



## 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 an emergency please call 0448 529 712 and leave a message. All non-urgent calls should be made during office hours.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 that you will be attending.

Churchill/Morwell Parish 5134 2849

Moe/Newborough Parish 5127 8635

Traralgon Parish 5174 2060

Admission: Gold coin donation

## 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

### **February 11 to 16**

<b>Mon 11</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Tues 12</b>	9:30am	Mass
<b>Weds 13</b>	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
<b>Thurs 14</b>	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
<b>Fri 15</b>	9:30am	Mass (SMPS YrP-6)
<b>Sat 16</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.



**BAPTISM:** This weekend we welcome for Baptism,

\* **Kaitlyn Lexi and Benjamin Peter Boers**, children of Anthony and Correna:

### **BAPTISM**

- \* **Davina-Claire Valma Sartori**, daughter of Tori and Jonathan:
- \* **Xavier Joseph Paravinic**, son of Rickey and Laura: and
- \* **Ava Jane Prigg**, daughter of Ryan and Cheree.

Congratulations to the families, from us all. Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Office on 5174 2060 for further information.

### **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

On **Pentecost Sunday (June 09)**, we will be celebrating with a *Youth Mass at 9:30am Mass, followed by a Multicultural Luncheon* in the Mary MacKillop Hall.

We are asking all parishioners to come and set up tables with displays and bring food of ethnic origin to share. Please keep this date free, to ensure a successful celebration.

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**RCIA NEWS:** RCIA continues to meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre. Please remember *Quentin Montazeau* and the *RCIA Team members* in your prayers. If you need further information, please contact Susan Grout on 0412 671 308.

**RECONCILIATION 2019:** Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation commences this coming **Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** with the *Parent Information Meeting at 6:45pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall.*

*Parent/Child Workshops* will be held at **4:00pm and 5:30pm on Wednesdays February 20 and 27.**

Families are expected to attend all preparation sessions for this Sacrament. For further information, please contact Jen Hanratty on 5174 7703.

**Piety Stall News:** for those of you who missed out on the 2019 Columban Calendars, they are now back in stock selling for \$9.00.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Our CWL meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be at 10:00am on Tuesday February 26 in the Mary MacKillop Room. All women are warmly invited to attend.

**PARISH FORMATION MEETING:** On Tuesday February 26 at 7:30pm we will gather in the Mary MacKillop Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is for the Parish to look at all the responses made by us to the Plenary Council 2020 question – 'What does God ask of the Church in Australia in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?'

Bishop Pat said to us that a lot of the feedback we receive will be matter which we can address as a parish. So, this is our chance to look at the matters which our Parish can address.

Anne Taylor will lead us in a discussion on four pillars of parish life, 'Leadership, Young people, Evangelisation and Belonging'.

Parishioners are all warmly invited to come along and see where our responses might take our Parish in the future.

Could everyone please bring a plate of supper to share. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

**Mick's Kitchen:** Our outreach at

Mick's Kitchen continues to feed between 40 and 60 people each Thursday evening in the St Vincent de Paul Centre in Kay Street.

We have eight teams who prepare and cook the meals, set up the dining room, serve the meal, get the dishes washed and the floors vacuumed and washed.

We are again looking for anyone who would be able to join one of our teams. All our volunteers need to have a current Working With Children Check and to have registered St Michael's Parish as a place where volunteer.

If you are able to help out in this way, please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 and give your details.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently including Jennifer Lindsay (née Smith) and Gloria and Ian Robinson and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Joseph Lapu, Pat Harrup, Fr Gerard Coffey and Bishop Arthur Fox.

***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.



**EMMAUS SPIRITUALITY:** The first 'Four Seasons - Summer' prayer session for the year is on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at Newborough from 1.00-3.00 pm.** At this session participants will be invited to reflect on their personal inner journey during the season of summer. *How do I relate to the God of creation during the season of summer?*

Please contact Theresa Denny on 0477 474 848 for more information.

