



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.

www.smpt.org.au
email: traralgon@cdsale.org.au

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



Congratulations to the following children who have now received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Harry Ayres, Stevie Bedford, Liam Bermingham, Millicent Bermingham, Harry Bosch, Tajh Brand, Vanessa Buhagiar, Adele Calabro, Spencer Campbell, Sophie Clegg, Sierra Colantuono, Haylee Crookes, Jayme Davis, Jian Karlo Diwa, Lucy Fazioli, Zanthé Flewin, Hamish Fox, Nicole Francolino, Chloe Galante, Lachlan Gallivan, Audrey Goicoa, Mace Henderson, Sienna Inchincoli, Oliver Jones, Alycia Kelly, Iris Knowles, Ellery Kornet, Ruby Kus, Jack Lemon, Lucy Magaldi, Macey Manzo, Satino Maramag, Isabella McIntosh, Lily McKay, Campbell Milliner, Taylin Moloney, Miah Moloney, Levi O'Neill, Kitty Passalaqua, Orla Phillips, Aston Prince, Isla Rabette, Milla Rayner, Harrison Ritchie, Grace Robinson, Ruby Roscoe, Lulu Ross, Kira Rossl, Harlow Sexton, Kye Spiteri, Melanie Stanistreet, Hudson Stone, Chloe Taylor, Alani Treasure, Callan Van der Meer, Mia Varsaci, Abbey Vella, Annabella Veneman, Isabella Vitale, Wil Walker, Beth Wallace, Jack Wight, Harry Wight and Tyler Zandona.



Some responses from our Reconciliation Families when they were asked:-

What does the Church mean to you?

- Community, sense of belonging, family, friends.
- A place to gather and pray.
- It is the foundation for the family in living the right way with the community.
- A place to talk to and be with God. A place of love and forgiveness.
- For me it is a place where I can come and gather my thoughts and for my children to come and learn why our faith is important.
- A familiar place to come and find solace.
- A safe space to be with others and celebrate the life of Jesus.
- Church gives me time to reflect on life choices and life's direction.

What would you like the Church to be?

- A place I can go to when I need to speak with God.
- No need to change.
- Less formal and more welcoming.
- An inclusive community that is welcoming.
- More fun for the kids to attend.
- 30 minute Mass.
- Less ceremony.
- A place where kids enjoy going, more about Jesus/Gods teachings, lessons.
- A welcoming place for people searching for a meaning in life. A place where all people are included. Perhaps female Priests or married leaders/Priests.
- 5pm Mass on a Saturday night as 6pm is tea time.

Our sincere thanks to the children, their families and all in the Sacramental Team for their huge faith commitment and enthusiasm.

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

March 18 to 23

Mon 18	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 19	10:45am	Communion Service, Margery Cole
	11:00am	Requiem Mass for Carmelo Pizzi
Weds 20	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 21	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Fri 22	9:30am	Mass (SMPS Yr3/4)
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

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.

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR YOUTH

MINISTRY: Bushies Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser. Please order some delicious hot cross buns and support our Youth Ministry. Orders forms available on the tables at the Church entrances. Orders to be in to the Parish Office by **31st March.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The first Men's Breakfast for 2019 will be held on **Saturday March 30 at 8:00am**

The guest speaker will be Gavin Purcell from Victoria Police.

Other dates for the Men's Breakfast for 2019 are June 29 and September 28, please note them in your diary, gentlemen.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: The CPG meets every Thursday evening, starting with a cuppa at 7:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. All are welcome to come and join in! Enquiries to Cathy on 5174 3001.

DAY OF HEALING & PRAYER: You are warmly invited to come and experience the healing touch of Jesus in the Church on **Wednesday March 27, 9:30am to 3:30pm.**

Speaker - Johnson Sequira.

For further information please contact Cathy McLure on 0432 588 195

PIETY STALL: we have need of volunteers to work in our Piety Stall for 10-15 minutes after each Mass.

Volunteers will receive some training, and need to have a current Working With Children Check. You will be rostered on once per month. Please contact Lynne Kennedy on 0411 149 030.

OUR PARISH 'APP': Our St Michael's Parish Traralgon 'App' is almost ready to go, just a few more weeks.

Availability of Mass times, parish information, bulletins and events right on your phone!

More information as we get closer!



Congratulations to **Pasqualina Loprese** who celebrates her 90th birthday this Sunday, March 24.

Best wishes, from us all.

