



# 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

### NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY by Mary Coloe PBVM

*I've done no more than my duty*

**2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-9**

As a child, I thought that had I lived 2000 years ago and had the chance to see and hear Jesus then faith would have been so much easier. I'd have certainly believed! That's not what the Gospels say. Many people who witnessed the deeds and heard the words of Jesus did not come to faith in him. Faith isn't a matter of seeing, or hearing. Faith is about loving. It's risking one's whole life for another. This is the normal sort of faith on which we base our human friendships and commitments, and religious faith is similar. The disciples ask that their faith might be increased, but notice that Jesus puts the responsibility back onto them. Faith and love increase by daily living them, by daily putting them into action.

The parable shows faith in action by taking a common image from Jesus' time when a household would have servants. The parable suggests that faith is not what we want God to do for us; faith is about our being and doing for God. It is enough for us to live within the bounty of God's goodness and to respond to that goodness by generous service. Isn't that what it is like when people are in love? They are not asking, 'What will the other do for me?' but rather, 'How can I respond to this experience of love?' As a lover loves and a believer believes, so servants express their identity in serving. At the end of the day the disciple simply says, 'I have done no more than my duty, I have lived my faith.'

'Fan into a flame the gift God gave you.' As I read or listen to these words their urgency challenges me. What is my gift? What particular way has God gifted me? Often I look at other people and their gifts are obvious – they can sing, or lead, or have a way of making friends easily, or a sharp mind. In fact by comparison with others it can sometimes be hard to see or value God's gift to me. Perhaps today my response to this reading is to take some quiet time alone and in silence open my heart to God, asking for wisdom to see clearly.

When I was teaching in school there was a poster in my room that read – God doesn't make junk! Whether we know it or not each of us is a precious part of God's creation and Timothy is right in wanting us all to be contributors. Quite a few of the Gospel sayings have a similar theme – don't hide your light under a bushel; the woman who gives a small penny but is praised for contributing all. The other side of Timothy's urgent teaching is not just to recognise my gifts, but to put them to work – to fan them into a blazing flame. Gifts are not things to be cherished for oneself, but are meant to draw us out to others in some way.

In my own ministry I have a great love of the Scriptures. In this, and in the opportunities I have had to deepen my knowledge of them, I feel deeply blessed. The more I appreciate the power of the Scriptures in my life, the greater the urgency I feel to share this with others through teaching or giving talks or writing. And in doing this, in going out to teach it seems I receive more blessings. It's a strange sort of circle of receiving, giving, receiving more.

Timothy says, I have 'been trusted to look after something precious,' but in a paradoxical way, to guard this precious gift, I need to be open and share it with others. Here, the image of a flame is helpful. If a small flame is alight inside a closed room, it will stay small – but if you open the door or window, then it will blaze up to life.

## 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

October 07 to 11

<b>Mon 07</b>		No Liturgy of the Word
<b>Tues 08</b>	9:30am	Mass
<b>Weds 09</b>	11:00m	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
<b>Thurs 10</b>	10:30am	Mass, Dalkeith Hostel
<b>Fri 11</b>	10:30am	Mass, Bupa Care
<b>Sat 12</b>	9:30am	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 Dylan Keith Wilson, Gerard Mannion, Margaret West, Andrew Seychell, Sarah McGovern, Sinaid Hynes, Glenda Curran, Barry O'Callaghan, Aileen Selby, Orme Higgins and Margaret Lethborg and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Maria Concetta Raso, Agostino Spano and Elina Spano, Theresa Ryan and Nerolie Luddeni.  
**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 McKerchar, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Ray Smith, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, George Walkan, and Fr Frank Young.



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



**OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK:** The Parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 9:30am to 1:30pm.** It will be open for business as usual for the rest of the week.

## PRAYING THE ROSARY:

*Public Square Rosary*

Following **Mass at 9:30am on Saturday October 12**, all parishioners are warmly invited to pray the Rosary at 'Our Lady of the Way' Statue in Kay Street, asking our Lady of Fatima to obtain God's merciful blessing for Australia.

## 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*

**GLENGARRY NEWS:** a meeting was held in St Columbkille's Church Glengarry on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Present at the meeting were Fr Francis Otobo, Pat O'Mara, Alby Van Berkel, Helen Arbutnot, Barry Arthbutnot, Len Woodhouse, Don Duncan, Mark Bermingham, Greg Imhagwe and Bev O'Brien.

As a result of the meeting, the decision was reached that St Columbkille's would no longer be a Mass centre. Bishop Pat will attend the last mass at St Columbkille's in the coming months. More news as it develops.

