

## 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.

**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, Lia Di

Corleto, Watson Gomez, Jenifer Hanratty, Steve Kimani, Judi McLaughlin,

Thomas Mathew, Ray Moretti, Amanda Reid, Kevin Taylor, 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

St Paul's Campus 5174 7355

### NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY by Mary Coloe PBVM

#### God, be merciful to me

Occasionally in my teaching I hand out the following ticket, or ask if someone wants this free ticket.

**HEAVEN**  
Admit One Free

God offers salvation to us; it is a free and total gift of love. It is not something we earn or deserve. It is a gift. In today's parable, one person realises this. It is the social outcast, the tax collector who knows he needs God, and asks for God's mercy. The religious person has no need of God; he is striving for righteousness through his own efforts.

The Pharisee exemplifies an early heresy in the Church put forward by a man called Pelagius. Like the Pharisee in this parable, Pelagius placed great importance on doing good deeds and thereby being right before God. The Church condemned his teaching as false, for this attitude does away with the need for God and for God's offer of Salvation in Jesus. We don't save ourselves. No amount of Masses, Rosaries, Novenas or indulgences can achieve Salvation for us. My students then ask, 'Well, why do these things?' When someone gives us something wonderful, far beyond our hopes and dreams, the usual response is one of deep gratitude. When I hand out tickets to heaven, the recipients automatically say 'Thank you'. This is why we pray, and act generously; our entire life is living out 'Thank you' to the God who has given us the gift of Jesus for our Salvation.

Today we come to the end of this Letter to Timothy. As we read or listen to it, keep in mind Paul, a real person, imprisoned in Rome knowing that his time is coming to an end. What would our reflections be in his situation? From Paul we get no sense of fear or despair. On the contrary his words affirm a life spent, poured out, for God – either as a Pharisee, or as a Christian evangelist. His words remind me of the words of Simeon, 'Now Lord, you may dismiss your servant in peace.' (Luke 2:29) The sense I have is that Paul knows that he has lived his life to the full; he has recognised the gift he was given, and willingly travelled across Turkey and Greece to share his faith with others. This was Paul's gift and his mission. But God has many gifts, and many missions and being a mother or father within a family is no less a vocation than Paul's. In many ways we too can live out our Christian faith giving witness to the gospel, perhaps not in a trial like Paul, but perhaps within a work environment which sees religion as futile.

As we, like the Christians of Luke's community, get on with our lives in the world, we too need to come before God in prayer, knowing our emptiness, our poverty and open to receive the blessings that God wishes to give us. Then, like Paul, when we look back on our life we can do so with a sense of satisfaction – I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish.

**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
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## WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

October 28 to November 01

<b>Mon 28</b>	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Tues 29</b>	9:30am	Mass
<b>Weds 30</b>	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
<b>Thurs 31</b>	9:30am	Mass, SGPS (Yr3/4)
<b>Fri 01</b>	All Saints Day	
	9:30am	Mass (SMPS Yr Prep)

**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 Dot Buckland, Kath Woodland and Patrick Ward, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Margaret Mayr, Archbishop Patrick O'Donnell, Henry Smith, Lyle Smith, Winifred Kelly, Fred Sherry, Walter Dyblik, Des Bennett and Rosetta Zanella.

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



**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.

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend, we welcome for Baptism :-

\* **Henrietta Marnie Burns**, daughter of Ashlee & Simon.

Congratulations to the Burns family, from us all.

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



## *Congratulations!*

St Michael's Primary School, and the Parish Team also, are delighted to congratulate **Lia Di Corleto**, on her appointment as the Deputy Principal of the School commencing in 2020. Well done Lia, and best wishes from us all.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** It is preparation time for our children who will be celebrating their First Communion in November on the weekend of **November 09 and 10**.

The second Parent/Child Workshop will be held at 4:00pm and 5:30pm on **Wednesday October 30**.

Catechist classes are being held at 4:30pm in the Mary MacKillop room on **Tuesday October 29 and Thursday November 07**.

Thanks to the Sacramental Team for their enthusiasm, work and caring for our youngsters and their families.

**CWL:** The next CWL meeting will be held on **Tuesday 29th October** at 10:30am in the Mary MacKillop Room. All women are warmly invited to attend.

The CWL Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 29th November**. Please keep this day free. Contact J Sykes on 0413 489 704 for further information.

## FORMATION SESSION FOR ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

We are fortunate to have a small number of parishioners who have responded positively to our pleas for Eucharistic Ministers. Our heartfelt thanks go to them.

An evening to provide training for our new Eucharistic Ministers and to update training for our 'old hands' will be held on from **7:00-7:30pm on Thursday 21st November** in the Parish Centre.

All are warmly invited to attend.