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Wednesday 20

9:00am Cells Weds am Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room

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

Thursday 07

RCIA 7:30pm, Parish Centre

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The next meeting of our CWL will be held on Tuesday 26th March in the Mary MacKillop Room. All women are warmly invited to join in; come at 9:30am for a cuppa, before the meeting starts at 10:00am.

KEYS FOR CREATING A MISSIONARY CULTURE IN PARISHES:

Mr Ron Huntley will present a workshop on Saturday 6th April, (9:30am-3:00pm) in St Peter's Parish Hall, 22 Mary Street, Clayton.

Ron Huntley works internationally with Church leaders to build passion and get results. Working alongside Fr James Mallon, author of 'Divine Renovation', Ron works with Catholic parishes around the world through seminars, the Divine Renovation podcast and a coaching network where he mentors pastors seeking to transform the culture of their parishes.

Can Catholic parishes become communities of missionary disciples that bear lasting fruit?

Come to this workshop to hear how we can renew our Parishes so that they become more outward focused and welcoming. Hear how Alpha and the Divine Renovation model can help in this task why cultural change is so important.

Ron Huntley has written a book 'Unlocking your Parish: making disciples, raising up leaders with Alpha, which aims to provide insight into what Alpha can do to help any Catholic Parish become a vibrant, mission-focused community.

Cost \$45.00 Register now with Lorraine McCarthy on 0402 217 123 or to lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Carmelo Pizzi, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Fr Peter McGrath, Myra King and Joan Jennings.

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 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.



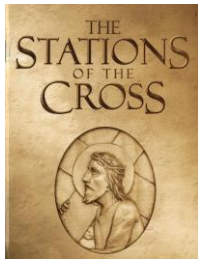
ST MICHAEL'S JUNIOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The Junior Youth Children's Choir will participate in our 9:30am Mass on **Sunday March 31**. Rehearsal will be held on **Wednesday 27th March at 4:00pm** in the Church. **This Mass will be followed by a Sausage Sizzle and gathering.**

SMY@L YOUTH GROUP will next meet on **Friday, 22nd 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.

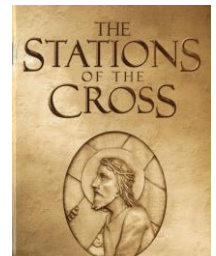
FORMATION SESSION: The next Formation Session for our Yr 6 to Yr 12 young people will be held on **Friday April 05, 7:00-8:30pm** in the Parish Centre. The Guest Speaker at this gathering will be Susan Grout, whose topic is 'Catholic Social Teaching'. Anyone interested in bringing food for our youngsters to eat, your generosity would be gratefully and eagerly accepted. Please contact Jen on 5174 7703 to let her know.



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Is celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7:00pm.

All are warmly invited to attend.



PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

February 2019

Loose collections

February 03	\$1,169.00
February 10	\$1,159.00
February 17	\$1,264.00
February 24	\$1,142.00
	\$4,734.00

Planned Giving

Envelopes	\$6,117.00
Direct Debit	\$5,858.00
Credit Card	\$3,155.00
Unplanned giving	\$ 988.40
February total	\$16,118.40
Monthly pledge amount	\$18,328.00

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS: you wish to have information about our Planned Giving programme please contact the Parish Office.

Counters - see Rosters



Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school.

With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Rosters for March 23 & 24 ~ Third Sunday of Lent Year C

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	R Foote	C DiCorleto	J Scholtes, R Tactor, J Ware, Volunteer	S Frankland L Kennedy		A & M Giddens
9:30am	S Reid T Denny	L VanderVelden	W Detering, C Payne, M Hanratty, S Reid, Volunteers x 3 or Deacon Tony and 2 volunteers	C Collis E Freeman	Lavalla Liturgical Choir	G Imhagwe
6:00pm	L Pendergast	M Pendergast	J O'Brien, R O'Connor, volunteers x 2	G Edgar J Sykes	Diamente Family	L Theissling

- **Altar Cleaning:** Mar 17 M Tainsh Mar 24 J Scholtes
- **Church Cleaning:** March Hanratty Team April Collis Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Jane and Grace
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Mar 17 J & D Doherty Mar 24 U & G Imhagwe
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 21 Van Berkel Team Mar 28 Adroit Team
- **Counters:** Mar 17 Arend Team Mar 24 Armstrong

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 26:8-9

*Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.*

First Reading Gen 15:5-12 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v. 1

(R.) *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **(R.)**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **(R.)**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Phil 3:17-4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Next week's readings 3rd Sunday in Lent Year C

First reading:	Exodus 3:1-8 13-15
Second reading:	1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel:	Luke 13:1-9