



## 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, Thomas Mathew, 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  
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### NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY by Mary Coloe PBVM

**Who is my neighbour?**

Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

Today we hear a story that has lost its punch by being so familiar. Can we listen to it again in a different way? Can we become the audience who hear Jesus' parable? Can we listen from their vantage point?

A crowd has gathered, for the miracle worker has come. Then one of the lawyers speaks up with a question to test him. You settle back to watch this exchange, as it could provide an interesting diversion to the day's monotony. The test question changes: 'Who is my neighbour?' The miracle worker becomes a storyteller: 'Once upon a time, a man was travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho.'

You know the road well – a two-day journey on foot, on a narrow dangerous road. This traveller's story is your story. You too could be in his extreme situation, robbed, beaten and left to die. Then the story becomes more interesting.

The story teller uses the familiar pattern of three: the Priest, the Levite, and the \_\_\_\_\_. The pattern sets up the probability that the next person will be a layperson like you, an ordinary Jew ready to do the good thing when the clerics have failed. 'Typical' you think to yourself. So now, you identify not only with the injured traveller, but anticipate identifying with the Saviour figure. But then Jesus continues his tale. Shock! Horror! The Saviour is a Samaritan! A despised group of half-breeds! Can you really identify with one of those? Can you leave the security of your own identity to imagine, even for a minute, being this other? This outsider. You'd like the role of Saviour, but a Samaritan! You shake your head in utter confusion. The story-teller demands too much.

Who is my neighbour? Over recent years, I have watched both sides of politics try to outdo each other in offering harsh solutions to the unparalleled global crisis of millions of refugees. According to the United Nations at the end of 2012 there were around 10.5 million people seeking refuge from war, poverty, or famine. With the ongoing crisis in Syria, that number will now be much higher as something like 4 million Syrians are fleeing their country. While the papers can make it appear that we are being inundated with asylum seekers, the facts are that a very small percentage of the millions seeking asylum come here. So when I ask the question who is my neighbour I think of Selina from Sudan, or Fatiah from Afghanistan – real mothers and fathers seeking a chance for life for themselves and their children. Who can be a neighbour for them?

The letter to the Colossians is one of the disputed letters in that it is not clear that it was written by Paul, even though it has some things in common with Paul's way of thinking. The passage today is often spoken of as a Cosmic Hymn as here the writer affirms the unique place of Jesus within the entire creation. It echoes the concept found in the Wisdom writings of Israel, designating Jesus as the image or icon of the invisible God and pre-existing with God before creation. When speaking of the church, this is likened to a body with Christ as its kephale/head/source. I think it is more likely that the writer is thinking of Christ as the source of the Church community, rather than as a 'head'. The Greek word kephale can hold this sense of 'head' just as we speak of 'the head' of a river, meaning its point of origin. The letter continues to present Jesus as the source, the beginning not only of creation, but of the new creation of those to be reborn from death.

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## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	5:30pm	St Michael's Traralgon
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
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## WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

**July 15 to 20**

<b>Mon 15</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Tues 16</b>	10:45am	Communion Service Marjery Cole
<b>Weds 17</b>	11:0am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Communion Service
	1:30pm	Requiem Mass for Michael Kennedy Communion Service
<b>Thurs 18</b>	9:30am	SGPS (Yr5)
<b>Fri 19</b>	9:30am	Communion Service
<b>Sat 20</b>	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 Michael Kennedy and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Francesco Sbaglia, Giuseppe Spano, Lou Biancon, John Zahra, Lynette McCulloch, Kathleen Power, Tom Clarke, Joseph Saleh, Fr Matt White, Fr John Allen, Isabella Hunter, John Knorr, Bernie Campbell, and Elizabeth Jacob.

**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 Mc Kerchar, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Malcolm Selzer, Ray Smith, Tasma Sharp, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, Margaret West and Fr Frank Young.

## NEWS OF MONSIGNOR ALLMAN:

We hear that Mons is in good spirits in the Alfred Hospital, enjoying all the attention, and will hopefully be back in LRH in approximately four weeks time. The Priests of the Diocese are visiting him. Please keep him in your prayers, Masses at Glengarry and on Saturday mornings are cancelled until further notice.

