

## 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, 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



**Easter Message 2019 ~ 28 March, 2019**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ.  
As much as we might like it to be otherwise, at times, life can be unpredictable. Just when we think we have it all sorted out something comes along and pushes us into a place that is unfamiliar. We become uncertain, unable to make sense of what has just happened to us. Despite him trying to teach his Apostles differently, Jesus' Death and Resurrection were to them, something unpredictable. Easter is the season of unpredictability. Events such as the ones we recently witnessed in Christchurch also remind us that life is unpredictable. The horror that such a thing could happen; the alarm that such things could happen close to home can almost overwhelm us. Interestingly unpredictability gives us a choice. We can either *react* or *respond*. Easter and the Resurrection of Christ teaches us that, although life can at time be unpredictable, God is not. Thus, last Easter we choose to *respond*, not *react*. Easter reminds us that we choose to respond in *Solidarity* with our sisters and brothers throughout the world. We respond in this way because we respect the dignity of each human person.

We respond in solidarity because God has shown us what this solidarity looks like in sending us his Son Jesus Christ. As Easter we choose to respond in *Solidarity*. Easter also reminds us that we choose to respond with *Compassion*, a word which means to "suffer-with". When something such as the events in Christchurch happen it affects, not just the Muslim community, the Christchurch community and the New Zealand community, it affects us all of us. At Easter we choose to respond with *Compassion*.

Easter as well reminds us that we choose to respond with *Hope*. While many people seek to trade in fear and prey on our uncertainty, at Easter we respond with hope. A hope that knows that fear can never be or have the last word. A hope that says fear is not that which defines us. A hope that reminds us that, as we stand together at Easter, what brings us together is always stronger than that which divides. At Easter we choose to respond with *Hope*.

Easter reminds that we also choose to respond with *Prayer*, for it was while people were at prayer that such awful events happened in Christchurch. Prayer is seeking to be in communion with God, and allowing God to be in communion with us and our sisters and brothers. Our prayer at Easter is that that communion will deepen in the lives of all people, and with the God of peace. At Easter we choose to respond with *Prayer*.

*So dear sisters and brothers in Christ, may Easter 2019 be a time of great peace and joy for you and your families and friends. May we rediscover that despite the unpredictability of life at times, God is always faithful. God is good, good indeed.*

**+Bishop Patrick O'Regan**  
**Bishop of Sale**

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	5:30pm	St Michael's Traralgon
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
	10:00am	St Columbkille's Glengarry
	5:30pm	St Michael's Traralgon

## WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

### **April 22 to 27**

<b>Mon 22</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Tues 23</b>	9:30am	Mass
<b>Weds 24</b>	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
<b>Thurs 25</b>	9:30am	Mass
<b>Fri 26</b>	9:30am	Mass
<b>Sat 27</b>	9:30am	Mass

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

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently including Lou Biancon, Teresa Reeves and Des Surkitt and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Robert Cunico, Giustina Mosele, Dorothy McLean, Ronald Heal, Allie Heal, Daniel Oates, George Ferligoj, Paul Denny, Betty Hayler, Brian Hourigan, George Hodgson and Melissa Gualtier.

**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, Bill Edgar, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Ann Lapuh, Peter Lont, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah Mckerchar, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Malcolm Selzer, Ray Smith, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Tasma Sharp, Celie Smith, Margaret West and Fr Frank Young.

**CATHOLIC LIFE:** The very last edition of Catholic Life is now available to be taken home. The Catholic Life will be missed; we give thanks to all those who have produced this paper over the years.



## RCIA NEWS:

Congratulations to **Quentin Montazeau** who joined our parish at the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening. It's the end of a quite a journey of preparation and the beginning of his journey of faith as an adult Catholic. Please keep Quentin and all those who joined our faith at Easter in your prayers.

Congratulations and thanks to the RCIA Team.

If you know anyone who'd like more information about joining our faith, please contact Susan Grout on 0412 671 308.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** The next meeting will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. Meetings will continue each Thursday during term time. All are warmly invited to attend.

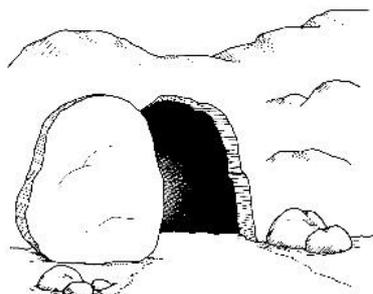
## BAPTISMS:

Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Office on 5174 2060 for further information.



## VISITING NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:

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.



Fr Francis, Deacon Tony, Sr Doreen and the Parish Staff wish all a safe and holy Easter.

