



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

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

In today's gospel, Jesus provides his disciples, and all Christians, with a model for prayer. In keeping with this modelling by Jesus, it is significant that the Lord's Prayer, or Our Father, is the common prayer of all Christians, regardless of denomination.

The parable and teaching that follow the Lord's Prayer make clear the particular purpose of prayer that Jesus was highlighting – prayer as petition. In this instance, Jesus assures us that if we pray for what we need with conviction and confidence, then God cannot fail to respond to our prayer. Jesus in fact encourages us to be demanding and persistent in our prayer. However, the parable used to demonstrate the persistent nature of prayer is not focused on demands for selfish purposes, but rather the neighbour needs assistance in fulfilling his obligations of hospitality to a traveller. He is not waking his neighbour in the middle of the night to ask for bread for himself; he asks for bread to give to his guest. He asks for help to fulfil his duty and responsibility. This gives us something of an idea about how we might focus our prayer. Praying for a pony or new bike isn't quite in the same league!

The final element of the gospel passage provides us with a description of God's love and care by something of a negative comparison: if human parents would not do harm instead of good to their children, God is even less likely to act like this towards us. It's a bit of an odd way around of saying that God's love is greater than anything within our experience or imagination.

Living the Gospel – Ask, Search, Knock

Jesus says in the gospel, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.' The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.



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

July 29 to Aug 03

Mon 29	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 30	9:30am	Mass
Weds 31	9.30am	Mass
Thurs 01	9:30am	DalKeith
Fri 02	9:30am	Mass
Sat 03		No 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 John Besselink, Joseph Zahra, Bambina Damiano, Danny O'Donnell, Danny Coffey, Mary McMahon -formerly Sister Jerome and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Alf Hammond, Robyn Morris, Angelina Agostino, K J Varghese.

Lord, Let your perpetual light shine upon them. May the rest in peace. Amen

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

including Monsignor John Allman, Carmela Woodhouse, Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, Lulu Aragon, Fr Bernard Buckley, Dot Buckland, Julie Dal Pra, Ann-Maree Daly, Gary Donchi, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Ron Grinter, 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, Tasma Sharp, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, Margaret West and Fr Frank Young.

MONSIGNOR ALLMAN update: Mons is now at the Latrobe Valley Regional Hospital undertaking rehabilitation. He is doing very well and thanks everyone for their love and prayers. Masses at Glengarry and on Saturday mornings are cancelled until further notice.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE: All are warmly invited to the Ordination to Diaconate for Jithin Anto, Confidence Masvosva and Paul Zaher will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral at 11am on Saturday 31st August 2019. This is a day of great rejoicing for our Diocese and we warmly invite the Diocesan community to participate in the Ordination. If you are a singer or a musician and would like to be involved, please contact Sophy Morley asap at smorley@sale.catholic.org.au.

JANE ON HOLIDAYS We wish Jane Mitchell a fabulous trip home for the next 6 weeks. Due to her absence we have many Quiet Masses without music. If anyone can help out over this period please contact the Parish Office.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON: You are invited to lunch with Bishop Pat O'Regan on **Saturday 24th August 2019**. The lunch will be at the Black Tie Function Centre, 90 Alfred St, Warragul, 12noon. The two course lunch will cost \$45 and wine, beer and soft drinks will be available at bar prices.

The event is open to men and women who want to support this venture. This event is proudly hosted by the Knights of the Southern Cross, Diocese of Sale and all proceeds will go to the bursary fund for the education of Sale Diocese Seminarians.

Tickets are available at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BDRJN>

WOMEN WORSHIPPING IN SONG:

There will be a great Ecumenical Women's afternoon on Saturday 3rd August at the Baptist Church, Kay St. Starts at 2pm. Everyone is very welcome.

HEALING MASS: All invited to a Healing Mass on Thursday night in the Church at 7.30pm. Please join us for supper afterwards in the Hall.



