

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, 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

Reflection by Greg Sunter

The gospel passage begins with an accusation that Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. This is the gravest social accusation one could level at another because who you ate with was a reflection of your own status.

To welcome sinners and to eat with them was to effectively become one of them yourself. In response to this accusation, rather than mounting an argument, the gospel writer has Jesus tell three parables about the lost being found.

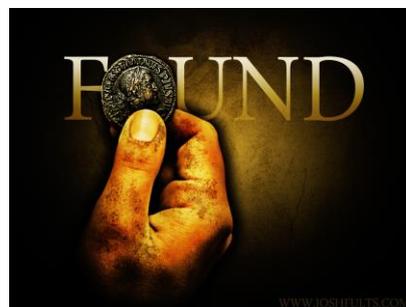
The answer to the accusation is that those dismissed as 'sinners' are the 'lost' who will be celebrated with extravagant rejoicing when they have been 'found' again through their acceptance of the message of Jesus.

The parable of the lost son is usually taken in isolation and rarely is heard in the full context of the three parables of the lost being found. We need all three to recognise the ridiculous nature of the celebration of the forgiving father's actions. All three parables display great folly. What shepherd would leave 99 of his sheep in the wilderness to go in search of just one?

Similarly what woman is going to reveal to her friends how poverty-stricken she really is by inviting them to rejoice with her at the finding of one lost drachma – the least valuable of coins.

When we come to the father rejoicing at his son's return, this too would have seemed a ridiculous folly. Because of his actions, the son completely shamed himself and his father. The father's expected and justified response would have been to turn his back on his son and banish him forever. To welcome him back would have been unthinkable to Jesus' audience.

In an echo of God's ridiculous and unbounded loving forgiveness, the father welcomes his son with open arms and reclaims him as his own.



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

September 16 to 21

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| Mon 16 | 9:30am | Liturgy of the Word |
| Tues 17 | 10:45am | Mass, Margery Cole |
| Weds 18 | 11:00am | Exposition |
| | 12:00pm | Mass |
| Thurs 19 | 9:30am | Mass, St Gabriel's PS (Yr Prep) |
| Fri 20 | 11:00am | Requiem Mass for John Langmaid |

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 John Langmaid, Margaret Hall, Brian Cross and Marion Minogue and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Jim Bermingham, Wilhelmina Nijenjuis, Fr Tim Hourigan, Theresa Jacob, Aleyamma Verghese, Mary Cooney; and Joseph, Angela and Mick Dieni, Richard Moulton, Maria Di Sisto, Giuseppe Agostino and Charlotte Maat. **Lord, Let your perpetual light shine upon them. May the rest in peace. Amen.**

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

including 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.



BAPTISMS: Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday October 15th at 7:00pm in the Parish BAPTISM Centre.** Please contact the Office on 5174 2060 for further information.



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

RCIA: These letters stand for the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, the

ancient Rite of welcoming people into the Church.

St Michael's Parish warmly invites anyone interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith to attend our meetings on Thursdays evenings, in St Michael's Parish Centre. We start at 7.30pm sharp, and finish by 9.00pm sharp.

This year's starting date is Thursday September 26th. *If you know anyone who may be interested, please bring them along!*

Contacts: Susan Grout (0412 671 308) or Parish Office (5174 2060) – but you can just turn up!

PARISH DINNER:

Date: Friday October 25, 2019

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Del Mondo's Restaurant, Post Office Place, Traralgon.

Cost: \$47 per head, adults
\$17 for 12yrs and under,
Under 5 yrs free.

Tickets will be on sale in the Parish Office in coming weeks, watch this space!

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 enrich your Parish life by becoming a volunteer, training is available. These ministries are a very rewarding way of living our faith, and enhancing our Parish life. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you would like to help out or require any further information.

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday 17

7:30pm Maintenance Team, Parish Centre

7:30pm Alpha Training Meeting Parish Centre

Wednesday 18

12:30pm Weds pm Cells Group Parish Centre

7:30pm Risk Management Team Parish Centre

Thursday 19

7:00pm St Columbkille's Meeting, St Columbkille's

7:30pm RCIA Team Meeting, Parish Centre

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:

PPC met on Wednesday evening.

