



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.

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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
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Hello everyone,

As you can see, the year is gradually unfolding, and weeks are adding up to months now. Praise God. Just a few notices and reminders.

1. Bishop Mark Edwards.

It has been in the bulletin that Bishop Mark Edwards (OMI) is visiting the Valley at the invitation of the Valley Pastoral Committee. This committee is made up of parish representatives and the religious and priests in the valley parishes. We have been discussing how to initiate some educative and informative sessions as well as foster unity and communion among the parishioners in the valley parishes. The youth have begun this path with the **Celebrate Youth of the Valley** last year, which has now become an annual event for the young ones. So, apart from listening to the Spirit-inspired teaching of Bishop Mark, it is intended to build up communion amongst ourselves in the Valley. The office has received a couple of RSVPs, which is very good. However, if there are still people who are able to make it, that would even be better. No number is too much. I am hoping to see a whole lot of you there please. See details in the bulletin.

2. Parish Gathering: 26th February, 2019.

Coming together at the beginning of the year as a parish community to discuss what the year holds for us is very important. January is very quiet (with families away); hence our meeting in February. The notice was also in the bulletin last week. This gathering is intended for us to really look into issues that concern us as a community and how we can keep growing and developing. Every living community keeps developing and growing; we are a vibrant and living community and so we are still growing. Some of the issues have already being raised at the plenary sessions; others are still with some of us in the pews. Please note it in your diary and let's come together on that date. Please see details in the bulletin.

3. Parish Finance Team.

About two weeks ago, there was an advertisement in the bulletin about a vacancy in the Parish Finance Committee. I am delighted to let you know that Richard Webber cheerfully volunteered to serve the parish in this regard. Richard was the Business Manager for Catholic College Sale a couple of years ago. He is currently a Professor with the Federation University, Churchill Campus. We thank God for Richard, and pray God to bless him and his family. We welcome him on board.

4. Rob and Robyn Tarraran.

Some of you must have heard that Rob and Robyn Tarraran are moving residence from Traralgon to Warragul. They have been an active presence in our parish for a long time. They will be greatly missed. The parish is putting up a farewell morning tea after Mass on Sunday 3rd March 2019. This prior notice is for us to start organising our PLATES...

Once again, God bless every one of you. Amen! Alleluia!!

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 18 to 23

Mon 18	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 19	10:45am	Mass, Margery Cole
Weds 20	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 21	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
Fri 22	9:30am	Mass (SMPS Yr5/6)
Sat 23	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 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.***

AFTER HOURS PARISH CONTACT: Should the need arise to contact Father in an emergency, please call 0448 529 712 and leave a message.

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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: *Parent/Child Workshops* will be held at **4:00pm and 5:30pm on Wednesdays February 20 & 27.** Families are expected to attend all preparation sessions for this Sacrament. For further information, please contact Jen Hanratty on 5174 7703.

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.

CATHOLIC LIFE: The latest edition of the Catholic Life is now available in the porches, please take a copy to your home and enjoy catching up on the news of our Diocese.

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 21st 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.

HOT OFF THE PRESS! Bushies Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser coming to the Parish Youth Ministry, delivery date on April 09. Forms available soon.

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday Feb 19

Reconciliation Catechist Class #1
4:30pm Mary MacKillop Room

Finance & Maintenance Teams
7:30pm Parish Centre

Wednesday Feb 20

Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop #1 4:00pm OR 5:30pm Mary MacKillop Room

Liturgy Team 5:00pm, Parish Centre

Cells Weds pm Prayer Group
1:00pm Parish Centre

Thursday Feb 21

RCIA 7:30pm, Parish Centre

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Jennifer Lindsay (née Smith), Sr Margaret of Sion and Gloria and Ian Robinson and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Tommy and Kathleen Sweeney, Tony Panozzo-Tilè, Giovanni Condello and Joseph Lapu.

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, Peter Lont, 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 14th 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.

ST MICHAEL'S JUNIOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR: wasn't our Parish blessed to enjoy this delightful group of young people in our choir last Sunday! Congratulations to Mrs Jane Mitchell and her team of young choristers. They are rostered on again for Sunday March 31 at the 9:30am Mass. This Mass will be followed by a Sausage Sizzle and gathering.

SMY@L YOUTH GROUP will next meet on **Friday, 1st March**. This youth group is open to all young people in Yr 5 to lower secondary years.

If you loved the messy/gross games, you will love this one, too!!_ Wet'n'Wild Games Night! Wear old clothes or bring a spare set and a towel. **W A R N I N G!** You will get WET and have lots of fun! Meet at St Michael's MacKillop Hall. 6:30-8:30pm. Cost \$3.00. Contact Rach 0499 077 735 for info.

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. Contact Marianne Saunders on 0490 628 833 for further details. *The Children's Liturgy Team members will gather for a quick meeting after 9:30am Mass this morning.*

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.

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:

"Blessed are you when people hate you,...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (Luke 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

Counters - see rosters

RITE OF ELECTION: This celebration for all RCIA team members, Catechumens and Candidates will be held in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale on Sunday March 10 at 3:00pm.

Choir for this mass - if you would like to be part of the choir for this Mass, Rehearsal will be 1:30-2:30pm before the Mass. Please contact Sophy Morley on smorley@sale.catholic.org.au as soon as possible to register and to receive your music pack. Her phone no. is 5622 6677.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Friday 1st March. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend a World Day of Prayer service of celebration and prayer for Slovenia on **Friday 1st March** at 10:00am at the Uniting Church, Park Lane, Traralgon.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

Feb 26 Parish Formation Meeting at 7:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall.

June 09 Pentecost Sunday – Multicultural Celebration - please consider how you can best represent your 'ethnic background' at this celebration.

Parish Dinner - Friday October 25.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY: Bishop Patrick has announced a Diocesan Assembly to be held on **13/14 September** at Marist Sion College, Warragul. During the *Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue* process, several common topics have emerged; many of which can be addressed at a Diocesan level.

As part of the preparation process each parish will host the Icon and Candle for one week, due in our Parish in July.

Rosters for February 23 & 24 ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C						
Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	S Grout	C DiCorleto	J Scholtes, R Tactor, J Ware, Volunteer	S Frankland L Kennedy	Jane	A & M Giddens
9:30am	S Reid T Denny	L Van der Velden	W Detering, C Payne, J Cahill, M Hanratty, S Reid, Volunteers x 2	C Collis E Freeman	Jane	G Imhagwe
6:00pm	J Panozzo-Tilè	S Luscombe	J O'Brien, R O'Connor, Volunteers x 2	G Edgar J Sykes	Jane	L Theissling

- **Altar Cleaning:** Feb 17 J Scholtes Feb 24 F Rycak
- **Church Cleaning:** February St Michael's PS Team March Hanratty Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Jane and Grace
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Feb 17 C & C Medhurst Feb 24 G & S Dorling
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 21 Hemming Team Feb 28 Burns Team
- **Counters:** Feb 17 Armstrong Team Feb 24 Morris Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 30:3-4

*Be my protector, O God,
A mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name.*

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

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

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

- Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **(R.)**
- He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **(R.)**
- Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:12 16-20

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

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 6:23

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Luke 6:17 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.'

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.'

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



Next weeks Readings:

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: 1 Sam 26:2 7-9 12-13 22-23

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38