

## 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.

www.smpt.org.au  
email: traralgon@cdsale.org.au

**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 account of the battle with Amalek demonstrates conclusively the favoured status of the people of Israel. The only thing that prevented their defeat was the intervention of Moses. His uplifted hands resemble a ritual that must be performed with great precision if the desired effects are to be achieved. It is almost as if Moses was a conduit of divine power. The staff of God may have been the same staff that Moses used to perform wonders before Pharaoh and with which he parted and then gather back the water of the sea. Moses, Aaron, Hur and Caleb form a bridge between Israel's experience of deliverance and its eventual occupation of the land.

Paul expounds on the excellence of the sacred scriptures (holy writings) and their usefulness in the lives of Christians. Timothy is reminded of those teachers from whom he learned the message of the scriptures. Paul believed that all Scripture was inspired by God and that it plays a very important role in the lives of believers. Paul solemnly charges Timothy to remain faithful to his ministerial responsibilities. He is to proclaim the word; to be resolute at all times; to correct those in error; to rebuke those who have gone astray; and to encourage all. He has the power of Christ Jesus to accomplish this, and so he should not be fainthearted.

Jesus tells a parable about the need for persistence in prayer. The judge is unjust because he failed to ensure justice for all. The woman is a widow, a member of one of the most oppressed classes in Israelite society. Though vulnerable, she is bold. As indifferent as the judge seems to be toward her case, so is she persistent in her demands of him. He will not give in; she will not give up. The persistence of the woman becomes the model of resoluteness for God's chosen ones. Like the woman in the parable, they cannot be certain regarding when God will respond, and so they must persist. The passage ends with Jesus posing a sobering question: 'When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?'



**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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

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

### October 21 to 25

<b>Mon 21</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Tues 22</b>	9:30am	Mass
<b>Weds 23</b>	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
<b>Thurs 24</b>	9:30am	Mass, SGPS (Yr3/4)
	6:00pm	Mass (Lavalla College Graduation Mass)
<b>Fri 25</b>	9:30am	Mass (SMPS Yr 3/4)

**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 O'Brien and Edward Dekleva and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Walter Dyblik, Des Bennett, Rosetta Zanella and Jean Lythgo

**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 Mc Kerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Ray Smith, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, George Walkan, Kath Woodland and Fr Frank Young.



**WELCOME:** How fortunate are we this weekend to welcome the Lavalla Catholic College Liturgical Choir to our 9:30am Mass. The presence of the choir certainly adds to the quality of our liturgical celebration.

### BAPTISMS:

Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday November 13th at 7:00pm in the Parish 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  
\$24 for 12-18yr olds  
\$17 for 12yrs and under,  
Under 5 yrs free.

**All tickets must be booked by 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.*

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS:

A big 'Thank You' goes to **Marita Kennedy** for the support she has shown the Parish as a member of the PPC. Marita has resigned from the PPC as her family continues to grow. Every blessing to you, Ben, Isaac, Leo and Junior in your future. So, we now welcome to the Parish Pastoral Council, **Lia DiCorleto, Watson Gomez and Judi McLaughlin.** Our thanks to you all for your commitment to our Parish.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** It is preparation time for our children who will be celebrating their First Communion in November.

The Parent/Child Workshops will be held at 4:00pm and 5:30pm on Wednesday October 23 and Wednesday October 30. Thanks to the Sacramental Team for their enthusiasm, work and caring for our youngsters and their families.

### OCTOBER DEVOTIONS:

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

**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:

#### Tuesday 22nd

**4:30pm** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Catechist Class #1

#### Wednesday 23rd

**9:00am –** Icon School,  
**12:30pm** Parish Centre

**1:00pm** Weds pm Cells Prayer Group, Parish Centre

**4:00pm** First Communion  
& Parent & Child Workshop

**5:30pm** #1

#### Thursday 24th

**7:30pm** Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Hall

**R C I A:** St Michael's Parish warmly invites anyone interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith to attend our meetings on Thursday 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!

Enquiries to Cathy on 5174 3001.





**YOUTH MASS:** Our next Youth Mass will be at **9:30am Mass on November 10**. Please contact Uwa Imhagwe on 0406 212 504 for further information.



**JUNIOR YOUTH CHOIR:** the Junior Youth Choir will be singing with Jane at the **930am Mass on October 27**. Rehearsal will be held at 4:00pm on **Thursday October 24**.