**EMMAUS SPIRITUALITY:** Emmaus Spirituality Ministry is facilitating their next prayer session on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 1:00-3:00pm** at 48-50 Monash Road, Newborough. The focus is the Four Seasons prayer. All are warmly invited to come and join us. Please contact 0477 474 848 or email salespirituality1@gmail.com to enquire and/or give indication of attendance.

## OCTOBER DEVOTIONS:

**7:30-8:30pm, St Michael's Church**  
**Please bring a plate of supper to share**  
**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.

**R C I A:** 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!

**DEACON CONFIDENCE MASVOSVA:** We are pleased to learn that Deacon Confidence has been posted to St Michael's Parish, and will begin his duties with us on November 18, 2019.

## 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.

## NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

### Tuesday 08

- 1:30pm** Knights of the Southern Cross Mary MacKillop Room
- 7:30pm** Plenary Training session, Mary MacKillop Hall

### Wednesday 09

- 9:00am-12:30pm** Icon School, Parish Centre
- 12:30pm** Weds pm Cells Prayer Group, Parish Centre
- 7:00pm** PPC, Parish Centre

### Thursday 10

- 7:30pm** Finance Meeting Parish Centre
- 7:30-9:00pm** RCIA, Parish Centre

**FORMATION EVENING:** The next Formation Session will be on **Friday October 11, 7:00-8:30pm** for our Yr 6 to Yr 12 people in the Parish Centre. Susan Grout is the next guest speaker with the topic of Social Justice in today's world.



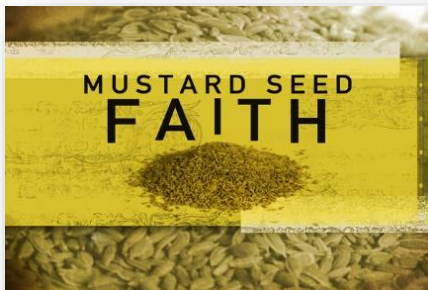
**SM@YL Friday October 18,** Whizz Bang Games Night in the Mary MacKillop Hall 6:30-8:30. Please call Scott on 0435 779 931 for further information.



**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. 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵

**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. Contact Marianne Saunders on 0490 628 833 for further details.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** The CPG meets each Thursday in school term time at 7:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. All are welcome to come and join in! Enquiries to Cathy on 5174 3001.



**PARISH BULLETIN ITEMS:** It's always great to receive items for inclusion in the Bulletin.

All items to be included in the Bulletin need to be at the office by 12:00 midday on the preceding Thursday.

**BUNNINGS SAUSAGES, SATURDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:**

**OCTOBER 12 2019** stop by Bunnings BBQ next Saturday and support the St Michael's Primary School P & F.

*"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7)*

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighbourhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

September 2019

**Loose collections**

September 01	\$1,082.00
September 08	\$ 994.00
September 15	\$1,032.00
September 22	\$ 889.00
September 29	\$ 946.00
	<u>\$4,943.00</u>

**Planned Giving**

Envelopes	\$ 8,130.10
Direct Debit	\$ 6,398.00
Credit Card	\$ 3,490.00
Unplanned giving	\$ 572.75
September total	<u>\$18,580.85</u>

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

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

Counters **Oct 06** Waanders Team  
**Oct 13** Arend Team



*A reminder that we will be operating on*

*Daylight Saving Time*

*from 3:00am this Sunday, October 06.*

**Rosters for October 12 & 13 ~ 28<sup>th</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>	Volunteers required	Jane	L Theissling
9:30am	M Hansen N Georgeson	C McCabe	W Detering, D Prestipino, G Imhagwe, A Reid, <b>Volunteers x2</b> (or Deacon Tony and 1 Volunteer)	C Payne M Wilkinson	Jane	M Hanratty
5:30pm	J Panazzo-Tilè	J Hanrahan	J Fleming, S Luscombe <b>Volunteers x2</b>	M Noone	Jane	Volunteer required

- **Altar Cleaning:** Oct 13 F Rycak Oct 20 L Kennedy
  - **Church Cleaning:** October Couling Team
  - **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Oct 06 School holidays Oct 13 Marianne and Therese
  - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Oct 06 D Bau Oct 13 P & M Tainsh
- 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 10 Burns Team Oct 17 Moretti Team



**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Est 4:17

*Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the  
earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.*

**First Reading** Habakkuk 1:2-3 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

*The just will live by faithfulness.*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 94:1-2 6-9 Rv8

**(R.)** *If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'  
**(R.)**

Next weeks Readings

**October 13, 2019**

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

**Second Reading** 1 Tim 1:6-8 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The word of the Lord stands for ever;*

*it is the word given to you, the Good News.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*If you had faith!*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."' "