**WELCOME, FR MARK GODRIDGE:** Again, Fr Mark, our heartfelt thanks for coming to be with us in Fr Francis' absence. It's been wonderful having you in the Parish again.

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

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend, we welcome for baptism :

\* **Sara Caterina Paolini**  
Daughter of Robert and Linda.

*Congratulations to the family, from us all!  
Welcome to our Parish!*

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



**MASS CANCELLATIONS:** Saturday morning Mass and Glengarry Masses are cancelled until further notice.

## MONTHLY PRAYER EXPERIENCES:

Our next Prayer Experience will be held on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## *Ladies Long Lunch*

Date: **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## New Testament Commentary

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A number of theologians today look to this hymn as one example of New Testament writings interpreting Jesus' death in cosmic dimensions. The cross not only impacted on human life, but in some mysterious way had an impact on all creation. This is new theological thinking that draws upon what we now know about the evolving universe and attempts to find a way of telling the Christian story with new language that no longer relies on a previous, static view of the cosmos. Aware now of the intricate relationship humans have with the environment, our neighbourhood is the entire universe.

Mary Coloe PBVM



## OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK:

The office will be open from **10:00am to 2:45pm** on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

## NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

**7:30pm** Mick's Kitchen Team  
Leaders & Team members  
SVdP Centre,

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am-1:00pm** Icon School,  
Parish Centre  
**12:30pm** Weds pm Cells Group,  
Parish Centre  
**5:30pm** Liturgy Team,  
Parish Centre

## KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

### FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON:

You are invited to lunch with Bishop Pat O'Regan on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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>

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:**

“Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”  
(Luke 10:37)

This was Jesus’ command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other. The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know or someone that looks different than you or someone that you don’t like. All without expecting anything in return.

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

June 2019

**Loose collections**

June 02	\$1,025.00
June 09	\$ 957.00
June 16	\$1,065.00
June 23	\$ 961.00
June 30	\$1,054.50
	<u>\$5,062.50</u>

**Planned Giving**

Envelopes	\$ 8,581.00
Direct Debit	\$ 5,758.00
Credit Card	\$ 3,415.00
Unplanned giving	\$ 756.85
June total	<u>\$18,510.85</u>

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

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



**YOUTH FORMATION** : The next Youth Formation session, for young people from Year 6 and over, will be held on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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’. The Festival is open to people in Yr 9 to 30 years of age.

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.



The command to love our neighbour is as broad as our definition of the word ‘neighbour’. Are the people living next door the only ones we consider to be our neighbours? Do we include people in neighbouring streets, towns, or countries, and people of other faiths? Jesus answers these questions by telling the story of the **Good Samaritan**. As we hear this story we realize that the key question is never, ‘who is my neighbour?’, rather, ‘to whom can I be a neighbour?’ (St Paul’s Sunday Missal)

**Rosters for July 20 & 21 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	R Webber H Theissling	M Noone	B Power, C DiCorleto, M Giddens, D Buckland	H Luque	Diamante Family	Volunteer needed
9:30am	M Hansen N Georgeson	C McCabe	J & W Waanders, T Denny, A Symonds, L Panozzo-Tilè, Volunteers x 2 (or Deacon Tony and 1 Volunteer)	R Benbow M Blanchard	Charismatic Choir	P & L Van der Velden
5:30pm	E Harte E Joseph	S Luscombe	J Reid, D Locke, Volunteers x 2	Volunteer		Volunteer needed

- **Altar Cleaning:** Jul 14 M Tainsh Jul 21 J Scholtes
  - **Church Cleaning:** Jul Youth Ministry Team Aug St Gabriel’s Team
  - **Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Jul 21 Marianne and Therese
  - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Jul 14 B & S Edgar Jul 21 M Moulton
- 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 18 Adroit Team July 25 Mitchell Team
  - **Counters:** July 14 Morris Team July 21 Mitchell Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Ps 16:15

*As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

**First Reading** Dt 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.*

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 18:8-11 R v9

**(R.)** *The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. (R.)
4. They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. (R.)



Next weeks Readings	
16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading:	Gen 18:1-10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:	Col 1:24-28
Gospel:	Luke 10:38-42

**Second Reading** Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*All things were created through him and for him.*

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth:

everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

**Gospel Acclamation** See Jn 6:63 68

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Lk 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Who is my neighbour?*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'