

# 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

Hello everyone,

**CHANGE OF SATURDAY AND SUNDAY EVENING MASS TIME**  
**(EFFECTIVE FROM 27/28 APRIL, 2019)**

Last weekend (30/31 March) at the 6.00 pm Mass on Saturday and Sunday, I enquired of parishioners regarding a proposal to change our Saturday and Sunday evening Masses from 6.00 pm to 5.00 pm. The main reason being that it gets very dark quite early especially with the change of time in April. By the time we begin Mass at 6.00 pm it is already dark. A lot of parishioners responded to the proposal verbally on their way out, some simply nodding when the proposal was announced. I did say silence means yes and many parishioners nodded. From the responses we have received at the office, and others who have spoken to me, the result is as follows:

- The majority of respondents (90%) are happy with 5.00 pm Mass on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Some (7%) don't mind 5.00 pm but suggest that 5.30 pm may be a good start for a change.
- A few others (3%) prefer 6.00 pm.

After the general enquiry and responses from the parishioners who attend the Masses concerned, I then passed on the proposal to the Parish Pastoral Council for their insight.

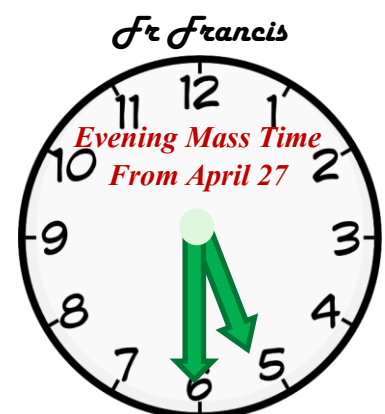
Before then I had enquired of the Liturgy Committee. Those who responded from the PPC and the Liturgy Team favour a time change for the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses, to either 5.00 pm or 5.30 pm. Starting with a 5.30 pm change was the preference of the majority.

Having put all the responses on the table of consideration and prayed over them, I'm happy to take the middle course and go with 5.30 pm for now.

**Hence, with effect from the last weekend in April (weekend after Easter Sunday), that is the weekend of 27/28 April, the time for our Saturday and Sunday evening Masses will change from 6.00 pm to 5.30 pm.**

This notification will go in the bulletin from this weekend till the weekend when the change is effected.

Thanks to everyone who responded by phone, by email and face-to-face. Your communication is greatly appreciated. God bless you.



## 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

### April 08 to 13

<b>Mon 08</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Tues 09</b>	9:30am	Communion Service
<b>Weds 10</b>	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Communion Service
<b>Thurs 11</b>	9:30am	Communion Service
<b>Fri 12</b>	10:30am	Communion Service, BupaCare
<b>Sat 13</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 Gwen Chambers, Eddie Crocock, Vincenzo Gullo, and Luna Mary Herskope (grand-daughter of Ron and Angela Waanders), and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Ron Bunn, Dino D'Angelo, Simon Stoddart Snr, Martino Colantuono, Joseph, Janina & Greg Kozlowski, Nell Bakker, and Helen Henning.

*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.



**BAPTISMS:** This weekend we welcome in Baptism:

\* **Kaleb Grant Daniel** son of Justin and Danielle; and  
\* **Tessa Jane Francesca DiCiero**, daughter of Paul and Emily. Welcome to the Parish family!



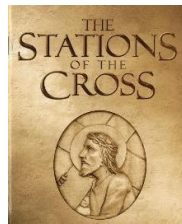
Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Office on 5174 2060 for further information.

**FR FRANCIS AWAY:** Best wishes to Fr Francis as he spends some time away from the Parish, to attend the Nigerian Embassy. He will return next weekend.

**RECLAIMING OUR EASTER SYMBOLS:** A 60 minute Workshop especially designed for parents, grandparents and families to rescue the true meaning of our ancient Easter symbols. Please come and enjoy this informative session.

**April 10. 7:30pm. Mary MacKillop Room.**

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>.



## THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

All are warmly invited to attend.

## NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

### Tuesday 09

- 1:00-3:00pm** Pick up hot cross bun orders Mary MacKillop Room
- 1:00pm** Knights of the Southern Cross, Parish Centre
- 7:30pm** Maintenance Meeting

### Wednesday 10

- 1:00pm** Tour of LV Places of Worship Church
- 7:30pm** Rescuing our Easter Symbols Parish Centre

### Thursday 11

- 9:00am-3:00pm** Diocesan CWL Mary MacKillop Room
- 7:30pm** RCIA Parish Centre

## 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.



## 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 16<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

9:30am Mass

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday)**

10:00am Stations of the Cross  
11:00am Walk of the Cross starting at St Michael's  
3:00pm Service of the Lord's Passion,

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April (Holy**

**Saturday) 7:30pm** Easter Vigil

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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*

## 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 or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on 02 8912 4818.

## Next Weeks Readings:

Palm Sunday Sunday April 14  
1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel: Lk 22:14 - 23:56

**Youth ministry Fundraising:** Huge thanks for all the support we received for our Sausage Sizzle, and Hot Cross Buns Drive. So far we've raised \$283 from the sausage sizzle and around \$600 for the Hot Cross Bun Drive - thanks for your orders, donations and cheerful support.



Hot Cross Buns will be ready for pick up from the Mary MacKillop Room on *Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1:00-3:00pm*. Please remember to pick yours up!

Coming soon – A *Chocolate Drive* to help support our Youth; don't miss out on this one! The Office ladies are very excited!

*All involved in our Youth Ministry wish you all a happy, holy and safe Easter time.*

**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:**

**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

**TOUR OF PLACES OF WORSHIP:**

The Inaugural Tour of Places of Worship in the Latrobe Valley will take place on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. 10:30am to 3:30pm**. Free tour with lunch provided.

*If you'd like to go please rsvp by April 08 to [jm.lobley@bigpond.com](mailto:jm.lobley@bigpond.com) or 0402 152 160.*

The tour will visit The Light of Hidayah Mosque, Morwell, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel, Traralgon, St Michael's Catholic Church, Traralgon and St Mary's Anglican Church, Morwell.

**LADIES DAY LONG LUNCH:**

*GET EXCITED LADIES*

*SAVE THE DATE COMING SOON*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019.** The Birthday of Our Lady!! More details to follow. Stay Tuned!

*Long Lunch*

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:**

*"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (Philippians 3:8)*

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

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

Counters - see Rosters



Salma was just 18 years old, pregnant and fearful for her life and that of her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013. In Bangladesh, maternal and infant mortality rates are tragically high. During her first pregnancy, Salma was very sick and in distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and provide hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**Rosters for April 13 & 14 ~ Palm Sunday**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	C DiCorleto	M Noone	J Scholtes, R Tactor, Volunteers x 2	G & D Bassett	Jane	D Buckland
9:30am	M Hansen N Georgeson	S Grout	W Detering, D Prestipino, B & S Edgar, G Imhagwe, A Reid	C Payne M Wilkinson	Jane	M Hanratty
6:00pm	C Roga	A Taylor	J Fleming, S Luscombe	Volunteer	Jane	L Theissing

- **Altar Cleaning:** Apr 14 L Kennedy Apr 21 M Giddens
- **Church Cleaning:** April Collis Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** in recess, school holidays
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Apr 07 A & G Symonds Apr 14 E & D Hiney  
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 11 Scholtes Team Apr 18 Hemming Team
- **Counters:** Apr 07 Mitchell Team Apr 14 Waanders Team



**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is  
faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

**First Reading** Is 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea, a path in the great  
waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a  
powerful army, which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about  
what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to  
light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in  
the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals  
and ostriches, because I am putting water in the  
wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen  
people drink.

The people I have formed for myself will sing my  
praises.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 125 R v3

**(R.)** *The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Phil 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in  
order to gain him.*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the  
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.  
For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I  
look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can  
have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no  
longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the  
perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only  
the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and  
is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know  
Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share  
his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death.  
That is the way I can hope to take my place in the  
resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become  
perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running,  
trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus  
captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far  
from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is  
that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is  
still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize  
to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ  
Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation** Joel 2:12-13

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless  
glory!*

*With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless  
glory!*

**Gospel** John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he  
appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people  
came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along  
who had been caught committing adultery; and  
making her stand there in full view of everybody, they  
said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the  
very act of committing adultery, and Moses has  
ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to  
death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked  
him this as a test, looking for something to use  
against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing  
on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with  
their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one  
of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw  
a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the  
ground again. When they heard this they went away  
one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was  
left alone with the woman, who remained standing  
there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are  
they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she  
replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go  
away, and don't sin any more.'