

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 - Should anyone urgently require an after hours priest, please call Fr Peter Bickley on 0408 517 073 or the Morwell Presbytery on 5133 8132.

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

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

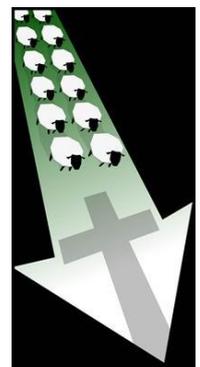
The first reading for today is an oracle of salvation calling for rejoicing over the future restoration of Jerusalem. The metaphor of motherhood characterises the relationship between the city and its inhabitants, as well as the loving care that this relationship will provide. What better way to describe the self-giving nature of God than as a nursing mother who protects and soothes and plays with her child? This touching maternal scene is interrupted for a moment as God promises anew to lavish abundant blessing on Jerusalem. Flowing water was considered living water and came to be a symbol for life itself.

Today's responsorial psalm begins with a threefold summons to praise God followed by reason for giving such praise, and it ends with individual expressions of thanksgiving. Each part of the summons adds a slightly different dimension to the praise that is sought. It is universal in scope; it is directed to God's name; it is not to be dismissed casually. The works of the God to which the psalmist refers are the wonders that God has accomplished in the history of Israel. The communal dimension of the first section of the responsorial psalm gives way to an individual focus. Others are invited to join the psalmist in grateful praise of God.

The reading from Paul begins and ends with reference to suffering, first to the death of Jesus and then to the evidence on Paul's own body of the sufferings that he endured as a result of his commitment to Christ. Having been joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus, Paul strikes a death blow to the world and its system of values; that world is now dead to him. He then insists that the age of fulfilment has come and brought with it a new creation. Faith in the power of the cross of Jesus, not circumcision, is now the sign of membership in the people of God. Thus women and men from every race and ethnic origin are now welcome in this community.

The mission of the seventy-two disciples is symbolic of the ultimate mission to all the nations of the world. Jesus uses two metaphors to represent the mission of the disciples: harvest, and lambs among wolves. Harvest connotes the readiness of the world for the ministry of the missionaries. The second metaphor adds a sobering tone to the picture. Although the harvest is ready, harvesting itself is a very dangerous occupation. The disciples are told to go into the world with only the bare essentials. They are to trust in God and depend upon the to whom they go.

On the lips of a Christian, the greeting of peace announced the presence of the age of eschatological fulfilment. As important as were the wondrous deeds performed by the disciples, more wondrous still was the fact that their names were inscribed in the heavenly book.



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday	5:30pm	St Michael's Traralgon
Sunday	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
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WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

July 08 to 13

Mon 08	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 09	9:30am	Communion Service
Weds 10	11:00am 12:00pm	Exposition Communion Service
Thurs 11	9:30am	Communion Service
Fri 12	10:30am	Communion Service Bupa Care
Sat 13	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 Sr Anne Derwin RSJ, Malcolm Selzer, Patrick Mayne and Tereza Grima and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Fr Matt White, Fr John Allen, Isabella Hunter, John Knorr, Bernie Campbell, Elizabeth Jacob, Pat & Bridget Deane, Michael Snee, baby Mikey McConnell, Ken Manson, Jozef Cukier, Adriano Vergas, Mary Jean McEntee, Vittoria & Frank Silvestro and Angelo Bau.

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, Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, Lulu Aragon, John Besselink, 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.



WELCOME, FR MARK GODRIDGE: We're glad you are able to be with us again.

Should anyone require an after hours priest, please call Fr Peter Bickley on 0408 517 073 or the Morwell Presbytery on 5133 8132.

MONTHLY PRAYER EXPERIENCES:

Our next Prayer Experience will be held on **Tuesday 23rd July at 7:30pm in the Church.**

We will gather around the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the patroness of the Diocese of Sale, to pray for our own needs and the needs of our parish and the wider Australian church in this time of the Plenary council and in the lead up to the Diocesan Assembly in September.

Our celebration will include Veneration of the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, a sung Litany to Mary, celebrating the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary and Blessing of Rosaries and will be followed by a light supper in the Mary MacKillop Room.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish Office will close at **12:00pm on Friday 12th July.**

BULLETIN ITEMS: Anyone wishing to have information included in the Bulletin needs to have the information to the Parish Office by midday on the preceding Thursday. Thank you.

BAPTISMS:

Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday July 17 at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Office on 5174 2060 for further information.



NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday July 09

1:00pm Knights of the Southern Cross
Mary MacKillop Room

MASS CANCELLATIONS: Monsignor Allman is currently out of action due to ill health.

Saturday morning Mass on July 06 and July 13 has been cancelled, as has the Sunday morning Masses at Glengarry on July 07 and 14.

Please keep Monsignor in your prayers.

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 Seminars.

