



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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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



It's here!

Our first weekend of evening Masses at 5:30pm!



PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Sunday June 09, we will celebrate Pentecost with a multi-cultural Mass, which will be followed by a multi-cultural celebration in the hall, where our various nationalities will promote their cultural foods, music and costumes.

We are currently seeking leaders from our various ethnic groups. If you are able to help assist the organization of this wonderful celebration, please contact

Greg Imhagwe 0415 682 574,
Amanda Reid 0417 134 532,
Steve Kimani 0405 430 957or
Ray Moretti 0418 510 847.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This passage can be seen as the gospel writer's version of the Pentecost that was previously recorded by the writer of Luke-Acts. As the account of Pentecost in the book of Acts was already in existence, the gospel writer felt no concern about alluding to it in his version of the gospel story. The inclusion of this event in the gospel of John adds a 'completeness' to the gospel text – from the Word with God in chapter 1 through the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus to this moment of charging his disciples with the task of carrying on his work and breathing on them the Holy Spirit. It seems that the gospel writer wanted to bring the story to its conclusion. The idea of Jesus 'breathing' the Holy Spirit onto the disciples is an interesting one. The Greek word *pneuma* carried two meanings: breath and spirit. So to deliberately breathe on someone was to share one's spirit with them. Jesus gives this act a greater meaning by declaring the spirit to be the Holy Spirit that will empower the disciples for the mission he is entrusting to them.

The disciple Thomas has received a pretty raw deal from history. The phrase, *doubting Thomas*, has found its way into our everyday language and condemns Thomas as the one who wouldn't take the word of his fellow disciples but wanted to see the Risen Lord himself. However, rather than remembering Thomas for his doubt, we should remember Thomas as the one who makes the extraordinary declaration of faith, 'My Lord and my God!' It is Thomas, alone amongst all those who recognise the greatness of Jesus across the four gospels, who acknowledges Jesus as not just the Messiah, but God.



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

April 29 to May 04

Mon 29	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 30	11:30am	Requiem Mass for Neil Crowe
Weds 01	10:30am	Funeral prayers for Colin Ashton (LVFS Chapel)
	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 02	10:30am	Mass, Dalkeith
Fri 03	9:30am	Mass
Sat 04	9:30am	Mass

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 10:15am & 5:00pm or any other time by arrangement with Father.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Lou Biancon, Neil Crowe, Colin Ashton and Albert McArthur and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Kevin Lythgo, Paul Denny, George Ferligoj, Robert Cunico, Giustina Mosele, Dorothy McLean, Ronald Heal, Allie Heal and Daniel Oates.

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, John Besselink, 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.



NEW TIME FOR OUR EVENING MASSES:

Please remember that as of this weekend, our evening Masses will be celebrated at 5:30pm and not 6:00pm.

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for Baptism **Jordy Loprese**, son of Michael and Jessica.

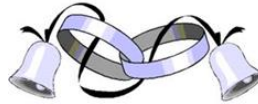


Welcome to our Parish family!

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

WEDDING

BELLS



Congratulations

to **Tori Diaz** and **Jonathan Sartori** who are being married at St Michael's this weekend.

"May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place our hope in you" Psalm 32.

HEALING MASS: Fr Francis will celebrate a Healing Mass at 7:30pm on Thursday May 02. All are welcome to attend.

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.