## **NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:**

### **Tuesday Feb 12**

**Knights of the Southern Cross**  
1:00pm Mary MacKillop Room

**Baptism Preparation Meeting**  
7:00pm Parish Centre

### **Wednesday Feb 13**

**Icon Writing Group**  
9:00am Parish Centre

**Cells Weds pm Prayer Group**  
1:00pm Parish Centre

**Reconciliation Parent Meeting**  
6:45pm Mary MacKillop Hall

### **Thursday Feb 14**

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



**ST MICHAEL'S JUNIOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** our Junior Children's Choir will next sing at Mass on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9:30am Mass**. How fortunate are we to have this growing choir, so ably led by Mrs Jane Mitchell. Practice for the choir prior to this Mass will be held on **Wednesday March 27 at 4:00-4:45 pm** in the Church.

**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. *No children's Liturgy this weekend, due to our Youth Mass.* Contact Marianne Saunders on 0490 628 833 for further details.

**YOUTH MASS:** Our next Youth Mass will be at **Saturday March 16 at 6:00pm Mass**. Youngsters will need to meet at the Church at 5:00pm for practice. After Mass, we will celebrate with the Reconciliation families with pizza's to enjoy. All interested families need to contact Uwa Imhagwe on 0406 212 504.

**Following 9:30am Mass this weekend**, the Youth Ministry will hold a Sausage Sizzle to raise money for Youth Ministry Events in 2019. Sausages \$2:50, Softdrinks \$1:00, Water \$1:00. Come and enjoy some time and sausages with our young people and help them fund their activities.

**ASPIRE TO PURPOSE:** The L.A.M.P. group held a wonderful Youth event this Saturday, twelve members of our younger parishioners went and enjoyed a spirit filled, fun filled day.

**FORMATION SESSION:** The next Formation Session for our Yr 6 to Yr 12 young people will be held on Friday March 01, 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Centre. The Guest Speaker at this gathering will be Mike Hansen, whose topic is 'Moral Decision Making – Accepting and Honouring Others. Anyone interested in bringing food for our youngsters to eat, your generosity would be gratefully and eagerly accepted. Please contact Jen on 5174 7703 to let her know.

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:**

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)*  
Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

January 2019

Loose collections

January 06	\$1,760.30
January 13	\$1,351.25
January 20	\$1,362.00
January 27	\$1,140.00
	<u>\$5,613.55</u>

Planned Giving

Envelopes	\$6,239.65
Direct Debit	\$5,998.00
Credit Card	\$3,245.00
<u>Unplanned giving</u>	<u>\$ 188.10</u>
January total	<u>\$ 15,670.75</u>

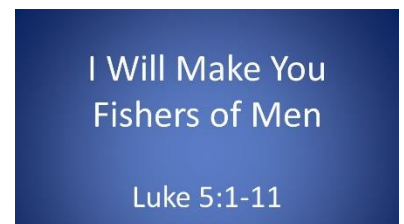
Monthly pledge amount \$18,328.00

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

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

**Counters**

- Feb 10** Arend Team
- Feb 17** Armstrong Team



**Rosters for February 16 & 17 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	A Taylor	B O'Brien	C DiCorleto, B Power, M Giddens, D Buckland	H Luque	Jane	Volunteer required
9:30am	U Imhagwe J Dal Pra	M Tainsh	T Denny, J & W Waanders, A Symonds, Volunteers x 2	R Benbow M Blanchard	Charismatic choir	P & L Van der Velden
6:00pm	R Tarraran	R Tarraran	J Reid, R Tarraran, D Locke, Volunteer	D Buckland		Volunteer required

- **Altar Cleaning:** Feb 10 M Tainsh Feb 17 J Scholtes
  - **Church Cleaning:** February St Michael's PS Team
  - **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Caroline and Josephine
  - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Feb 10 K & N Fitzsimons Feb 17 C & C Medhurst
- 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:** Feb 14 Scholtes Team Feb 21 Hemming Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Ps 94:6-7

*O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.*

**First Reading** Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Here am I! Send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 137:1-5 7-8 Rv1

***(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.***

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 15:1-11

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

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I

preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

**Gospel Acclamation** Luke 1:38

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Come follow me, says the Lord,*

*and I will make you fishers of my people.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Next weeks Readings:

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C*

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:12, 16:20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26