands in need of you, PLEASE, do not hesitate if and when you can.

Fr Francis

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

February 04 to 09

Mon 04	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 05	9:30am	Mass
Weds 06	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 07	10:30am	Mass, Dalkeith
Fri 08	10:30am	Mass, Bupa Care
Sat 09	9:30am	Mass

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 Arbuthnot, Roma Marshall and Frank Calabrese and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Fr Gerard Coffey, Bishop Arthur Fox and Pat Harrup.

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.



BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome for Baptism, **Frankie Maree Rizinger** daughter of Attila and Lisa: **Wyley Jack Conway** son of Leigh and Kerri-Anne.



BAPTISM Congratulations to the families, 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.

BISHOP MARK EDWARDS: Please come along and listen to Bishop Mark Edwards on Thursday 21st February at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Hall, 265 Commercial Road, Morwell. Supper, tea and coffee are provided. If you are coming, please let the parish office know 5174 2060 to assist with catering numbers.

Bishop Mark is one of the auxiliary bishops in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, currently ministering in the western region. In 1980 he 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. He is the Episcopal Vicar for tertiary education and Youth. Bishop Mark will be speaking on the topic of **The Age of Authenticity.**

PARISH FINANCE TEAM: We currently have a vacancy on our Finance Team, and are now calling for expressions of interest from parishioners who may wish to serve our parish in this ministry. Please call and leave your details at the Parish Office on 5174 2060 by Friday February 15.

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 those people who have responded with generosity to our plea. It would be marvellous to have two or three more volunteers. Everyone who currently volunteers is greatly appreciated; they too enjoy coming to Mass and having a week where they don't have to fill a lay ministry role.

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.

MAINTENANCE: A reminder to the Maintenance Team and maintenance team supporters that there will be a 'thank you' barbecue on Tuesday 5th February at 6:00pm before the meeting at 7:30pm.

Anyone who would like to find out more about volunteering with gardening, mowing or general maintenance, please contact Allan Grout on 0412 843 331.

RCIA NEWS: We have a lovely gentleman, Quentin Montazeau who is travelling with the RCIA Team, on his journey of faith. Please keep him in your prayers as he travels towards Easter.

Anyone interested in learning about the Catholic faith is welcome to contact Susan Grout on 0412 671 308 or the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for more details.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: St Michael's Charismatic Prayer meetings will be recommencing this coming Thursday February 07 in the Mary MacKillop Hall. Come along and share in the praise, talks and fellowship. For further information please contact Cathy on 0432 588 195.

CELLS PRAYER GROUP: The Wednesday lunchtime Cells Group will begin the 2019 year this coming Wednesday February 06 following the midday Mass. Please feel free to come bring your lunch and come and join in. Please contact Margaret on 5176 1669 for further details.

ICON WRITING GROUP OF ST MICHAEL'S:

The inaugural get together of people who are interested in learning to 'write' icons will take place in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 13th February, 9:00am-12:30pm. Please contact Mike Hansen on 0417 243 703 for further information. There are flyers in the church porches with further information.

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday Feb 05

Maintenance Team, Parish Centre
6:00pm Barbecue
7:30pm Meeting

Wednesday Feb 06

1:00pm **Cells Prayer Group**
Parish Centre
1:30pm **Sacramental Team** meeting,
Mary MacKillop Room

Thursday Feb 07

9:00am-3:00pm,
Mary MacKillop Room
Diocesan CWL Meeting
4:00-4:45pm **Junior Choir**, Church
7:30pm **RCIA**, Parish Centre

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.

Planned giving news: Many thanks to the parishioners who have been so helpful in assisting the office to ensure that we have all details correct.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

Counters

Feb 03 Waanders Team
Feb 10 Arend Team

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous." (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered".

Next Week's Readings

February 10 –
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Jer 17:5-8
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:12 16-20
Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26



Rosters for February 09 & 10 ~ The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	C DiCorleto	D Smith	J Scholtes, R Tactors, Volunteers x 2	G & D Bassett	Jane	D Buckland
9:30am	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	W Detering, B & S Edgar, G Imhagwe, A Reid	Youth Mass	Jnr Youth Choir	M Hanratty
6:00pm	S Luscombe	J Hanrahan	J Fleming, S Luscombe, Volunteers x 2	M Noone	Jane	L Theissling

- **Altar Cleaning:** Feb 03 M Giddens Feb 10 M Tainsh
 - **Church Cleaning:** Feb St Michael's PS Team
 - **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Amanda and Shane
 - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Feb 03 G & I Edgar Feb 10 K & N Filtzsimon
- 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
- **Lick's Kitchen:** Feb 07 Mitchell Team Feb 14 Scholtes Team

Entrance Antiphon Ps 105:47

*Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.*

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-5 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. **(R.)**
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. **(R.)**
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help. **(R.)**
4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13

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

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its

fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 1:38

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

Gospel Luke 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.