## OCTOBER DEVOTIONS:

**7:30-8:30pm, St Michael's Church**

Please bring a plate of supper to share

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

## ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAYS:

Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am in the Church on Friday November 01 (All Saints Day).

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (All Souls Day) Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am in the Church.

At midday, Mass will ALSO be celebrated at the Traralgon Cemetery.

All are welcome to come and join in.

**SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS:** Our heartfelt thanks to **Christine DiCorleto** and **Shane Reid**, who have accepted the role of Safeguarding Officers for our Parish. Chris and Shane will ensure that safety for children and vulnerable adults remain in our focus and that all parishioners are kept well informed about these important aspects of Parish life.

## NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

### Tuesday 29th

<b>10:30am</b>	Catholic Womens League, Mary MacKillop Room
<b>4:30pm</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Catechist Class #2, Parish Centre

### Wednesday 30th

<b>1:00pm</b>	Weds pm Cells Prayer Group, Parish Centre
<b>4:00pm</b>	First Communion & Parent & Child Workshop
<b>5:30pm</b>	#1

## **RCIA:**

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).



**HELP REQUIRED:** Two female students studying at Federation University are seeking board in Traralgon, preferably close to the Traralgon CBD (where both work). They do not own a car. Please phone 0491 103 305 if you are in a position to help out.

**CAN YOU HELP?**



**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.



**YOUTH FORMATION:** Our Senior Youth will end their year of formation gatherings with a Christmas Get Together at 7:00pm on Friday **November 15<sup>th</sup>** held in the Youth Room in the Parish Centre. Anne Taylor will be the guest speaker this evening. 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.

**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.



Reach out. Give life.

Thank  
You

A big thank you to all our Parishioners who supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal. Through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in Ghana and throughout the world. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Nazareth Home for God's Children to provide love and support for children rescued from life-threatening situations. Thank you also to the many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners through our Ghana Partners Program. For more information about the work of Catholic Mission or the Extraordinary Missionary Month in October, please contact the friendly Catholic Mission Team :-

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

*The donations received through our collection last weekend totalled \$552.00. Thanks.*

#### **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: [wjcck@iinet.net.au](mailto:wjcck@iinet.net.au) or Maureen McLeod on 0427 443 550.

#### **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)

#### **TEACHING DAY WITH BISHOP PATRICK O'REGAN.**

Catholic Charismatic Renewal are hosting a teaching day with Bishop Patrick, **Tuesday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am - 4.00pm**. at St Josephs Church and Marian room, Witton St Warragul. All welcome. BYO lunch or to share. Tea and coffee provided. See notice for information or contact, Cathy Mc Lure 0432588195; M&W Power 0488680681 or 0356782271.

#### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:**

*“...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Luke 18:14)*

Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things “gods” before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God’s abundant generosity and our hearts should overflow with gratitude.

#### **PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:**

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

**Counters**      **Oct 27** Morris Team  
                        **Nov 03** Mitchell Team

#### **Rosters for November 03 ~ 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	B O'Brien	S Grout	B Power, C DiCorleto, T Wisby, <b>Volunteer</b>	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 <b>Volunteers x2</b> (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, <b>Volunteers x 2</b>	A Ward	Diamente Family	Ben Kennedy

- Altar Cleaning:**

Nov 03 M Tainsh

Nov 10 J Scholtes

- Church Cleaning:**

November Rickwood Team

- Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

Nov 03 Carolyn and Josephine

Nov 10 Youth Mass

- Touring Statue of Our Lady:**

Nov 03 P & L Van der Velden

Nov 10 M Ayres

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:**

Nov 07 Adroit Team

Nov 14 Mitchell Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Ps 104:3-4

*Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.*

**First Reading** Sirach 35:12-14 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.*

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds.

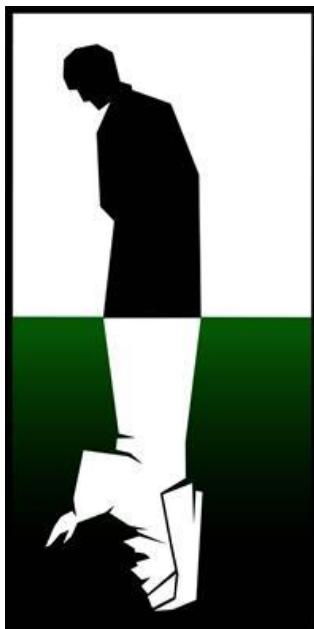
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquires the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 32:2-3 17-19 23 Rv7

**(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The just call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.  
**(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 2 Tim 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be 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 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get."

The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not.

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

**Next weeks Readings**

**November 03**

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Wisdom 11:22 -12:2

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 2 Thess 1:11 – 2:2

Gospel Luke 19:1-10