



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, 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



TENEBRAE SERVICE:

The Service of Shadows - a gathering in Holy Week to follow Jesus' last hours through the shadow of betrayal into the shadow of his death on the cross.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend our Tenebrae Service on **Tuesday 16th April at 7:30pm in the Church.**

MASS OF THE OILS: The Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils) will be celebrated by Bishop Pat together with all the clergy, on **Tuesday 16th April at 11.00 am in St Mary's Cathedral Sale.**

During this Mass, which takes place in Holy Week, the bishop will bless the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and consecrate the Sacred Chrism for use in parishes throughout the coming year. At this Mass too, the priests and deacons renew their commitment to their ministry of God's people and in the service of the bishop. This is a powerful sign of their unity with the bishop. Everyone is most welcome to participate in the Mass.



Holy Week 2019

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
11:00am Walk of the Cross starting at St Michael's
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



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

April 15 to 20

Mon 15	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 16	9:15am	Mass
Weds 17	9:30am	Mass
Thurs 18	9:30am	Reconciliation
	7:30pm	Holy Thursday Mass
Fri 19	10:00am	Stations of the Cross
	3:00pm	Service of the Lord's Passion
Sat 20	9:30am	Mass

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Teresa Reeves, Des Surkitt, Gwen Chambers, Vincenzo Gullo and Eddie Crocock, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Betty Hayler, Brian Hourigan, George Hodgson, Melissa Gualtier, Ron Bunn, Dino D'Angelo, Simon Stoddart Snr and Martino Colantuono.

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, Deborah McKerchar, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Malcolm Selzer, Ray Smith, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, Margaret West and Fr Frank Young.



WELCOME BACK: to Fr Francis, we're glad you back home with us, ready to lead us into Easter. Thanks to Deacon Tony and Mons Allman for looking after us in Fr Francis' absence.

RCIA NEWS:

Please keep Quentin and the RCIA Team members in your prayers, as Quentin's time of preparation comes to fruition at the Easter Vigil.

We are hoping many parishioners will come to the Easter Vigil and to the supper afterwards and get to know Quentin.

Parishioners are asked to bring a plate of supper to share.

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

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: will not be meeting on Holy Thursday.

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

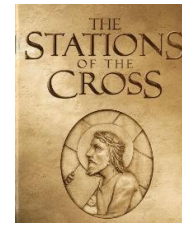
BAPTISMS:

Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday 15th 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.



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be celebrated at 10:00am on Good Friday April 19

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.

20TH 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 20th Anniversary Reunion.

Friday 24th 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

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

25th 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.

LADIES WORSHIP IN SONG:

The Traralgon District Baptist Church is hosting a ladies' fellowship day on **Saturday 4th May, 2:00 to 4:00pm** 58-62 Kay Street, Traralgon.

Come along and join in inter-denominational community singing, with a focus on songs of praise and worship. Please bring a plate to share, children welcome. Entry is a gold coin donation.

For further information, please call 0431 936 653.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, do you remain quiet because you believe people will think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

March 2019

Loose collections

March 03	\$1,325.00
March 10	\$1,013.00
March 17	\$1,345.10
March 24	\$1,233.00
March 31	\$ 990.00
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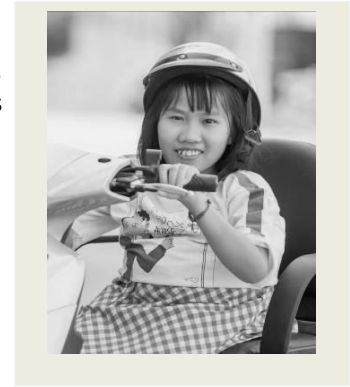
Planned Giving

Envelopes	\$ 9,675.00
Direct Debit	\$ 6,188.75
Credit Card	\$ 3,950.00
<u>Unplanned giving</u>	<u>\$ 1,066.25</u>
March total	<u>\$20,880.00</u>

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



Nguyet is a teenager living with a disability in a small town in Vietnam. Living with a disability was challenging, her early years were subdued and solitary. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Connected to the world in new ways, Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community.

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.

Parishioners are reminded to return their Project Compassion boxes at the Easter Masses next weekend. Thank you!

PALM SUNDAY: Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds (or other branches) which they use to participate in the re-enactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are a widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred used on Palm Sunday.

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter. (from catholic.org)

Rosters for April 20 & 21 ~ Easter

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
7:30pm Holy Thursday	M Joske B O'Brien	D Smith	W & J Waanders, T Denny, C Payne, J Fleming, M Hanratty	A Ward G Bassett	Jane	Lee Theissling
3:00pm Good Friday	D Smith		J Reid, A Reid	M Wilkinson M Muari	Jane	P Van der Velden
7:30pm Sat Easter Vigil	RCIA	RCIA	A Reid, S Reid, C Payne, J Fleming, M & J Hanratty	G Edgar R Benbow	Jane	A Symonds
8:30am Easter Sunday	S Reid W Gomez	M Moulton	S & B Edgar, K Jones, Volunteers x 3	M Blanchard C Collis	Diamente Family	G Imhagwe
10:30am Easter Sunday	R Pearson T Deny	M Tainsh	W & J Waanders, D Locke, L Panozzo-Tilè, D Prestipino, Volunteers	M Rigg L Kennedy	Jane	P Van der Velden

- **Altar Cleaning:** Apr 21 M Giddens April 28 M Tainsh
- **Church Cleaning:** April Collis Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** in recess, school holidays
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Apr 14 E & D Hiney April 21 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
- **Mick's Kitchen:** April 18 Hemming Team April 25 Burns Team
- **Counters:** April 14 Waanders Team April 21 Arend Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

*Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the
children ran to meet him; in their hands they
carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried
out:*

** Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant
mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher,
ancient doors.*

*Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of
glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.*

** Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant
mercy!.*

First Reading Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not
be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I
may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me
with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to
listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn
away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my
cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover
my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched
by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) *My God, my God, why have you abandoned
me?*

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him
on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to
his equality with God but emptied himself to assume
the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and
being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to
accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which
is above all other names so that all beings in the
heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend
the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue
should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of
God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

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

*Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.*

*Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.*

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

Gospel

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke 22:14 – 23:56

