



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

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first reading for today is a narrative about healing, gratitude, conversion and worship. Israel had many regulations governing leprosy (cf. Leviticus 13-14). Washing was part of the rite of reincorporation into the community, but it was not itself a remedy for the illness, as is the case here. Miraculously the waters of the Jordan transformed Naaman's flesh into that of a child. When Naaman realised that he had been cured, his indebtedness prompted him to return to Elisha and offer a gift in thanksgiving. Having experienced the power of Elisha's God, he proclaims that there is no other God. This story champions monotheism and universalism. It demonstrates God's love and concern for all.

The psalm praises God as king over all. God is first depicted as a triumphant warrior, whose right hand and outstretched arm have brought victory. The divine warrior is the one who conquers the primordial forces of chaos. This psalm focuses on Israel's salvation by God. This victory is really vindication meted out in order to rectify a previous injustice. It follows God's recall of the covenant promises made to the house of Israel. The psalm also features the relationship between God's saving action and the promises that God made. It is because of the promise made to the ancestors that the divine warrior stepped in and triumphed over Israel's enemies.

Paul exhorts *Timothy* to remember the heart of the gospel that Paul has preached: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead; he is a descendant of David. The first statement of the testimony is the very basis of Christian faith. The fact that he came from the line of David shows that he fulfilled all of the expectations and promises that were associated with that royal family. This is the gospel to which Paul committed himself and for which he was now suffering imprisonment. The agony and indignity that Paul bears are seen by him as a share in the 'birthpangs of the messiah', that necessary suffering that would precede the birth of the reign of God.

In the gospel, Jesus recalls the story of a foreigner who suffered the pain and indignities of leprosy. Those suffering from leprosy in this story recognise Jesus, stand at a distance, and cry out to him by name. Only one man returns to thank him, and he is a Samaritan. He is not surprised that Jesus healed him. Nor is he the only one who had faith. They all believed that Jesus had the power to heal them and they all went off to show themselves to the priests. What makes this man unique is his gratitude. Jesus commends the man for his faith. Once again the last (a Samaritan) will be first (held up as an example).



CHILD SAFETY: Bishop Patrick O'Regan has engaged the services of CatholicCare to conduct a series of training sessions across the Diocese on "Building a Child Safe Environment". It is expected that all parishioners with Working With Children Checks volunteering in St Michael's Parish will attend. Our session is **10:00am-12:30pm on Saturday 9th November, in the Mary MacKillop Hall**. We need to know who will be attending so we do require that you register your acceptance by completing the attendance list in the Kay Street entry to the Church, or by emailing to sec@smpt.org.au, or phoning the Parish Office on 51742060 by October 31.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

October 14 to 18

Mon 14	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 15	10:45	Mass, Margery Cole
Weds 16	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 17	11:00am	Funeral Prayers for Edward Dekleva
	5:30pm	Malayalam Mass
Fri 18	9:30am	Mass (SMPS Yr 1/2)

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 Edward Dekleva, Margaret West, Andrew Seychell, Gerard Manion, Dylan Wilson, Sarah McGovern, and Sinaid Hynes and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Jean Lythgo, Maria Concetta Raso, Agostino Spano and Elina Spano. ***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, Peter 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: This weekend, we welcome for Baptism, **Edward Bruce Collis**, son of Bradley & Jessica. Congratulations to the family, from us all.



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

WELCOME to Fr Jose Parappallil who is visiting in our Parish at the moment. Fr Jose will celebrate a Malayalam Mass on **Thursday 17th October at 5:30pm.**

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Fr Noel Connolly: An Opportunity to Build a Listening Church.

17th October, 2019 7:00pm

Sacred Heart School Hall, Morwell.

Noel Connolly is a Columban missionary priest who worked in Korea (1970-74), Later he helped found the Korean Catholic Community in Sydney and was their chaplain until 1981.

He is presently Coordinator of Mission and Culture at the Catholic Institute of Sydney and lectures in Mission Theology at the Australian Institute of Theological Education. Noel is a member of Catholic Mission's Adult Formation Team. Last year he was appointed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to the Facilitation Team for the Plenary Council 2020.

It is indeed a great privilege for us to be able to listen to Fr Noel in the Latrobe Valley.

Entry: Gold Coin donation.

Kindly RSVP for catering purposes to:

mwellcathpar@netspace.net.au by October 14.

PARISH DINNER:

Date: Friday October 25, 2019

Time: 6:30pm

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

Cost: \$47 per head, adults
\$24 for 12-18yr olds
\$17 for 12yrs and under,
Under 5 yrs free.

