



## 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

**Fr Francis Otobo** Parish Priest  
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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, Thomas Mathew, 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

### INVITATION TO ORDINATION TO DIACONATE:

Bishop Pat O'Regan has extended a warm invitation to all parishioners in the Diocese of Sale to attend the Ordination to the Diaconate for **Jithin Anto, Confidence Masvosva and Paul Zaher** which 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. Bishop Pat's hope is that all parishioners will respond with enthusiasm to his warm invitation, it would be marvellous to see a large representation of our Parish at the Ordination celebration.

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.



**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 : Call For Delegates** The Diocesan Assembly is coming up in September. Our parish has been allocated 10 delegate places, and we are still striving to fill our allotted spaces. Please consider applying, and let the Office know if you are able to respond on behalf of the Parish. Details on the posters displayed in the church.

**Topics for Conversations in our Parish Groups:-**

**1. Faith Formation & Spirituality (living out the joy of the Gospel)**

- \* Faith formation for adults
- \* Faith Formation for children and young people.
- \* RCIA
- \* Prayer Life.
- \* Sacramental Preparation
- \* Understanding Church Teaching

**2. Leadership & Governance (providing leadership and structures that promote evangelization)**

- \* National/diocesan/parish structures
- \* Parish Pastoral Councils
- \* Ongoing support, mentoring and professional development of leaders and staff.
- \* Communication
- \* Finance matters
- \* Pastoral Planning
- \* Roles – priests, laity, religious

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday	5:30pm	St Michael's Traralgon
Sunday	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
	5:30pm	St Michael's Traralgon

## WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

Aug 26 to 31

Mon 26	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 27	9:30am	Mass
Weds 28	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Communion Service Mass, Church
Thurs 29	9:30am	SGPS Fathers Day Mass
Fri 30	9:30am	Mass (SMPS Yr 5/6)
Sat 31	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 Kathleen Hodgson, Damian Goodwin, John Zahra, Roger King, Kathleen Heal, Giuliano & Silvia Pretto, and Nadia & Mario Furlan.

**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, Conceicao Carvalho, 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, Ray Smith, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, Margaret West, Carmela Woodhouse 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.

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

\* **Aria Chanel Macri**, daughter of Claudia.  
*Congratulations and welcome to our Parish!*



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:** The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 28th September to allow Father Francis and the office staff to attend an in-service day for priests and parish staff in Warragul.

## FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE

**OF SALE:** This Fund supports the priests and deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons in retirement and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests, and deacons in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be about \$200,000.00.

Envelopes are available in the Church for the *Special Collection to be taken up next weekend* to assist the work of the Priests Welfare Foundation of the Diocese of Sale. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible. If you require a receipt for taxation purposes, please put your name and address **clearly** on the special envelope and a receipt will be issued in due course.

## 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.



## NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

### Tuesday 29

**10:00am** CWL, Mary MacKillop Room

**7:30pm** Alpha Training Meeting  
Parish Centre

### Wednesday 29

**9:00am-1:00pm**

Icon School, Parish Centre

**12:30pm** Weds pm Cells Group,  
Parish Centre

**MIGRANT SUNDAY, AUGUST 25:** It is with heartfelt thanks we celebrate the gifts and diversity brought to our land by our many migrants.

We acknowledge the Gunai/Kurnai people, the traditional owners of our land and give thanks for their stewardship of our beautiful country.

**MONSIGNOR ALLMAN NEWS:** Good news! Monsignor Allman is once again back at O'Mara House and in fine spirits.

**ALPHA LAUNCH 2020:** The pilot Alpha course for the Alpha Team will begin on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

Please keep those involved in our prayers over the next five weeks.

In 2020, Alpha will be offered to all who wish to attend this exciting way to discover or re-discover why we're here and how very loved and cherished we are.

Please contact Cathy McLure on 0432 588 195 for further details.

## 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



**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** The next meeting of the CWL is on Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Mary MacKillop Room. All women are warmly invited to come and enjoy this gathering.

Does your child like to tell stories?

Dr Ria de Gracia and Jessica Dwyer are investigating how children's understanding of behavior and language affect their story-telling abilities.

If you have a child between 4 & 9 years of age, and are in the Latrobe Valley/Gippsland area, they would like to invite your youngster to join in some games and story-telling, for about 30 minutes. Please contact them if you would like your child to participate in this research.

Research Supervisor:

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**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:**

*"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." (Luke 13:30)*

Our standards in society are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "what have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

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

Counters -

**Aug 25** Mitchell Team

**Sept 01** Waanders Team

**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 school Term time. during term time. Contact Marianne Saunders on 0490 628 833 for further details.



**YOUTH MASS:** Our next Youth Mass will be celebrated at the 9:30am Mass on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**. If you are interested in joining in any way, please contact Uwa Imhagwe on 0406 212 504.

**FORMATION SESSION:** The next Formation Session for our Yr 6 to Yr 12 young people will be held on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 7:00-8:30pm** in the Parish Centre. The Guest Speaker at this gathering will be **Mike Hansen** who will present a session on 'Moral Living'. Anyone interested in bringing food for our youngsters to eat, your generosity would be gratefully and eagerly accepted. Please contact Jen on 5174 7703 to let her know.

**SM@YL** next meet on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** for their Operation ShoeBox night. The evening will be spent packing the Operation Shoeboxes in preparation for mailing out.

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.

**DOUG MACFARLANE** is one of Australia's most travelled and enduring Gospel Artists and Christian communicators. He will be visiting Traralgon on September 22 at 9:00am and 11:00am Outreach Services, hosted by the Traralgon District Baptist Church, 58-62 Kay Street, Traralgon.

**VOCATIONS DAY 2019:** St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne is holding a Vocations Day on **Sunday September 21**, 10:00am-4:00pm, following Mass at 9:30am. Scott Street, Cranbourne.

Tea & coffee with a little treat will be provided for a small donation. Money raised will support the St Agatha's Youth Members who will be attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth in December.

To register go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BECJR>



**Rosters for August 31 & Sept 01 ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	C DiCorleto	A Taylor	B Power, C DiCorleto, D Buckland, T Wisby	A O'Hara R Tactor		A Symonds
9:30am	C McLure R Diaz	L Van der Velden	J & W Waanders, K Jones, E Ryan, J Hanratty, Volunteers x2 (or Deacon Tony and 1 Volunteer)	T Biancon M Rigg	Filipino Choir	P & L Van der Velden
5:30pm	C Hill E Hill	J Hanrahan	J Reid, D Lock, Volunteers x 2	A Ward	Diamente Family	B Kennedy

- **Altar Cleaning:** Aug 25 M Tainsh Sept 01 J Scholtes
- **Church Cleaning:** Aug St Gabriel's Team Sept McLaughlin Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sept 01 Amanda and Shane
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Aug 25 J & V Besselink Sept 01 B Wilksch  
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](mailto:memou_38@bigpond.com)
- **Mick's Kitchen:** Aug 29 McLaughlin Team Sept 05 Van Berkel Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 85:1-3

*Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all  
the day long.*

**First Reading** Is 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

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

**(R.)** *Go out to all the world  
and tell the Good News.*

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**
2. Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the way, the truth, and the life,  
says the Lord;*

*no one comes to the Father, except through me.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Lk 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

**Next weeks Readings**

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Sirach 3:17-20 28-29

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Heb 12:18-19 22-24

Gospel Luke 14:1 7-14