



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
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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY:

By Dianne Bergant CSA

The story from Exodus can be divided into various parts: an account of the initial theophany (vv.1-3); a self-identification by God (vv. 4-8a); the disclosure of God's personal name (vv. 13-15). Throughout the narrative the lowliness and neediness of people are contrasted with the mysteriousness and grandeur of God. All this emphasises God's graciousness towards the people. Moses asks for God's name, not because he doubts, but because a new revelation of God requires a new name. God is doing something new (delivering an enslaved people), so old titles are inadequate. Giving the people the new name of God authenticates Moses' role as their leader and announces to them the mighty deeds God is about to perform on their behalf.

Paul warns the Corinthians about over-confidence in their status as Christians. He draws connections between the fate of those Israelites who wandered in the wilderness and the Corinthians. The basis of his method is his belief that since Christ is the end (goal) of Israel's history, he is also there in its beginning. Immersed (baptised) in the waters of the Sea, the Israelites were joined to Moses. They were fed with bread from heaven and water from the rock, elements that had spiritual origin. However, these saving events were of no avail for most of them. This history was an example for the Corinthians. If they followed the example of the murmuring generation of Israel, they too would lose God's favour.

The gospel reports two violent incidents, the slaughter of some Galileans, and the collapse of a tower on innocent people.

These two occurrences raised the question of culpability. People wondered what terrible things the victims might have done to deserve such dire consequences. Jesus insists that they were no more guilty of sin than anyone else. He tells a parable to demonstrate the mercy of God, who is willing to give us time to repent. The lessons that Jesus teaches are sobering. First, we never know what lies ahead for us, and so we must always be reconciled with God. Second, while God may be patient with our procrastination, this patience requires that we cooperate with the opportunities provided for our maturing in righteousness.



A prayer for Victims of Terrorism

*Loving God,
Welcome into your arms the victims of
violence and terrorism.
Comfort their families and all who grieve
for them.*

*Help us in our fear and uncertainty,
And bless us with the knowledge that we
are secure in your love.
Strengthen all those who work for peace,
And may the peace the world cannot give
reign in our hearts.*



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 25 to 30

Mon 25	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 26	9:30am	Mass
Weds 27	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 28	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriels PS (Yr2)
Fri 29	9:30am	Mass (SMPS Yr1/2)
Sat 30	9:30am	Mass

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Michael Houlahan, Timothy John Foster and Carmelo Pizzi, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Peter Cunico, Monika Dyblik, Sergio Innocenzi, Arch Graham and Graeme Carney.

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. 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.



BAPTISMS: 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.



WELCOME: We are fortunate to have Fr Peter Slater VG, here celebrating Mass with us this weekend. We hope you enjoy your time in our Parish, Fr Peter.

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.**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE:

Following the Youth Mass on Sunday morning on March 31, the Youth Ministry Team will hold a Sausage Sizzle, so come along and enjoy a delicious 'snag' or two. Sausages in bread \$2:50, cold drinks \$1:50, water \$1:00



VISTING OUR ELDERLY AND

HOUSEBOUND: We are in need of volunteers who will visit parishioners who are living in nursing homes. There will be a meeting on May 30 at 2:00pm in the Parish Centre for all those who have an hour or two to spare each week, and would like to make a difference in their lives. Volunteers must have a current Working With Childrens Check. Please leave your details at the Parish Office if you can help.

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

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday 26

- 9:30am** CWL, Mary MacKillop Room
- 7:00pm** Mick's Kitchen Team Leaders
St Vincent de Paul Centre
- 7:30pm** Youth Ministry Team
meeting, Parish Centre

Wednesday 27

- 9:00am** Icon School, Parish Centre
- 9:00am** Cells Weds am Prayer Group
Mary MacKillop Room
- 1:00pm** Cells Weds pm Prayer Group,
Parish Centre
- 1:30pm** Sacramental Team Meeting,
Mary MacKillop Room
- 5:30pm** Liturgy Meeting, Parish
Centre
- 7:30pm** Alpha Training session,
Parish Centre

Thursday 28

- RCIA 7:30pm,** Parish Centre
- 7:30pm** Alpha Training session,
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.