Tickets are available at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BDRJN>

ABOUT OUR COLLECTIONS: It's a very Catholic thing, to be sure, to have two collections during our Mass service. It's not a practice which occurs in any other faith.

In the early years of the Church, the faithful brought wine and bread with them to be used during the service. Any left over was distributed to the poor and needy.

Later, people began bringing gifts of money or food which were offered for the work of the Church. In this way the faithful participated in a concrete way in Christ's self-offering in the sacrifice of the cross.

And so through the years to our custom of two collections. The first collection is for money which is used to house and feed our priests and maintain their residence; the second collection is the 'Planned Giving' collection which goes towards the upkeep of the Church and buildings, the Parish Office, rates, utility services, insurances, wages and the normal day to day running costs of any office.

We thank our parishioners for their generosity now, and in the past and remain hopeful of continued and growing support in the future.

YOUTH FORMATION : The next Youth Formation session, for young people from Year 6 and over, will be held on **Friday 19th July at 7:00-8:30pm** in the Parish Centre. Supper provided.

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'. An Information Evening will be held on **Wednesday July 24 at 7:30pm** in the Parish Centre, all who are interested in attending are warmly invited to attend the meeting and register an Expression of Interest.

SMY@L YOUTH GROUP: 'ESCAPE ROOM': Friday 26th July all young people in Yr 5 to Lower Secondary. A night of adventure games where you need to work together to solve a series of puzzles and riddles using clues, hints and strategy to escape the themed room. @ St Michael's Mary MacKillop Hall 6:30-8:30pm. Cost \$3 plus something for the shoeboxes (eg, pencils, small pencil cases, skipping ropes, small toys, etc – for more ideas go to operationchristmaschild.org.au). Phone Leah 0438 811 709 for info.

SAVE THIS DATE: Sunday August 25 2019 4:00-7:00pm. Parishioners of all stages of 'youth' are warmly invited to come to our Youth Event to be held in the Kildare Hall at Lavalla Catholic College, Kosciuszko Street, Traralgon. It's a great celebration, and includes Mass at 5:00pm. Please show our youth your encouragement. We're currently looking for sponsors, performers, volunteers, leaders, readers . . . all help gratefully received.

NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK :

The Diocese of Sale is getting very close to launching its new website. The diocesan media team will let us know when it is live. So stay tuned!

If you have been missing news from around the Diocese, the best place to access news stories in the interim is via the Catholic Diocese of Sale Facebook page (see the link below).
www.facebook.com/dioceseofsale

Recent stories and videos on our Facebook page include: a video message from Bishop Patrick O'Regan in Rome, photos from the Diocesan Pilgrimage for the Assembly and updates from many of our schools.

You do not need have to have a Facebook account to view the stories and videos on our Facebook page. Just type the address shown above into your web browser. Press "not now" if it asks you to log into Facebook. If you do have a Facebook account, please 'like' our page and share our stories for other Parish members and communities to view.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...'"
(Luke 10:2)

As Catholics we are all called to serve. However, many of us are unsure of what our charisms or gifts from the Holy Spirit are to help build God's Church. Through prayer we are able to discern how God is calling us. The next time your pastor or fellow parishioner asks you to join a committee, ask God first, if that is what He wants you to do with your gifts.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION: This group supports Aboriginal families to strive for the best educational opportunities for their children. Since 2001 they have supported thousands of students to realise their potential and achieve their dreams. You can contribute by donating, leaving a bequest or becoming a volunteer. You can help support Aboriginal children by donating today. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. To donate, you can go to www.openingthedoors.org.au



Rosters for July 14 ~ 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	B Purcell B O'Brien	S Grout	J Scholtes, R Tactor, J Ware, volunteer	Volunteers required	Jane	D Buckland
9:30am	S Reid U Imhagwe	M Tainsh	W Detering, D Prestipino, S Edgar, G Imhagwe, A Reid, volunteers x2 or Deacon Tony and 1 volunteer.	C Payne M Wilkinson	Jane	M Hanratty
5:30pm	L Pendergast	M Pendergast	J Fleming, S Luscombe, Volunteers x 2	M Noone	Jane	Volunteer required

- **Altar Cleaning:** July 14 M Tainsh July 21 J Scholtes
- **Church Cleaning:** July Youth Ministry Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** In recess, school holidays
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** June 16 M Conedera June 23 E Harte
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:** July 04 McLaughlin Team July 11 Van Berkel Team
- **Counters** July 07 Armstrong Team July 14 Morris Team

Entrance Antiphon :cf. Ps 47:10-11

*Your merciful love, O God,
We have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

First Reading Isaiah 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spite the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you.

And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass.

To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7 16 Rv1

(R.) *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Gal 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Col 3:15 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your peace will rest upon him.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

Next weeks Readings

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Deuteronomy 30:10-14

2nd Reading Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel Luke 10:25-37