



## 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

### Scripture Commentary by Brendan Byrne SJ

With the **Gospel** of today (Luke 6:39-45) we come to the third major section from Jesus' instruction to his disciples known as the Sermon on the Plain. Where the section set for last week dealt with action towards others, now we seem to have something that is trying to reach deeper: to the wellspring of action found in the human heart. Get the heart – the fundamental attitude – right, Jesus seems to be saying, and all else will follow.

The opening commands not to judge and not to condemn are already bound up with this. They raise the issue of just how difficult it is for people to have the kind of understanding that would really allow them to make judgments of others. The illustrations of one blind person leading another and of attempting to remove the speck in a neighbour's eye when one has a log in one's own are, again, as is so often the case with Jesus' image and illustrations, exaggerated and humorous. It is so hard to know what is in one's own heart – to recognise the 'plank' that may be there, inhibiting right vision and right judgment. Yet, even with such impediment, we are still so confident that we can see and set about rooting out the failings of others. If God, who really does see the heart, acts with such generosity, understanding and compassion, then that – not judgment and condemnation – should surely be the model for human interaction.

This should certainly be the case within the community of the kingdom. But Jesus may also mean it to apply even to outsiders who persecute and maltreat members of the community (see Paul's handling of this issue in Rom 12:17-21). This leads into a more general reflection on the continuity that must prevail between the heart – the ultimate source of human behaviour – and the external action that flows from it.

**Parish Formation Evening:** The Parish took another step along the road of Building the Body of Christ when we gathered together on Tuesday evening (February 26).

It was wonderful to see our parishioners coming out in the evening to share time together and to listen to wonderful presentations by Anne Taylor and Mike Hansen. Anne spoke about the Proclaim Conference she attended in Brisbane last year, the focus of which was 'Leadership, Young People, Evangelisation and Belonging'. Mike spoke about our responses to the Plenary Council Question which we can address at Parish Level.

We were reminded from scripture 'to make your home in me, as I make mine in you'. We need to be prepared to step out of the boat of our present comfort levels and hand our life (and our parish life) to God.

## 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

### March 04 to March 09

<b>Mon 04</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Tues 05</b>	9:30am	Mass
<b>Weds 06</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
	9:30am	Mass (SGPS)
	12:00pm	Mass (SMPSYrs1-6)
	6:00pm	Mass
<b>Thurs 07</b>	10:30am	Mass, Dalkeith
<b>Fri 08</b>	10:30am	Mass, Bupa Care
<b>Sat 09</b>	9:30am	Mass

**Rosary:** Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

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



## 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.

**THANK YOU AND FAREWELL:** After around 25 years of being involved in our Parish life at many different levels, we sadly **farewell Rob and Robyn Tarraran** this weekend as they move to their new home in Warragul.

They have both blessed the Parish with their giftedness.

We wish them both and their family every blessing and happiness in their new life.

Please come along and join in their farewell morning tea after 9:30am Mass this Sunday.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to those parishioners who very generously have offered to provide a light supper to the Youth involved in the Youth Formation sessions being held each month. Truly 'seeing a need and doing something about it.' All donations gratefully received.

**RECONCILIATION 2019:** Catechist Classes continue this Tuesday at 4:30pm.

The children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday March 13 and Thursday March 14 at 6:30pm.

## 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](http://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.

## THANK

**YOU:** The Parish has



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

received a letter of thanks from the Traralgon Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society, for all the support given to the Christmas Appeal via the gifting tree in our Church during Advent.

The many gifts received were amongst goods distributed to over 180 families. The support from the parish helps the society stretch their resources even wider.

**PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS:** Receipts for giving to our Stewardship Program for the months of October 2018 to January 2019 are now available on a table by the Kay Street entrance. *The receipts are for envelope, credit card and direct debit givers. Please take yours home with you and help us to keep our postage costs down.* It costs \$1 to mail out each receipt. Thank you for your assistance.

## NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

### Tuesday 05

**Reconciliation Catechist Class #3**

**4:30pm** Mary MacKillop Room

**Baptism Preparation Meeting**

**7:00pm** Parish Centre

**Youth Ministry – Celebrate Committee**

**7:30pm** Parish Centre

### Wednesday 06 (Ash Wednesday)

**7:00pm** Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Centre

### Thursday 07

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

## CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE PAST STUDENTS GET TOGETHER.

There will be a get together for past students from Catholic College Sale Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm Commercial Hotel Yarragon. The hotel is across the road from the Yarragon railway station, or alternatively there is a large carpark behind the hotel. If you like to book or for further information, could you please contact John Daniels by email [john@travelpluswarragul.com.au](mailto:john@travelpluswarragul.com.au) no later than Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**SR DOREEN** is away from the Parish for the next six weeks, while she will attend a seminar in Sydney run by the Josephite Order.

We will miss her smile and fun while she's away. Please keep her in your prayers. We look forward to her return, just before Easter.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently including Judge Kevin Cummins, Robert Allen, Domenico Carrioli, Leslie (Jack) Heyfron and Marie Ferris and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Anne-Marie Smith, Frank Valencic, John Zahra, Fe Turner, Graeme Membrey, Ken Vivian and Percy Cunico.

**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, Julie Dal Pra, 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, Ray Smith, Jerry Templar, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, Margaret West and Fr Frank Young.



**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.

**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, 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. This youth group is open to young people in Yr 5 to lower secondary years.

Join in an Easter Egg hunt & discover the real meaning of Easter as we take part in the Stations of the Cross in the Church. Indoor and outdoor games and activities. Meet at St Michael's MacKillop Hall. 6:30-8:30pm. Cost \$3.00. plus some tinned foods for donation to St Vincent de Paul. Contact Sally on 0403 282 630 for further information.

**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. Parishioners are also asked to bring a plate to share. 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 April 05, 7:00-8:30pm** in the Parish Centre. The Guest Speaker at this gathering will be Susan Grout, whose topic is 'Catholic Social Teaching'. 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:**

*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (Luke 6:43)*

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

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

**Counters -**

- Mar 03** Mitchell Team
- Mar 10** Waanders 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 28<sup>th</sup>** 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>.



**Rosters for March 09 & 10 ~ First Sunday of Lent Year C**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	C DiCorleto	S Grout	J Scholtes, R Tactor, Volunteers x 2	G & D Bassett		D Buckland
9:30am	M Hansen N Georgeson	H Daly	W Detering, D Prestipino, B & S Edgar, G Imhagwe, A Reid and Deacon Tony or volunteer	C Payne M Wilkinson	Charismatic Choir	M Hanratty
6:00pm	C Roga	J Hanrahan	J Fleming, S Luscombe, Volunteers x 2	M Noone		L Theissling

- **Altar Cleaning:** Mar 03 L Kennedy Mar 10 M Giddens
  - **Church Cleaning:** March Hanratty Team
  - **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Amanda and Shane
  - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Mar 03 M Van Berkel Mar 10 P & W Gomez
- 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:** Mar 07 Moretti Team Mar 14 McLaughlin Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Ps 17:19-20

*The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.*

**First Reading** Sir 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

**(R.)** *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 15:54-58

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

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 13:34

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Next weeks Readings:

*First Sunday in Lent Year C*

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13