COLLIS FAMILY GROUP: On St Patrick's Day we enjoyed a walk around the Railway Reserve. We were greeted by the water hens and ducks. Sadly, we had no picnic for them.

We enjoyed coffee and shared time at Café Aura. God is good.

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



Holy Week 2019

Palm Sunday April 13

6:00pm Mass, St Michael's

Sunday April 14

9:30am Mass, St Michael's
10:00am Mass, St Columbkille's
6:00pm Mass, St Michael's

Tuesday 16th April

9:15am Mass,
7:30pm Tenebrae Service,

Wednesday 17th April

9:30am Mass

Thursday 18th April

9:30-10:30am Reconciliation
7:30pm Holy Thursday Mass,

Friday 19th April (Good Friday)

10:00am Stations of the Cross,
3:00pm Service of the Lord's Passion,

Saturday 20th April (Holy Saturday)

7:30pm Easter Vigil

Sunday 21st April (Easter Sunday)

8:30am Mass, St Michael's
10:00am Mass, St Columbkille's
10:30am Mass, St Michael's

*please note, no 6:00pm Mass on
Easter Sunday*



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

CONGRATULATIONS: On Thursday 21st March one of our parishioers, **Irene Williams** celebrated 40 years of volunteering with an afternoon tea. She was presented with a framed certificate, flower and a history of Vinnies book.

Irene began in 1979, at a location in Deakin St, and has moved with St Vincents and now to Vinnies in Argyle Street. Irene has enjoyed volunteering at Vinnies and has made many friends during her 40 years

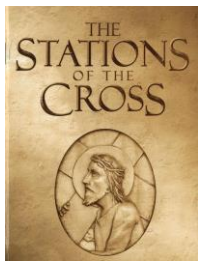
ST MICHAEL'S JUNIOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The Junior Youth Children's Choir will participate in our 9:30am Mass on **Sunday March 31**. Rehearsal will be held on **Wednesday 27th March at 4:00pm** in the Church. **This Mass will be followed by a Sausage Sizzle and gathering.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: All kindergarten and primary-school aged children are welcome to participate in Word which occurs during 9:30am Masses during term time. Contact Marianne Saunders on 0490 628

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.



KSC Fundraising Dinner 28th March 2019 Unfortunately, due to lack of response, the KSC Fundraising Dinner on 28th March 2019 has been postponed until later in the year. The group are looking for suggestions for this event later in the year (e.g. lunch or dinner on a weekend?) and would welcome your input. All suggestions are welcome. Please send thoughts to Jim Johnson by email: jimjohnson@dcsi.net.au



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

All are warmly invited to attend.

Next Weeks Readings:

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C
Sunday March 31, 2019

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12
2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21
Gospel: Lk 15:1-3 11-32

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (Luke 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

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

Counters - see Rosters



Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with a brighter future

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.

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 30 & 31 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	S Grout	D Smith	J & M McLaughlin, C DiCorleto, Volunteer	Volunteers please	Jane	A Symonds
9:30am	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	Volunteers x 7 or Deacon Tony and 6 volunteers	Youth Mass	Jr Youth	P & L Van der Velden
6:00pm	L Pendergast	M Pendergast	J Reid, volunteers x 3	Volunteers please	Jane	L Theissing

- **Altar Cleaning:** Mar 24 J Scholtes Mar 31 F Rycak
 - **Church Cleaning:** March Hanratty Team April Collis Team
 - **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Marianne and Therese
 - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Mar 24 U & G Imhagwe Mar 31 S & A Reid
- 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 28 Adroit Team April 04 Mitchell Team
 - **Counters:** Mar 24 Armstrong Mar 31 Morris Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 24:15 16

*My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.*

First Reading Ex 3:1-8 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. 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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**

4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:1-6 10-12

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

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:17

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"