## NEW TIME FOR OUR EVENING

**MASSES:** Please remember that from the weekend of **April 27 and 28** onwards, our evening Masses will be celebrated at **5:30pm and not 6:00pm.**

## NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

### **Tuesday 23**

**4:30pm** Reconciliation Catechist  
Class #1, Mary MacKillop Room

**7:30pm** Finance Meeting,  
Parish Centre

### **Wednesday 24**

**9:00am-12:30pm** Icon School,  
Parish Centre

**1:00pm** Weds pm Cells Group  
Parish Centre

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY

### MACKILLOP:

### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join their National Pilgrimage, which will take you to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Beginning in Melbourne on 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and ending in Sydney 2 November 2019.

Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp.

For a brochure, application form or further information please email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on 02 8912 4818.

## CATHOLIC BISHOPS' FEDERAL ELECTION

**STATEMENT:** The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)

**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.



**SMY@L YOUTH GROUP:** Next gathering is on Friday May 3. This group is open to young people in Yr 5 To lower secondary years. SWEET SENSATION GAMES NIGHT. Games for those with a sweet tooth! Dessert shakes for supper! Meet at St Michael's Mary MacKillop Hall, 6:30-8:30pm, Cost \$3.00 plus bring A lucky bottle/jar – fill with lollies, trinkets, something nice. Phone Rachael 0499 077 735 or Scott 0435 779 931 for info.

**ST MICHAEL'S YOUTH GROUP IS TURNING 20!** SMY@L Youth would like to invite past members, leaders, families and parishioners to St Michael's Youth Group 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion. **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 7:00-9:00pm, St Mary MacKillop Hall.** Invitation flyers are available in the church foyers, please take one and spread the word! Inquiries and RSVP to Louise on 0414 540 296

**FORMATION SESSION:** The next Formation Session for our Yr 6 to Yr 12 young people will be held on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 7:00-8:30pm** in the Parish Centre. The Guest Speaker at this gathering will be **Doug Doherty**. 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.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** Parent/Child Workshops will be held at 4:00pm and 5:30pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Pat O'Regan on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>. The children who are preparing will be bringing their Prayer Letters to Masses on the weekend of April 27 and 28.

**YOUTH MINISTRY FUND-RAISING** we're now selling chocolates! A box of chocolates contains a variety of 60 individual chocolates, which sell for \$1.00 each. Varieties such as Freddo Frogs, Caramello Koala's, Boosts, Cherry Ripes, Toblerones and Time Outs (Yummo!). If you could sell a box, please let us know at the Parish Office. Chocolates available for sale individually at the office also.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:**

*"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38)*

On this Easter Sunday, open your hearts to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. God is love and we are made in His image and likeness. Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray for guidance on how to live your life and give thanks for all that He has given you.

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

Should you wish to have information about our Planned Giving program please contact the Parish Office.  
Counters - see Rosters



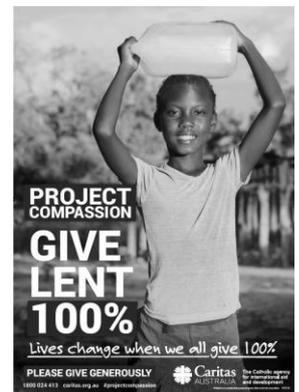
*Thank you*



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2019. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you are helping to empower communities with hope and helping those in great need shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give 100%.

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**Rosters for April 27 & 28 ~ the Second Sunday of Easter**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	R Foote	C DiCorleto	J Scholtes, R Tactor, J Ware, Volunteer	S Frankland L Kennedy	Jane	A & M Giddens
9:30am	S Reid T Denny	L Van der Velden	W Detering, C Payne, M Hanratty, S Reid, Volunteers x3 or Deacon Tony and two volunteers	C Collis E Freeman	Jane	G Imhagwe
5:30pm	L Pendergast	M Pendergast	J O'Brien, R O'Connor, volunteers x 2	G Edgar J Sykes	Jane	L Theissling

- **Altar Cleaning:** April 28 M Tainsh May 05 F Rycak
- **Church Cleaning:** April Collis Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Amanda and Shane
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** April 21 E Krieger April 28 E Krieger  
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](mailto:memou_38@bigpond.com)
- **Mick's Kitchen:** April 25 Burns Team May 02 Moretti Team
- **Counters:** April 21 Arend Team April 28 Armstrong Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Lk 24:34; cf Rv 1:6

*The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.  
To him be glory and power  
For all the ages of eternity,  
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**First Reading** Acts 10:34 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 117:1-2 16-17 R v24

**(R.)** *This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

**Next week's readings: April 28, 2019**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year C**

**First Reading: Acts 5:12-16**

**Second Reading: Apoc 1:9-13,17-19**

**Gospel: Jn 20:19-31**

**Second Reading**

Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Jn 20:29

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*You believe in me, Thomas, because  
you have seen me;*

*Happy those who have not seen me,  
but still believe!*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

