



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

Feast of St Michael

OUR PATRON SAINT:

Very little is known about St Michael other than what we know from scriptures, which themselves are sparse :

In Daniel, St. Michael is mentioned twice. The first time as one who helped Daniel, and the second time he is mentioned with regard to the end times of the world when he will stand for the "children of thy people."

His next mention comes in the Epistle of St. Jude, where St. Michael is said to guard the tombs of Moses and Eve and has contended with Satan over the body of Moses. The final mention is in Revelation, where St. Michael and his angels, do battle with the dragon.

There are other scriptures where St. Michael is implied, but not mentioned by name, such as the angel; who defends the gate to Paradise, who defends against Balaam, and "who routed the army of Sennacherib."

Today, St. Michael is invoked for protection, especially from lethal enemies. Patron of grocers, soldiers, doctors, mariners, paratroopers, police, and sickness.



*Saint Michael,
defend us in the turmoil of our lives;
protect us against all evil;
that our lives may reflect only
the glory of God.
Amen*



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The rich man ('Dives') is so totally self-absorbed in the self-indulgence of his wealth that he does not even notice poor Lazarus at his gate. He created such a huge chasm between himself and the poor that not one crumb of food or companionship could cross over to Lazarus.

This Chasm, created by Dives, was fixed at the moment of his death so that not one part of the life of Paradise could cross over to him – not even a drop of water. Hell is not a punishment sent by God. It is simply the continuation of the Divide which some have chosen as that which defines who they are. Hell is of our own making. We could pause for a moment to check that we are making such choices that we become amongst those 'carried gently by the angels into Paradise'.

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

September 30 to October 04

Mon 30	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 01	9:30am	Mass
Weds 02	11:00m	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 03	9:30am	Communion Service
Fri 04	9:30am	Communion Service

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 Glenda Curran, Barry O'Callaghan, Aileen Selby, Orme Higgins, Margaret Lethborg, and Br Bill Dillon and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Theresa Ryan, Nerolie Luddeni, Alan Webber, Franco Fuoco, Mark Martin, Warren Wicks, Kathleen Kennedy and Aileen Dixon.

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, Peter Lont, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah Mc Kerchar, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Ray Smith, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, George Walkan, Margaret West and Fr Frank Young.



NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Thursday 03
7:30-9:00pm RCIA, Parish Centre

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.



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 are now available in the Parish Office, and will be sold after Masses next weekend

OUR ROSTERS: if you have a look at our Rosters, you'll notice that the person most frequently mentioned is 'Volunteer'. (Six mentions in this roster).

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

WORLDWIDE PUBLIC ROSARY: On **Saturday October 12 from 10:30am** the Rosary will be prayed at the clock near the Library in George Street, Moe. This will be one of 4,000 Rosaries prayed in public in Australia on that day. The Rosaries begin in Moe, Melbourne & Sydney, then all around the world with the last Rosary of the 24 hours being prayed in Hawaii.

Bring your Rosary beads, your chair or a cushion if you prefer to sit on the concrete surround, and weather protection if needed.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS:

7:30-8:30pm, St Michael's Church
Please bring a plate of supper to share
Tues 01 Rosary, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers of intercession and Benediction. Reflection, Our Lady in the Scriptures.

Thurs 10 Liturgy of the Hours with Mary, Benediction. Reflection 'Our Lady of the Holy Rosary'.

Thurs 17 Reflection 'An Opportunity to Build a Listening Church' – Fr Noel Connelly, Sacred Heart school hall, Morwell.

Weds 23 Evening prayers with Mary, Exposition and Benediction. Reflection 'Our Lady of Fatima'.

Weds 30 Liturgy of the Hours with Mary, Exposition and Benediction. Reflection 'Our Lady of Mercy'. An opportunity for Reconciliation this evening.

RCIA: 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.



Contacts: Susan Grout (0412 671 308) or Parish Office (5174 2060) – or just come along!

A VOTE OF THANKS: We received a phone call from one of our lovely parishioners to say a big 'thank you' to all for the prayers she received whilst her name was on our 'sick list'. She is now so much better, and very grateful for the prayerful support which has helped sustain her over the past few months. *The power of the prayer of many!*

PLENARY COUNCIL – THE NEXT STEP:

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the training session for animators or facilitators for this next stage of our discussions.

The workshop will be held on Tuesday October 08 in the Mary MacKillop Hall, 7:30-9:30pm.

DAYLIGHT SAVING REMINDER: a quick reminder that we need to put our clocks forward one hour next Sunday morning at 2:00am (October 06, 2019).



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!*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." (Luke 16:25-26)

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

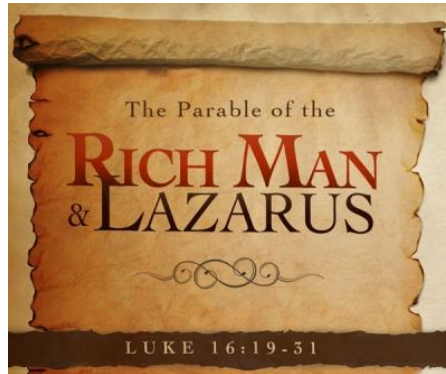
Should you wish to have information about our Planned Giving program please contact the Parish Office.

Counters **Sept 29** Mitchell Team
Oct 06 Waanders Team

Cheques:

If making Planned Giving or other payments to the Parish by cheque, please make the cheques payable to St Michael's Parish, Traralgon.

Receipts: Receipts for Planned Giving for the months June to August 2019 are now available for collection from the table by the Piety Stall door. Please take yours with you to help keep our postage costs down. Thank you



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. The next Formation Session will be on **Friday October 11, 7:00-8:30pm**. Susan Grout will be the Guest Speaker.

SM@YL Friday **October 18**, Whizz Bang Games Night Mary MacKillop Hall 6:30-8:30. Please call Scott on 0435 779 931 for further information.

YOUTH MASS: Our next Youth Mass will be at **9:30am Mass on October 20**, with the Lavalla College Liturgical Choir leading our music that morning.



Rosters for October 05 & 06 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	C DiCorleto	A Taylor	B Power, T Wisby, Volunteers x 2	A O'Hara R Tactor	Jane	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)	M Munari M Rigg	Filipino Choir	P & L Van der Velden
5:30pm	C Hill	E Hill	J Reid, D Locke, Volunteers x2	A Ward	Diamente Family	B Kennedy

- **Altar Cleaning:** Oct 06 J Scholtes Oct 13 F Rycak
 - **Church Cleaning:** October Couling Team
 - **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sept 29 School holidays Oct 06 School holidays
 - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Sept 29 E & B McNulty Oct 06 D Bau
- 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:** Oct 03 Hemming Team October 10 Burns Team

Entrance Antiphon Dn 3:31 29 30 43 42

*All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your
mercy.*

First Reading Amos 6:1 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

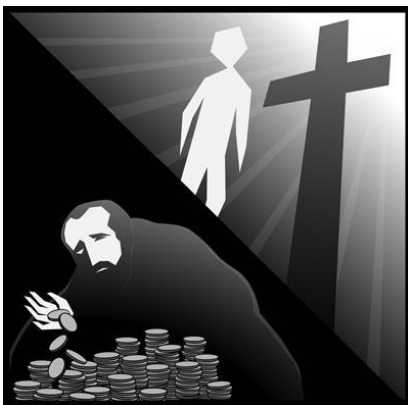
Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10 Rv2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

**Next weeks Readings**

October 06, 2019

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4

2nd Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel Luke 17:5-9

Second Reading 1 Tim 6:11-16

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'"