



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

Reflection by Diane Bergent CSA

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

"We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view; wherever they are in the world."



Its very exciting that our Parish is planning to run the Alpha program again. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Everyone is welcome. For those who would like to know more about Alpha or can help in any way please contact the Parish Office. We would love you to be involved.

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

Aug 05 to 10

Mon 05	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 06	9:30am	Mass
Weds 07	9:30am	Mass
	11:00am	Funeral Prayer Service
Thurs 08	9:30am	Mass, SGPS (Yr ¾)
Fri 09	10:30am	Bupa Care
Sat 10	9:30am	No Mass

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 5:00pm or any other time by arrangement with Father.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Tasma Sharp and Jock Eastham and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Jeanette Alexander, Mary Sweeney, Rita Sweeney, Maria Melenhosrt, Alf Hammond and Robyn Morris.

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.



JANE ON HOLIDAYS: A reminder Jane Mitchell has gone on holidays for 6 weeks so there will be a number of quiet Masses over the time she will be away. If anyone can help out over this period please contact the Parish Office.

MARY MCKILLOP FEAST DAY,

AUGUST 8TH: To celebrate Mary McKillop's feast day there is a special evening liturgy in the church at 7.30pm, Thursday, August 8th. Sister Doreen, a spiritual daughter of Mary McKillop, will speak at the liturgy giving us some personal insights into the faith and life of our first saint. There will be special prayers at the end of morning masses on Tuesday and Wednesday leading up to the Thursday liturgy. There will be a light supper to follow... please bring something to share.



WELCOME FR MICHAEL WILLEMSON:

It's wonderful to welcome Fr Michael back to our Parish for the weekend. We have fond memories of his time here with us many years ago. Please make him feel welcome!

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.

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>

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday 05

10:30am Alpha meeting, Parish Office

Wednesday 06

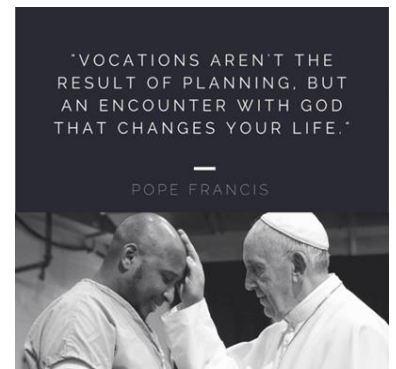
7:00pm PPC, Parish Centre

Thursday 07

9:00am Celebrating Mary MacKillop

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS

WEEK - Today is the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Pray for your priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in your community. Next Thursday is the feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australia saint. Pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that these saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from your community.



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.*

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.

Entrance Antiphon Ps 69:2, 6

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

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

(R.) *In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**



Next weeks Readings

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 18:6-9

2nd Reading: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Second Reading Col 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12: 13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'