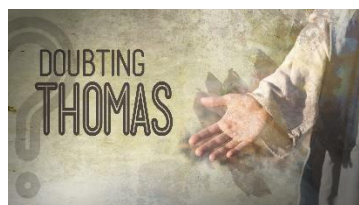
NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday 30

4:30pm Confirmation Catechist
Class #2, Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm Finance Meeting (rescheduled),
Parish Centre

Wednesday May 01

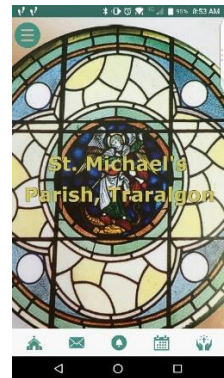
1:00pm Weds pm Cells Group
Parish Centre
4:00pm & 5:30pm
Confirmation Parent & Child Workshop
1, Mary MacKillop Hall.
7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council,
Parish Centre



Thank You

A huge vote of thanks to all those who shared their time, energy and talents, their prayerful support and generosity of spirit, which all together made our Easter celebrations occasions of great joy, dignity and faith. Thanks to absolutely everyone involved, including our church cleaners, our flower ladies, commentators, piety stall workers, our banner hangers, statue drapers, chair and towel providers, lectors, 'palm' providers, eucharistic ministers, sacristans, musicians, hall openers and closers, supper providers, easter fire manager, candle providers, money collectors and counters, altar serving teams, rcia team members and of course, Fr Francis, and Deacon Tony. We are very grateful for your loving care of us all. We are all so lucky to belong to such a wonderful parish!

OUR PARISH 'APP': This is definitely the best way to keep up with what is going on in our Parish, and it's so easy to enjoy! Parish information right there, on your phone. Easily download-able from either the App Store or Google Play. If you need any assistance, please ask any PPC member or any teenager you know.



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES: a reminder that all Project Compassion Boxes need to be returned by next weekend. Thank you one and all for your support of Project Compassion.

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. Community singing. Please bring a plate to share. Entry, gold coin donation. Contact 0431 936 653 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.



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 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

FORMATION SESSION: The next Formation Session for our Yr 6 to Yr 12 young people will be held on **Friday 17th 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 1st May, and Wednesday 8th May. Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Pat O'Regan on Friday May 10th at 6:00pm, and Saturday May 11th at 5:30pm.. The children who are preparing will be bringing their Prayer Letters to Masses this weekend, the children will receive their confirmation pins the next week.

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:

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (John 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

Counters - see Rosters



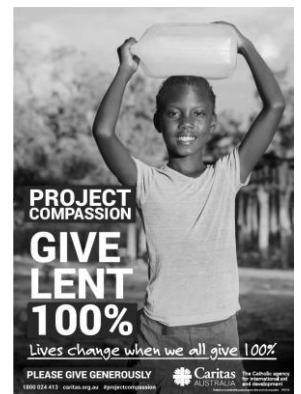
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Through your generosity you are helping to empower communities with hope and helping those in great need shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give 100%.

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Rosters for May 04 and 05 - the third Sunday of Easter						
Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	B O'Brien	D Smith	B Power, C DiCorleto, D Buckland, T Wisby	A O'Hara R Tactor	Jane	A Symonds
9:30am	C McLure R Diaz	C McCabe	J & W Waanders, K Jones, E Ryan, J Hanratty, Volunteers x2 or Deacon Tony and one volunteer	T Biancon M Rigg	Filipino Choir	P & L Van der Velden
5:30pm	J Panozzo-Tilè	J Hanrahan	R Tarraran, J Reid, D Locke, volunteer	A Ward	Diamente family	B Kennedy

- **Altar Cleaning:** April 28 M Tainsh May 05 F Rycak
- **Church Cleaning:** April Collis Team May *volunteers required please*
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Carolyn and Josephine
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** April 28 E Krieger May 05 M Dick
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:** May 02 Moretti Team May 09 McLaughlin Team
- **Counters:** April 28 Armstrong Team May 05 Morris Team

Entrance Antiphon 4 Esdr 2:36-37

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

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

(R.) *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting*

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let the sons of Aaron say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let those who fear the Lord say:
‘His love has no end.’ **(R.)**
2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the true God is our light. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rv 1:0-13 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God’s word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord’s day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, ‘Write down all that you see in a book.’ I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, ‘Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.’

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

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’
After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Next weeks Readings 3rd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

2nd Reading Apoc 5:11-14

Gospel John 21:1-19