Matter discussed included :-

1. The need for two more members of the Parish Council. Please complete Nomination Form on Page 3.
2. An update regarding Monsignor Allman's status (he is well, and again living in his unit at O'Mara House, perhaps a little more frail than before. Please keep him in your prayers.
3. Lavalla School Report – enrolments for Yr 7 are completed, they have a waiting list for 2020.
4. Response to Parish Forum and Plenary Council information. The Team have divided up to attend to the responses which have been received, and should have a cohesive report by the end of the next meeting in October.
5. Parish Dinner – October 25, 2019. Planning is now under way. Need to have numbers in by October 21.
6. Next meeting – October 09, 2019.

PLENARY 2020 TRAINING SESSIONS FOR ANIMATORS, PARISH, SCHOOL & AGENCY PLENARY TEAMS

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church?

After the Diocesan Assembly, our Diocese will enter the next phase of our Journey to the 2020 Plenary Council. The *Listening and Discernment* stage commences with training and formation of all Animators, clergy, parish, school and agency Plenary teams and for any interested persons.

All Animators are expected to attend training. It is highly desirable that Parish Plenary Teams, Pastoral Councils and School Leadership Teams participate.

If any of our Parishioners would like to know more about the commencement of the *Listening and Discernment* sessions, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office. There is more information about the Regional Training Sessions for the *Listening and Discernment* phase on flyers in the Church Entrances

St Michael's Parish Pastoral Council **2019 Nomination of Parishioners for the PPC**

I wish to recommend the following member of our parish for membership of our PPC.

I recommend

Of (address or email).....Phone

I consider this person would bring to the PPC the following talents, qualities and experience:

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(signed – optional).....

*Please put your completed nomination forms in the plate at Mass over the next three weekends
or drop it into the Parish Office BEFORE FRIDAY OCTOBER 04. Thank you!*

Charismatic Healing Mass
Sacred Heart Church, Morwell
25th September 2019 – 7:00pm
Fr Edgar Boglosa

FORMATION EVENING: Our Senior Youth group met on Friday evening and enjoyed some time together and a visit and talk from Michael Hansen. The theme for the talk was 'Moral Living' and the youngsters all enjoyed it. Big thanks to Mike for his time and effort and to our parishioner (who is nameless) for the contribution of supper for our hungry youth.



SM@YL YOUTH GROUP: the Youth Group met on Friday evening (Sept 13) to pack up the Operation Shoebox gifts. Thanks to all parishioners for so generously supporting our youth group in their endeavours..

Ladies Long Lunch

Last Sunday (October 08) thirty-four ladies from our Parish shared in a wonderful lunch at the Traralgon Vineyard. Our guest speaker, Karen Humphries, spoke to us about the many ways women can do things to help look after themselves. The meal was delicious, the company was marvellous and it gave us all a chance to get to know each other a little better and to strengthen the bonds of our community. Thanks to all those involved in organizing the day!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:
"Everything I have is yours." (Luke 15:31)
Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:
Should you wish to have information about our Planned Giving program please contact the Parish Office.
Counters - **Sept 15** Armstrong Team
Sept 22 Morris Team

Rosters for September 21 & 22 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

| Mass | Lector | Commentator | Eucharistic Ministers | Welcomers | Music | Sacristan |
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| 5:30pm | A Taylor | S Hill | J Scholtes, R Tactor, J Ware, Volunteer | S Frankland L Kennedy | Jane | L Theissling |
| 9:30am | S Reid U Imhagwe | M Tainsh | S Detering, C Payne, M Hanratty, Volunteers x4 (or Deacon Tony and 3 Volunteers) | C Collis E Freeman | Jane | G Imhagwe |
| 5:30pm | C Roga E Joseph | Volunteer required | Volunteers x4 | G Edgar J Sykes | Jane | Volunteer Required |

- **Altar Cleaning:** Sept 15 L Kennedy Sept 22 S MacManus
- **Church Cleaning:** Sept McLaughlin Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sept 15 Jane and Grace Sept 22 School holidays
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Sept 15 J McCormack Sept 22 S & S Wandue
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:** Sept 19 Mitchell Team Sept 26 Scholtes Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf Sir 36:18

*Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.*

First Reading Ex 32:7-11 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4 12-13 17 19 R Lk 15:18

(R.) I will rise and go to my father

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Tim 1:12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 15:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

Next weeks Readings

September 22, 2019

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Amos 8:4-7

2nd Reading 1 Timothy 2:1--8

Gospel Luke 16:1-13