**YOUTH FORMATION:** Our Senior Youth will end their year of formation gatherings with a Christmas Get Together on Friday November 15<sup>th</sup> held in the Youth Room in the Parish Centre. All students from Year 6 to 12 are warmly invited to attend.

**SM@YL Friday November 15 – Christmas Dance Party** St Michael's Mary MacKillop Hall. 6.30-9/00pm. Cost - bring a plate of party food to share, and a new toy to donate to the Toy Run. Dress up in Christmas Theme. Dance comp, games and prizes for best dressed. Enquiries to Leah 0438 811 709.



Reach out. Give life.

Sister Stan Mumuni is at the forefront of the Church's

work in reaching out to children in need in Ghana. As the director of the Nazareth Home for God's Children, Sister Stan works endlessly to provide education, healthcare and a safe home for children rescued from life-threatening situations.

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. The Nazareth Home for God's Children is among the pioneers in this crucial mission.

Today you have the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Ghana and offer monthly support to this essential work. All gifts will be directed to life-saving projects for children in need. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need.

Freecall: **1800 257 296**  
[catholicmission.org.au/Ghana](http://catholicmission.org.au/Ghana)

**2019 FRIENDS OF SION GATHERING**

Friends of Sion Gathering will commence at **9.30am on Sunday 10 November 2019** with Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale.

This will be the penultimate gathering with the final event on Sunday 8 November 2020 celebrating 130 years of the arrival of the Sisters.

If you would like to attend this year and have not received an invitation please contact CeCe Kingwill by emailing: [wjck@inet.net.au](mailto:wjck@inet.net.au) or Maureen McLeod on 0427 443 550.



**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 27 October 2019**

This week on the Journey, Fr Mike takes us on a humbling reflection on the Gospel from Luke. Mother Hilda brings us an excellent piece on 'Presence Left Behind', and we'll also here from Pete Gilmore, Fr Dave Callaghan and Trish McCarthy just to name a few. Tune into LIFE 103.9 or go to [WWW.jcr.org.au](http://WWW.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email – for free

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

*Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!*

Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing!

This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

**Next weekend date: 15-17 November 2019.**

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:**

*"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." (2 Timothy 4:2)*

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

**PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

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

Counters **Oct 20** Armstrong Team

**Oct 27** Morris Team

**Rosters for October 26 & 27 ~ 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	A Taylor W Gomez	S Hill	J Scholtes, R Tactor, J Ware, <b>Volunteer</b>	S Frankland L Kennedy	Jane	A & M Giddens
9:30am	S Reid U Imhagwe	M Tainsh	W Detering, C Payne, M Hanratty, S Reid, <b>Volunteers x3</b> (or Deacon Tony and 2 volunteers)	C Collis E Freeman	Jr Youth Choir	G Imhagwe
5:30pm	C Roga	S Grout	<b>Volunteers x 4</b>	G Edgar J Sykes	Jane	<b>Volunteer required</b>

● **Altar Cleaning:**

Oct 27 S MacManus

Nov 03 M Tainsh

● **Church Cleaning:**

October Couling Team

November Rickwood Team

● **Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

Oct 27 Amanda and Shane

Nov 03 Carolyn and Josephine

● **Touring Statue of Our Lady:**

Oct 27 Mons Allman

Nov 03 P & L Van der Velden

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:**

Oct 31 Van Berkel Team

Nov 07 Adroit Team



**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Ps 16:6,8

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

**First Reading** Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

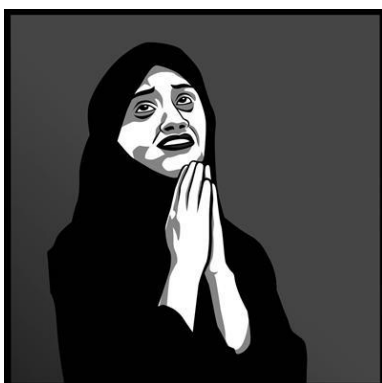
*As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 120 Rv2

**(R.)** *Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.*

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth. **(R.)**
2. May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not, your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.  
By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night. **(R.)**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and coming  
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 2 Tim 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Word of God is living and active;*

*it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*God will see those who cry to him vindicated.*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'"

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Next weeks Readings

**October 27, 2019**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Luke 18:9-14