



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, Thomas Mathew, Ray Moretti, Amanda Reid, Jenifer Hanratty, Steve Kimani, Marita Kennedy, Thomas Mathew, 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

REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

CELEBRATE YOUTH EVENT!

Sunday August 25 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!



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 22 to July 27

Mon 22	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 23	9:30am	Mass
Weds 24	11:00am	Funeral Mass for Bambina Damiano
Thurs 25	9:30am	Mass, SGPS (YrPrep)
Fri 26	9:30am	Mass
Sat 27	9.30am	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, John Besselink, Joseph Zahra, Bambina Damiano, Danny O'Donnell, Danny Coffey, Mary McMahan -formerly Sister Jerome and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including John Zahra, Lynette McCulloch, Kathleen Power, Tom Clarke, Joseph Saleh, 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, 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 still at the Alfred Hospital and is in good spirits. He send his love and thanks for all the well wishes and prayers. We will send a booklet of well wishes to him this week. Sheets of paper are available at the entries of the Church to fill out. Masses at Glengarry on Saturday mornings are cancelled until further notice.

WELCOME BACK, FR FRANCIS!!

We're so glad you got to have some time with your generous family.

We are very pleased to have you back here in your 'second home' again.

Huge thanks to **Deacon Tony** who has kindly looked after the St Michael's 'flock' for the past few weeks, along with **Fr Mark Godridge** and **Fr Herman Hengle** who celebrated our Masses with us.

BAPTISMS: Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday August 28 at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Office on 5174 2060 for further information



PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

This week the office will be open on Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th at 10am – 2.45pm. Please note it will be closed Tuesday 23rd July. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

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



KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER

SERVICE URGENTLY WANTED:

VOLUNTEER WORKERS The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. **For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact:** Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday 23

7:30pm Pilgrimage Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Wednesday 24

12:30pm Weds pm Cells Group, Parish Centre
7:30pm ACYF Perth Youth conference information night, Youth Room

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.

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.

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>

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

“...I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.” (Colossians 1:25)

We are all called to evangelize – to continuously grow in our relationship with Jesus and to share it with others. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith with those closest to us, like our family, , friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to share your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

Counters -

- July 21** Mitchell Team
- July 28** Waanders Team

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.*

YOUTH MASS: Our next Youth Mass will be celebrated at the 9:30am Mass on **Sunday July 28th**. Contact Uwa Imhagwe on 0406 212 504 if you wish to participate in this celebration.

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.

JUNIOR CHOIR: will be singing at the Youth Mass on July 28th. See above. They will hold rehearsals on **Thursday 25th July at 4:00-4:45pm** in the Church. Contact Jane Mitchell on 0419 107 366 for further details.

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.

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.

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. If you would like to help sponsor one of our young ones attend this conference please contact the Parish Office.

Rosters for July 27 & 28 ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	A Taylor M Joske	S Hill	J Scholtes, R Tactor, J Ware, Volunteer	S Frankland L Kennedy	Jane	A & M Giddens
9:30am	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	W Detering, C Payne, M Hanratty, S Reid, Volunteers x3 (or Deacon Tony and 2 Volunteers)	Youth Mass	Jr Youth Choir	G Imhagwe
5:30pm	E Joseph	M Noone	J O’Brien, R O’Connor, volunteers x 2	G Edgar J Sykes	Jane	Volunteer required

- **Altar Cleaning:** Jul 21 J Scholtes Jul 28 F Rycak
 - **Church Cleaning:** Jul Youth Ministry Team Aug St Gabriel’s Team
 - **Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Jul 21 Marianne and Therese Jul 28 Amanda and Shane
 - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Jul 21 M Moulton Jul 28 F & B Melenhorst
- 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
- **Nick’s Kitchen:** July 25 Mitchell Team Aug 01 Scholtes Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5 Rv1

(R.) *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

Next weeks Readings	
17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
1 st Reading:	Gen 18:20-32
2 nd Reading:	Col 2:12-14
Gospel:	Luke 11:1-13

Second Reading Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking.

Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.'

But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

