



## 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, 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

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

### A prayer for Father's Day

*God our Father, as we celebrate Father's Day this weekend, bless all the fathers in the world,*

*and all those who nurture others in a fatherly manner.*

*Guide them by the light of your truth to be good role models and loving to all their children.*

*In all their ways help them to be a father like you are.*

*Give them wisdom, grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.*

*We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

## CELEBRATE!

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Celebrate Youth event was held on Sunday at Kildare campus and what a celebration it was!!! We saw well over 300 people attend from parishes across the Diocese and together we celebrated our faith, our community, our young people, our gifts, our talents and so much more. The day was full of energy, noise and such positivity as we all cheered performers, musicians, choirs, and guest speakers. *Celebrate!* is a true testament that we can spread Gods love to our young families in today's society. *God is Alive and God is good!*



Thank you to all involved especially the Youth Council who did a marvellous job and our sponsors, MJ Financial Planning, Allform Industries, ROPAN Financial Services, Logo Express and all the parishioners of St Michaels Parish for your generosity, prayers and support. Our thanks too, to Inoka Rajapakse who made and decorated the 'Celebrate!' cake.

### NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK – September 01 to 07 2019:

We give thanks for children in our Parish, in our schools and in the Church, they are truly God's gift to us all. We give thanks too, to our church and community volunteers who have all gone through the compliance requirements to show we are truly committed to providing a safe place for all children in our many Parish settings. May we all strive to ensure the safety of our children, and of each other.

For further information, you can go to <https://www.napcan.org.au/national-child-protection-week/>.

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	5:30pm	St Michael's Traralgon
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
	5:30pm	St Michael's Traralgon

## WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

**September 02 to 07**

<b>Mon 02</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Tues 03</b>	9:30am	Mass
<b>Weds 04</b>	11:0am	Requiem Mass for Cyril Carberry
<b>Thurs 05</b>	9:30am	Communion Service, St Gabriel's
	10:30am	Mass, Dalkeith
<b>Fri 06</b>	9:30am	Mass (SMPS Prep)
	1:30pm	Requiem Mass for Carmela Woodhouse, St Columbkille's
<b>Sat 07</b>		No Mass

**Rosary:** Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 5:00pm, Wednesdays at 11:30am or any other time by arrangement with Father.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently including Carmela Woodhouse and Cyril Carberry and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Joseph, Janina & Greg Kurowski, Antony Fitzpatrick, Dorothy & John McKee, Luciano & Elina Spano, 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 Hazelman, 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 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 and after Masses this weekend.

**BAPTISMS:** Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday September 11 at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Office on 5174 2060 for further information



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!** Wishing all our biological Dads, step and/or adopted Dads, and our Reverend Fathers, a very Happy Father's Day! May 'your day' be peaceful and happy.

## 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 at all Masses this 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 **Wednesday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** in the Mary MacKillop Room. All welcome!



**NURSING HOME VISITATION TEAM:** if you feel you'd be able to visit people in our local nursing homes and help make their day brighter by your visit, please consider joining our Visitation Team. Contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060.

## NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

### Tuesday 03

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

### Wednesday 04

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

**7:30pm** Prayer Experience Evening  
Praying the Ignatian Way

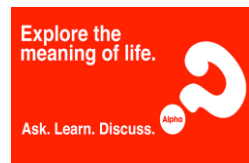
**ALPHA LAUNCH 2020:** The pilot Alpha course has begun with a very enjoyable first evening held on Tuesday night. Good food and good conversation in good company. If you would like to attend, please contact Cathy McLure on 0432 588 195 for more information.

### 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*



**OUR ROSTERS:** if you have a look at our Rosters (pg 3), you'll notice that the person most frequently mentioned is 'Volunteer'. Thanks to all those who are already on the rosters, your response to your baptismal calling certainly is appreciated, and helps make our Masses meaningful celebrations. Without your support our Masses would be very stark indeed.

We are currently seeking volunteers to help make our Masses well run, vibrant celebrations, and are in need of :-

- \*Commentators
- \*Eucharistic Ministers,
- \*Welcomers
- \*Sacristans
- \*Musicians
- \*Money Collectors.
- \*Church cleaning

Please help us out by becoming a volunteer, training is available. These ministries are a very rewarding way of living our faith, and enriching our Parish life.

Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you would like to help out or require any further information.

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

*July 2019*

**Loose collections**

July 07	\$1,216.00
July 14	\$ 800.00
July 21	\$1,122.00
July 28	\$ 994.00
	<u>\$4,132.00</u>

**Planned Giving**

Envelopes	\$ 9,821.00
Direct Debit	\$ 6,133.00
Credit Card	\$ 2,860.00
Unplanned giving	\$ 407.95
July total	<u>\$19,221.95</u>

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:**

*"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."  
(Luke 14:33)*

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

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

Counters -

- Sept 01** Waanders Team
- Sept 08** Arend Team

*Happy Father's Day*

**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.

**ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST**  
The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

**More information and Applications Forms** are available on our website [http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st\\_vincent\\_pallotti\\_scholarship\\_for\\_lay\\_ministry.html](http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st_vincent_pallotti_scholarship_for_lay_ministry.html).

**Closing Date 18 October 2019**

**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 September 07 & 08 ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	R Webber H Theissling	D Smith	J Scholtes, R Tactor, <b>Volunteers x 2</b>	<b>Volunteers required</b>		L Theissling
9:30am	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	W Detering, D Prestipino, S Edgar, G Imhagwe, A Reid, <b>Volunteers x2</b> (or Deacon Tony and 1 Volunteer)	C Payne M Wilkinson	Filipino Choir	M Hanratty
5:30pm	J Panozzo-Tilé	<b>Volunteer required</b>	J Fleming, S Luscombe, <b>Volunteers x2</b>	M Noone	Diamante Family	<b>Volunteer Required</b>

- **Altar Cleaning:** Sept 01 J Scholtes Sept 08 F Rycak
  - **Church Cleaning:** Sept McLaughlin Team
  - **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sept 01 Amanda and Shane Sept 08 Carolyn and Josephine
  - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Sept 01 B Wilksch Sept 08 H Theissling
- 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:** Sept 05 Van Berkel Team Sept 12 Adroit Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 85:3,5

*Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.*

**First Reading** Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 67:4-7 10-11 Rv11

**(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.  
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.  
It was there that your people found a home, Prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Take my yoke upon you;*

*learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Lk 14:1 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.*

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

**Next weeks Readings**

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Wisdom 9:13-18

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel Luke 14:25-33