



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

The Assumption of Our Lady – 15 August

Monday, 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.



THIS WEEKS REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

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 12 to 17

Mon 12	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 13	9:30am	Mass
Weds 14	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 15	<u>Feast of the Assumption</u>	
	9.30am	Mass
	12.00pm	Mass
	6.00pm	Mass
Fri 16	9:30am	Mass
Sat 17	No Mass	

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes

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 Jessie Pereira, Joan Bermingham, Jeanette Alexander, Mary Sweeney, Rita Sweeney, Maria Melenhosrt, Mary Lasaga, Joan Clarke, and John Robinson.

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, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Ron Grinter, Robert Hazel man, 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.



Ladies Long Lunch

Date: **Sunday 8th September 2019**

Time: **12:00pm** Cost: \$50.00 per head
Includes 3 course lunch, complimentary champagne on arrival, 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.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS

WEEK: Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL:

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal is CatholicCare's major annual fundraiser. This is an opportunity for our Parish community in partnership with our Diocese and the Archdiocese of Melbourne to assist CatholicCare to provide essential social services to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in our community, and across Melbourne, Geelong and Gippsland. This weekend we will have a leaving collection, envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY MEETING :

This meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th August at 10am at the Parish Centre.

ALPHA LAUNCH 2020: The Alpha Course will be conducted in our parish after Easter next year. This exciting program is a great way for people to explore their faith while enjoying a relaxing meal together. It is also a great way to invite your non church attending friends and family to discover faith-based issues. A team pilot course will be held this year in preparation. Please keep this in your prayers.

Alpha Prayer

Heavenly Father,

thank you that you made your love for the world known by sending your Son to die for us all. I pray that through the Alpha program that many people will come to a deeper knowledge of your love as it has been revealed in Jesus Christ, and as a result, follow Him.

Amen

Explore the meaning of life.

Ask. Learn. Discuss.



NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday 13

- 10:00am** Nursing Home Ministry, Parish Office
- 1.30pm** Knights of the Southern Cross, MacKillop Room
- 7:30pm** Youth Meeting Celebrate Youth Room

Wednesday 14

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



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 : Call For

Delegates The Diocesan Assembly is coming up in September. Our parish has been allocated 10 delegate places. Please consider applying. Details on the posters displayed in the church.

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>. If you need help buying tickets online please call the Parish office.

CCR CONFERENCE: "Fan into flame the gift of God within you." 2 Tim 1.6
 September 6th – 8th at Marist Sion College, Warragul. Speakers: Fr Francis Otobo, CCR Chaplain and Mrs Ann Brereton – Chariperson CCR Australia. All welcome to attend. Please see brochures for program details and registration. To help with catering, please contact Cathy McLure 0432588195.



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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Luke 12:34)

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

Counters -

- Aug 11** Armstrong Team
- Aug 18** Morris Team

CELEBRATE YOUTH



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

We are getting very excited for our annual youth event CELEBRATE. This brings our various youth ministries / groups / ages together to CELEBRATE the gifts and talents of our young ones and to share our gift of faith!

Please come along and support our Youth on August 25th - Kildare Campus - 4pm – 7pm. Mass will be celebrated at 5pm. Hope to see you there.

CELEBRATE YOUTH TSHIRTS : As the "Celebrate" youth event is fast approaching the youth team are selling T-shirts to wear on the day as part of the fun and to raise money for this amazing event. T-shirts are \$20each. Order forms are at the back of the Church and monies are due asap so we can get them in time for you to wear to the Celebration.

CELEBRATE OPENING NUMBER : We invite all young people of any age to be a part of the opening act for Celebrate. It's going to be a lot of fun and we want as many young people as possible to be involved. Rehearsal will be at 3pm – 4pm on Saturday 17th August in the Mary MacKillop Hall. All welcome to join in on the fun. Contact Jen on 0437492349 for more details and if you would like to help in any way.

CELEBRATE COLOURING COMPETITION: We are running a creative colouring competition for all aged kids. The picture is at the entries of the Church and we will award a winner for each year level at the CELEBRATE event. All pictures will be displayed at Kildare Hall on the day. All entries due to the Parish Office on August 23rd.

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.

20 YEARS OF ST.MICHAEL'S YOUTH GROUP

To commemorate our 20th year of St.Michael's Youth Group, a Thumbprint tree was created at our 20th birthday party in May. Jane Mitchell kindly painted the tree for us onto a canvas and at the party, each person placed their thumbprint onto the tree to make the leaves. Each colour represents different people - Youth Leaders – Purple, Youth Group 2000- 2009 – Orange, Youth Group 2010 – 2019 – Yellow, Family & Friends – Green, Parishioners & Priests – Blue. Bishop Pat, Fr Michael and Fr Francis all added their thumbprints to the tree! Thanks to all of those who came along and those that have sent their best wishes to our group in its 20th year! The Thumbprint tree will be on display in the Kay St Foyer of the Church.

Rosters for August 17 & 18 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	R Foote B Purcell	M Noone	B Power, C DiCorleto, D Buckland, T Wisby, Volunteers x 2	H Luque	Diamante Family	L Theissling
9:30am	M Hansen N Georgeson	C McCabe	T Denny, J & W Waanders, A Symonds, Volunteers x 3 (or Deacon Tony and 2 Volunteers)	R Benbow M Blanchard	Sr Youth	P & L Van der Velden
5:30pm	E Harte E Joseph	S Luscombe	J Reid, D Locke, Volunteers x 2	Volunteer		Volunteer required

- **Altar Cleaning:** Aug 11 S MacManus Aug 18 M Giddens
 - **Church Cleaning:** Aug St Gabriel's Team Sept McLaughlin Team
 - **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Aug 11 Youth Mass Aug 18 Jane and Grace
 - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Aug 11 E & E Brand Aug 18 S & C Kanara
- 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 15 Burns Team Aug 22 Moretti Team

Entrance Antiphon Ps 83:10-11

*Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

First Reading Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

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

(R.) *Happy the people the Lord
has chosen to be his own.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

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

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead

himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12: 35-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

**Next weeks Readings**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

2nd Reading Heb 12:1-4

Gospel Luke 12:29-53