Ladies Long Lunch

Date: **Sunday 8th September 2019**

Time: **12:00pm**

Cost: **\$50.00 per head**

Includes 3 course lunch, complimentary champagne on arrival, an inspirational guest speaker, Karen Humphries who will share info on the most important tips for women – how to care for ourselves. All welcome, ask your friends to come and enjoy a relaxing time of fine food and good company. *Tickets now available at the Parish Office.*

PEWS AVAILABLE: St. Simon's Parish Rowville (Victoria) has available a number of timber church pews in good, serviceable condition. Most have kneelers. Light colour: 29 pews x 3.5 metres long; 6 pews x 3 m; 8 pews x 4m. Darker colour: 12 x 3.5 metres (carved ends); 10 pews x 2m (rounded ends). All are available (single or bulk), free of charge, to any parish or organisation which is willing to collect and transport them after October 1 this year. Expressions of Interest to Fr. Kevin Dillon – frkd@stsimonparish.com.au or 0421 777 360.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage! Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. 23-25 Aug, and 15-17 Nov. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday 30

10am CWL meeting, MacKillop Room

7:30pm Celebrate Youth Meeting
Youth Room, Parish Centre

Wednesday 31

9:00am Icon School, Parish Centre
Parish Centre

THIS WEEKS OFFICE HOURS: Whilst Bev is away on holidays the office will be open from 10am – 2.45pm – Tuesday to Friday. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST Saturday 3rd August at 7.30am at St James Anglican Church, Grey St, Traralgon. Guest speaker is Child and Adolescent Psychologist, Jesse Richardson who will talk about “How to engage young people”. Entry by Donation. To book call St James Church Office on 51742045 / 0422573374.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” (Luke 11:9)

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

Counters -

- Aug 04** Arend Team
- Aug 11** Armstrong Team

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 - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES 2019

SMY@L Youth Group would like to invite you to help us help children living in poverty, with a small gesture, a special gift. Operation Christmas Child is an initiative of the Christian organisation 'Samaritan's Purse'. They help children and families from all over the world, in the poorest of countries. We help by making up shoeboxes filled with goods, which are then delivered to children in third world countries for Christmas. There are 3 ways to help us out - Donate items for the boxes, Donate money and /or help to pack the boxes.

Last year we filled 80 boxes & this is the 9th year we are taking part. Our boxes are sent to places such as Fiji or Indonesia. If you are interested, please pick up a flyer from the Church foyer with more details about how you can help. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

SMY@L YOUTH GROUP MOVIE MANIA – Friday 16th August 6.30pm – 9pm.

Relax and enjoy a movie on the BIG screen at the Mary MacKillop cinema! Variety of food and drinks provided – NO BYO. Wear your PJ's! Bring blankets, pillow, bean bags etc. At St Michael's Hall. Parents will need to sign a permission to watch PG rated movie. Cost \$3 – Phone Lou 51750877 for info.

THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL CONFERENCE: will be held in Perth from **December 08 to 10, 2019**. The parish is hoping that some of our eligible parishioners will attend this exciting event. The theme is 'Listen to What the Spirit is Saying'. The Festival is open to people in Yr 9 to 30 years of age. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in attending or if you would like to help sponsor one of our young ones attend this conference.

CELEBRATE YOUTH EVENT!

Sunday August 25th 4:00-7:00pm.

Last year was such a great success we have decided to do it again. Parishioners of all ages are warmly invited to come to our Youth Event to be held in the Kildare Hall at Lavalla Catholic College. Last year we saw people of all ages from all over the Diocese come and celebrate the gift and talents our young people have. It's a great celebration starting at 4pm and includes Mass at 5pm. Please show our youth your encouragement. We're currently looking for sponsors, performers, volunteers, leaders, readers, Altar Servers and more. All help gratefully received. Please call the Parish Office for more details. We would love to see you there!

Rosters for August 03 & 04 ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	C DiCorleto	A Taylor	B Power, C DiCorleto, D Buckland, T Wisby, Volunteers x 2	A O'Hara R Tactor	Jane	A Symonds
9:30am	C McLure R Diaz	L Van der Velden	J & W Waanders, K Jones, E Ryan, J Hanratty Volunteers x 2 (or Deacon Tony and 1 Volunteer)	T Biancon M Rigg	Filippino Choir	P & L Van der Velden
5:30pm	C Hill E Hill	J Hanrahan	J Reid, D Locke, Volunteers x 2	A Ward	Diamente Family	B Kennedy

- **Altar Cleaning:** Jul 28 F Rycak Aug 04 L Kennedy
 - **Church Cleaning:** Jul Youth Ministry Team Aug St Gabriel's Team
 - **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Jul 28 Amanda and Shane Aug 04 Carolyn and Josephine
 - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Jul 28 F & B Melenhorst Aug 04 Mrs Mary Hourigan
- 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:** Aug 01 Scholtes Team Aug 08 Hemming Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 67:6-7 36

*God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

First Reading Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) *Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)

4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R)

Second Reading Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You have received the Spirit which makes us
God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'