All tickets must be booked before Sunday October 20, to assist our caterers. Tickets cannot be sold after that date.

Tickets are now available in the Parish Office, and will be sold after Masses this weekend.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS:

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

Thurs 17 Reflection 'An Opportunity to Build a Listening Church' – Fr Noel Connolly, 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.

GLENGARRY NEWS: It's an end of an era. Bishop Pat will celebrate the last Mass at St Columbkille's on **Sunday December 1st at 10:30am.** The Mass will incorporate a Closing Ceremony.

Parishioners are asked to bring a plate of morning to tea to share

This means that Sunday morning Mass at St Michael's will be celebrated at 9:00am on December 01.

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Wednesday 16

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

5:30pm Risk Management Team, Parish Centre

6:45pm First Communion Parent Meeting, Mary MacKillop Hall

Thursday 17

7:00pm Fr Noel Connolly at Sacred Heart School Hall, Morwell

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. If you are interested please contact Susan Grout (0412 671 308) or the Parish Office (5174 2060).

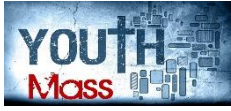


CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: The CPG meets each Thursday in school term time at 7:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. All are welcome to come and join in!

This week come and listen to our guest speaker John Duiker.

Enquiries to Cathy on 5174 3001.

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. 🎵 🎵 🎵



JUNIOR YOUTH CHOIR: the Junior Youth Choir will be singing with Jane at the 930am Mass on October 27.

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.



Next weekend our parish will be holding the

Annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal.

This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Ghana, as they provide ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable.

In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children', and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life. Next week you will learn more about Sister Stan and the Nazareth Home for God's Children, which is leading these efforts in the diocese of Yendi.

You will be offered the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Ghana as a monthly giving partner, with all gifts specifically directed to life-saving projects for children in need – please come prepared to give generously.

We will have leaving collections at our Masses next Sunday for Catholic Mission.

Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/Ghana

THE ADVENT OF GRACE:

Preparing for the Season of Advent (Year A)

Advent formation sessions for liturgy and parish leadership teams looking to explore the Gospel of Matthew and ideas on how to bring the season to life in our local communities.

Week 1: Ria Greene (Deputy Principal, St Bede's College, Mentone) will lead participants through the gospel's context, structure and key themes.

Week 2: participants can choose from a range of workshops to develop a musical repertoire for the season.

Tuesdays October 15 & 22 2019

6:30pm to 9:00pm

Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.

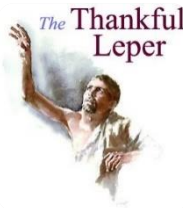
Cost: \$30 both sessions, or \$20 per session.

Register now at

<https://www.trybooking.com/BETSC>

Call Suzanne on 9926 5761 or at evangelisation@cam.org.au for further details.

(Posters in the foyers, flyers at the Church entrances).



THE POWER OF THE ROSARY:

Prayer Retreat with Father Hugh Thomas CSsR.

All are invited to attend 'The Power of the Rosary' on **Tuesday October 22, 11:00am-3:00pm** at St Brigid's Church, 19 Church Street, Cowwarr.

The program includes Eucharistic Adoration, Cenacle, Rosary, Reconciliation, Reflections by Fr Hugh.

Lunch at 1:00pm (BYO Lunch).

Tea and Coffee provided.

Flyers available in the Church Entrances.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" (Luke 17:18)

Most of us live "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.

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

Rosters for October 19 & 20 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	R Foote B Purcell	M Noone	C DiCorleto, B Power, M Giddens, Volunteer	H Luque	Diamente Family	Volunteer required
9:30am	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	T Denny, J & W Waanders, A Symonds, Volunteers x3 (or Deacon Tony and 2 volunteers)	Youth Mass	Lavalla Choir	P & L Van der Velden
5:30pm	E Harte E Joseph	S Luscombe	J Reid, D Locke, Volunteers x 2	Volunteer	Charismatic Choir	Volunteer required

- **Altar Cleaning:** Oct 20 L Kennedy
- **Church Cleaning:** October Couling Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Oct 13 Marianne and Therese
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** 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 17 Moretti Team
- Oct 27 S MacManus
- November Rickwood Team
- Oct 20 Youth Mass
- Oct 20 C & C Watts
- Oct 24 McLaughlin Team

Entrance Antiphon Ps 129:3-4

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel*

First Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4 R seev2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 2 Tim 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you
in Christ Jesus.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed.

Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Next weeks Readings

October 20, 2019

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Exodus 17:8-13

2nd Reading 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Gospel Luke 18:1-8