



## 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

### What we can give up for Lent:

Lent is a good time to concentrate on fighting the urge to gossip about others and instead trying to correct one's own faults and defects, Pope Francis said.

Gossip doesn't end with gossip; it goes beyond, sowing discord, enmity and evil.

Wars begin with the tongue. You can start a war by talking about others. It's a step toward war, destruction. Because it's the same to destroy with your tongues as with an atomic bomb. It's the same; you destroy. The tongue is very powerful.

And with insults, with talking about others, many wars begin, domestic wars, shouting begins – or in the neighbourhood, the workplace, school, the parish.

This is why Jesus says, "Before you talk about others, take a mirror and look at yourself; look at your faults and be ashamed of them. And you will be mute about others' faults."

Some may say 'But Father, often the people are really bad with many faults'. That's fine, but be brave, be courageous and say it to the person's face, not behind the person's back. To his or her face.

But don't gossip about it, because gossiping solves nothing. On the contrary, it makes things worse and can lead to war.

Catholics should ask themselves, 'Am I a hypocrite who smiles and then turns around to criticise and destroy with my tongue?'

If, by the end of Lent, we are able to correct this a bit and not go around always criticising others behind their backs, I assure you, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection will be more beautiful.

*Extract from a homily delivered by Pope Francis in St Crispin on the outskirts of Rome, Sunday March 03, 2019.*

# PROJECT COMPASSION

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#### 2019 PRAYER:

*Creator God,*

*You are our constant hope!  
In the season of Lent, you call us  
to prayer, fasting and  
love of those most marginalised.*

*As a community of faith and  
courage, let our gifts to Project  
Compassion*

*be symbols of hope and solidarity  
with our one human family.*

*Accompany us  
as we journey with Jesus  
to bring 'good news'  
to all creation  
and ready our hearts  
to work for the common good  
of all your people.*

*We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.*



## 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 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>	10:30am	Mass, SGPS (Yr3/4)
<b>Fri 15</b>	10:30am	Communion Service (SMPS Yr3/4)
<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:

\* Liam Hughes, son of Chris & Daniela:

\* Aidan Hugh & Liam Declan McNelis, sons of Ian & Suzanne: and

\* Davina-Claire Valma Sartori, daughter of Jonathan and Tori.

Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Tuesday April 02 at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Office on 5174 2060 for further information.

**RECONCILIATION 2019:** This week we are blessed to have 64 children who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on **Wednesday March 13 and Thursday March 14 at 6:30pm.** Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. The Certificate Mass for these youngsters will be on Saturday March 23.

### 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. Orders need to be in to the Parish Office by 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**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.

We are very pleased and grateful to welcome *John Marsiglio* and *Peter Lorinc* to the Maintenance Team. More volunteers are always wanted. Please fill your details in on a Maintenance Team form on the tables in the Church entrances, if you feel you could help in any way.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** The CPG meets every Thursday evening, starting with a cuppa at 7:00pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. All are welcome to come and join in! Enquiries to Cathy on 5174 3001.

**June 09 – Pentecost Sunday**



parishioners are invited to our 'Multicultural Celebration' to be held in the Mary MacKillop Hall following the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 9th June.

Parishioners from various ethnic groups are invited to bring along food from their culture to share, to dress in their national dress and share with others any national dances, etc.

PPC members Greg Imhagwe, Steve Kimani, Thomas Mathew, Doug Doherty and Amanda Reid are the organizing group for this event. Please let one of them, or the parish office know if you are able to come and participate.

## NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

### Tuesday 12

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

### Wednesday 13

9:00am-1:00pm  
Icon School, Parish Centre

### Thursday 07

RCIA 7:30pm, Parish Centre

**FR PETER McGRATH:** March 3<sup>rd</sup> this year marked the first anniversary of the passing of Fr Peter McGrath.

Fr Peter was the founder of the Passionist Family Groups. The movement began in Terrey Hills, Sydney in 1972. The Family Groups were first formed to meet the needs of St Anthony in the Fields parish where Fr Peter was working.

Family Groups are now established in numerous parishes throughout Australia and New Zealand, as well as in parishes throughout England, Ireland and the USA.

The Passionist Family Groups have been an integral part of our Parish life for the past thirty-one years, and are still going strong. We are indeed, greatly enriched by all that the Family Groups bring to our St Michael's Parish community.

Anyone who might be interested to learn more about belonging to a Family Group can call Jenny Dal Pra on 5174 1323.

**Can you help?** There is a king size single bed in the Parish Centre which is no longer required. If anyone in the parish could use this mattress and base set in good condition, please contact the Parish Office by Thursday March 14 to arrange pick up details.

### 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 no later than Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**St Patrick's Day Remembrance Mass** in honour of St Patrick's Old Collegians, Sale will be held in St Michael's Catholic Church, George Street, Heyfield at 10:00am on Sunday March 17. All past members and their families are warmly invited to attend. Enjoy a cuppa and community in the Heyfield church hall after Mass. Enquiries, please contact Pat Crozier on 0400 218 417 or blairathol@dodo.com.au.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently including Judge Kevin Cummins and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Fr Peter McGrath, Myra King, Joan Jennings, Anne-Marie Smith, Frank Valencic, John Zahra and Fe Turner.

**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 Templer, 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. This Sunday, *Quentin Montazeau* will be blessed in the Rite of Sending. He will be sent forth from our Parish to attend the Rite of Election in St Mary's Cathedral at 2:00pm on Sunday afternoon. Please keep *Quentin and the RCIA Team members* in your prayers. If you know anyone who'd like more information about joining our faith, 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**. Rehearsal will be held on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 4:00pm** in the Church. **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:**

*"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Deuteronomy 26:10)*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

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

**Counters -**

- Mar 10** Waanders Team
- Mar 17** Arend Team

**WEEK 1: ZIMBABWE**  
**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 10 MARCH 2019**

Twelve-year-old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day, threatened by crocodiles, to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia-supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide access to clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.



*Please take home a Caritas Project Compassion box and remember those in our global community whose lives can be greatly improved by your contribution.*



**Rosters for March 16 & 17 ~ Second Sunday of Lent Year C**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	C DiCorleto, B Power, M Giddens, D Buckland	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	Youth Mass
9:30am	R Pearson W Gomez	H Daly	T Denny, J & W Waanders, A Symonds, L Panozzo-Tilè and Deacon Tony or volunteer	R Benbow M Blanchard	Charismatic Choir	P & L Van der Velden
6:00pm	J Panozzo-Tilè	S Luscombe	J O'Brien, R O'Connor, volunteers x 2	D Buckland		Volunteer required

- **Altar Cleaning:** Mar 10 M Giddens Mar 17 M Tainsh
- **Church Cleaning:** March Hanratty Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Carolyn and Josephine
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Mar 10 P & W Gomez Mar 17 J & D Doherty  
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 14 McLaughlin Team Mar 21 Van Berkel Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Ps 90:15-16

*When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.*

**First Reading** Dt 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*The confession of faith of the elect.*

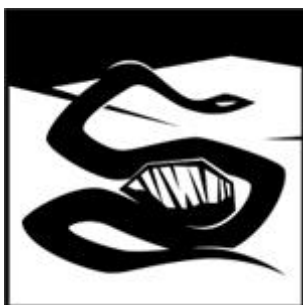
Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 90:1-2 10-15 Rv15

**(R.)** *Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **(R.)**
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **(R.)**
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **(R.)**
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 4:4

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

**Gospel** Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.