



## 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, 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



### MASS TIME and VENUE CHANGE

No Mass in the Church on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Mass will be celebrated at 5pm at Lavalla – Kildare campus on Kosciuszko St Traralgon as part of the **CELEBRATE YOUTH EVENT**. All invited.

Please pray for our Youth Ministry this week as we prepare for **CELEBRATE!** This is a great opportunity for us all to come together and support the Youth from across our Diocese. Thank you for your continued prayers, donations and support for the young ones. **See you at CELEBRATE!**



### REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world.

Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we may have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow.

## 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

**August 19 to 24**

<b>Mon 19</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Tues 20</b>	10:45am	Mass - Margery Cole
<b>Weds 21</b>	11:0am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
<b>Thurs 22</b>	9:30am	Mass, SGPS
<b>Fri 23</b>	9:30am	Mass SMPS
<b>Sat 24</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 Carmela Gauci and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Joan Bermingham, Mary Lasaga, Joan Clarke, Nessie Dal Pra, Damian Goodwin, Roger King, Josh Zahra 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## REMINDER MASS TIME CHANGE:

Please remember Sunday night Mass on August 25<sup>th</sup> will be at Lavalla Kildare campus at 5pm to celebrate our Youth together.

**No 5.30pm Mass in the Church Aug 25<sup>th</sup>!**

**OFFICE HOURS:** We welcome Bev back to the office this week – we hope she had a fabulous holiday.

Office hours this week will be:

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August **9am – 12noon**

Wednesday – Friday – 9am – 4pm.

**CCR CONFERENCE:** “Fan into flame the gift of God within you.” 2 Tim 1.6

September 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> at Marist Sion College, Warragul. Speakers: Fr Francis Otopo, 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.

**EMMAUS PRAYER DAY:** next prayer day will be on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm – 3pm. 48-50 Monash Rd Newborough. Call 0477474848 for more details.

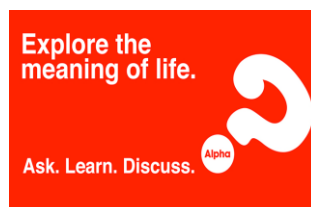
**ALPHA LAUNCH 2020:** The Alpha Course will be conducted in our parish after Easter next year. This exciting program is a great way for people to explore their faith while enjoying a relaxing meal together. It is also a great way to invite your non church attending friends and family to discover faith-based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



## NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

### Tuesday 20

**7.30pm** Finance Meeting, Meeting Room

### Wednesday 29

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## GROW GIPPSLAND WORKSHOP SEMINAR:

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 9am – 5pm. Seminar will be held at Eternity Church – 69 Princes Drive, Morwell. Call 0488537011 for more details.



**OUR NEXT PRAYER EXPERIENCE:**

**IGNATIAN PRAYER THEME:** God in our everyday life. Ignatian spirituality is a spirituality for everyday life - that 'we can find God in all things.' It insists that God is present in our world and active in our busy lives. **Ignatian Spirituality** offers a unique pathway for coming to know Jesus and his life saving message in a deeply personal and vital way. It is a pathway to deeper prayer and good decisions guided by keen discernment, that leads to an active life of service to others. All invited to attend Sept 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Mary MacKillop Room.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:**

*"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."* (Luke 12:51)

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

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

Counters -

- Aug 18** Morris Team
- Aug 25** Mitchell 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 25<sup>th</sup> - 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. Contact Jen at the Parish Office as soon as possible if you would like one to wear on the day.

**CELEBRATE PERFORMERS:** If you would like to perform on the day of Celebrate and you are in year 7 or above please contact Jen on 0437492349 for more details.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**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.

**Rosters for August 25 ~ 21<sup>st</sup> 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		A Symonds
9:30am	S Reid U Imhagwe	M Tainsh	W Detering, C Payne, M Hanratty, S Reid, Volunteers x 3 (or Deacon Tony and 2 Volunteers)	C Collis E Freeman		P & L Vander Velden

**5:00pm** *Celebrate Youth Mass at Kildare Hall, Kosciuszko Street, Traralgon . . . all Parishioners warmly invited to attend*

- **Altar Cleaning:** Aug 18 M Giddens Aug 25 M Tainsh
- **Church Cleaning:** Aug St Gabriel's Team Sept McLaughlin Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Aug 25 Marianne and Therese
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Aug 18 S & C Kanara Aug 25 J & V Besselink  
 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 22 Moretti Team Aug 29 McLaughlin Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Ps 83:10-11

*Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

**First Reading** Jer 38:4-6 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

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

**(R.)** *Lord, come to my aid!*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. **(R.)**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm. **(R.)**
3. He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord. **(R.)**
4. As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay! **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*I have come not to give peace, but discord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

## Next weeks Readings

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Is 66:18-21

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Heb 12:5-7 11-13

Gospel Luke 13:22-30

