



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
Kildare Campus 5174 8111
St Paul's Campus 5174 7355

Dearly beloved,

As we worship together on this last Sunday of February 2019, I draw your attention to a few things.

1. **Thank you very much.**

What a wonderful night with Bishop Mark Edwards. As Bishop Mark affirmed, we live in the change of an era, not just an era of change. This is not necessarily a threat, but an opportunity which calls on everyone to build community, to build bridges and not walls. A lot of people though living in the midst of others, still face loneliness and feel alone. Building community breaks every wall of barrier and so does away with loneliness. In this era, which is the age that God has given to you and me, we are called to be vulnerable which gives room for daily conversion. This requires assurance of faith, but not to be defensive. Nevertheless, in the end, as St Eugene de Mazenod says, "leave nothing undared in the business of spreading the kingdom of God." On behalf of our Parish Pastoral Council and the Valley Pastoral Committee, I thank you all very much as a parish community for your great representation. Of the about 85 persons present, 45 came from St Michael's Traralgon. This is only possible because of the oneness of spirit and communion that we share in our **common-unity**. I pray that we maintain this united force as we push through the year. Once again, thank you very much. And always remember that you are loved, highly valued and appreciated. Blessings as always.

2. **Parish Gathering: 26th February 2019.**

This meeting is now knocking at our doors. It is this Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Mary Mackillop Hall. The coming together of community members to discuss and analyse issues of common interest is one of the known strengths in every community development, be it secular or religious. On behalf of our PPC, I invite every one of you to please come together and let us have a chat about that which concerns us as a parish. The linchpin of our discussion will be: reflections from our plenary council submissions; and the theme of belonging, evangelisation, youth empowerment and leadership. The assembly commences at 7.30pm and runs till 9.00pm. A plate of supper to share will be appreciated. **If you cannot drive at night, please let the office know and we may be able to arrange for someone close by to pick you up.** We are a community and ought to be there for one another.

3. **Return of Palms.**

Ash Wednesday is around the corner (6th March). At Palm Sunday last year, palms and olive branches were blessed which you took home. These branches are blessed items and are normally re-used (recycled?) for ashes on Ash Wednesday the following year. Thus, if you've still got a blessed palm or olive branch in your home, could you kindly **return it to the church** in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Please leave them behind the Sacristy door or in front of the parish office before or by next Sunday the latest. Thank for doing this.

May God bless you all and keep you in HIS care. 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 25 to March 02

Mon 25	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 26	11:00am	Requiem Mass for Domenico Carrioli
Weds 27	11:00am	Funeral Service for Leslie Heyfron Mass, (Gippsland Catholic Primary Principals Assoc.)
Thurs 28	9:30am	Mass (SMPS Yr5/6)
Fri 01	9:30am	Mass (SMPS Yr5/6)
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

Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Tuesday March 5th at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Office on 5174 2060 for further information.

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: The second *Parent/Child Workshop* will be held at **4:00pm and 5:30pm on Wednesday February 27.**

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.

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR YOUTH

MINISTRY: Bushies Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser. Please order some delicious hot cross buns and support our Youth Ministry at the same time. Orders forms available on the tables at the Church entrances.

MAINTENANCE TEAM NEWS: We are currently blessed to have a number of dedicated parishioners who happily give of their time and talents to look after our buildings and our gardens.

The Maintenance Team is now in need of further parishioners to boost their number. Forms to register your details are available on the tables in the Church entrances, and are also available on our website, www.smpt.org.au.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: It is currently very difficult for the parish to know when people are ill in hospital or at home. The 'Catholic lists' of yesteryear at the hospitals no longer exist.

So, if there's anyone in your family or anyone you know of who is unwell and who would welcome a visit from a parish representative or from Father, could you please let the office know by ringing 5174 2060.

This ministry is of great importance and can bring growth not only to those who are ill, but helps build our parish community.

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!

PLENARY COUNCIL NEWS: The raw responses from around 400 participants at the 5 regional Listening and Dialogue sessions with the Bishop held around the Diocese late last year, are now available on the Diocesan website

<http://www.sale.catholic.org.au/downloads/parishes/579-diocese-of-sale-raw-responses-from-regional-listening-dialogue-sessions-with-the-bishop.html> or go to

<http://www.sale.catholic.org.au/25-bishop/348-towards-2020.html> page down to Listening and Dialogue Sessions and click on the link.

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday 26

10:00am CWL Meeting

Mary MacKillop Room

Reconciliation Catechist Class #2

4:30pm Mary MacKillop Room

Parish Formation Meeting

7:30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

Wednesday 27

9:00am-1:00pm

Icon School, Parish Centre

Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop

#2 4:00pm OR 5:30pm Mary MacKillop Room

Cells Weds pm Prayer Group

1:00pm Parish Centre

Thursday Feb 28

RCIA 7:30pm, Parish Centre

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Robert Allen, Domenico Carrioli, Leslie (Jack) Heyfron and Marie Ferris and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Graeme Membrey, Ken Vivian, Percy Cunico, Tommy and Kathleen Sweeney, Tony Panozzo-Tilè and Giovanni Condello.

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, 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.



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.

ST MICHAEL'S JUNIOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The Junior Youth Children's Choir will participate in our 9:30am Mass on **Sunday March 31**. 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 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 and bring 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.

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.

YOUTH MASS: Our next Youth Mass will be on **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 pizzas 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.

RISE MELBOURNE MARCH 23, 2019 : A festival type day for those in Yr 9 to 25yrs of age. An exciting time and place for young people to discover and deepen their relationship with Christ and celebrate their faith. The day is being held at Penola Catholic College, Broadmeadows, and will run from 10:00am-10:00pm. The cost is \$20.00. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Jen on 5174 7703.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back." (Luke 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

Counters -

Feb 24 Morris Team
Mar 03 Mitchell Team

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.



SUPPORT OF OUR PRIESTS WELFARE

FUND: The Knights of the Southern Cross will hold a fundraising dinner on **March 28th** to support the bursary fund for the education of Sale Diocese Seminarians. The dinner will be at the Black Tie Function Centre, 90 Alfred St, Warragul, 6.30 for 7pm start. The two course dinner will cost \$60 and wine, beer and soft drinks will be available at bar prices. The event is open to men and women who want to support this venture. There will be a silent auction as an additional fundraiser. Tickets are available at <https://www.trybooking.com/470438>.

GOING TO BUNNINGS NEXT SUNDAY?:

Help support St Michael's Primary School by buying a barbecued 'snag' on Sunday March 03.

Rosters for March 02 & 03 ~ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	M Joske B O'Brien	S Hill	B Power, C DiCorleto, D Buckland, T Wisby	A O'Hara R Tactor	Jane	A Symonds
9:30am	C McLure R Diaz	C McCabe	J & Waanders, J Cahill, K Jones, E Ryan, J Hanratty, and Deacon Tony or volunteer	T Biancon M Rigg	Filipino Choir	P & L Van der Velden
6:00pm	E Joseph	M Noone	J Reid, D Locke, Volunteers x 2	A Ward	Diamente Family	B Kennedy

- **Altar Cleaning:** Feb 24 F Rycak Mar 03 L Kennedy
- **Church Cleaning:** March Hanratty Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Marianne and Therese
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Feb 24 G & S Dorling Mar 03 M Van Berkel
- **Mick's Kitchen:** Feb 28 Burns Team Mar 07 Moretti Team

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

Entrance Antiphon Ps 12:6

*O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful
with me.*

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

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Next weeks Readings:

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45