



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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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

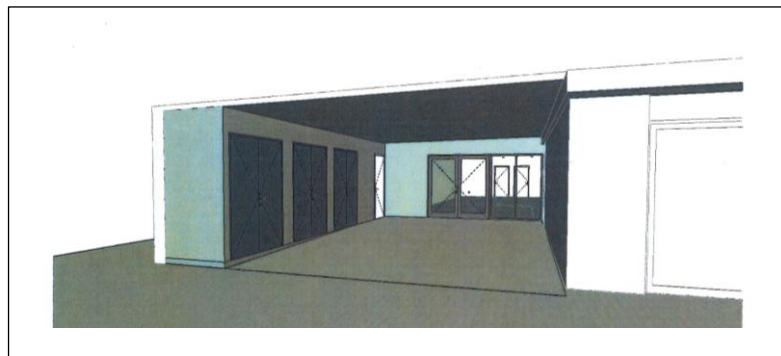
St Michael's School 5174 3295
Principal: Mrs Jodie Ware

Lavalla Catholic College 5174 5272
Principal: Mr John Freeman
Kildare Campus 5174 8111
St Paul's Campus 5174 7355

EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS FOR OUR PARISH CONTINUED.

Last weekend we put out information about the refurbishment of our existing parish centre buildings "to create an open and inviting space" for us all to get together. Thanks to everyone who shared their excitement with me about this "long awaited" development. The plan to is redevelop the current unused, old and run-down outbuildings which will be replaced by a "bright and open hall" to be used and enjoyed by all. While several drawings and concepts have been presented before the committee members in the past years, what we have now has the unanimous endorsement of all parish reps in the various committees. To move forward, we now have a project committee with the following members: Charlie Medhurst (Chair), Jamie O'Neil, Cath Hill, Matt Hanratty and Fr Francis Otobo. This weekend, the drawings/concepts for the Parish centre will be posted on the notice board in the Kay street entrance foyer. Please spare some time to study it. Should you have suggestions on how to move forward, please speak to any one of the Project Committee members.

Suggestion: if your query concerns the structural design, please see Charlie or Jamie; if it concerns finances, please see Cath or Matt or any member of the finance committee; and for general clarifications, you may contact Fr Francis or anyone on the PPC, Finance or Maintenance committees or the parish office. Please keep the parish in your prayers for the effective execution and completion of the project. Once again, thank you very much for all you have been for the parish and for your contributions. May God continue to bless you and keep you in HIS loving care.



NOVEMBER:

In Remembrance of the Dead. During this month, please remember those who have gone before us. Say a prayer for them, book Masses, pray the rosary, visit the Blessed Sacrament. A date has been set for praying for the young ones gone too soon. Check the bulletin and the notice boards. Remember them, lest we forget.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

November 11 to 15

Mon 11	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 12	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Weds 13	9:30am	Mass
Thurs 14	9:30am	Mass, SGPS (Yr Prep)
Fri 15	9:30am	Mass, (SMPS Yr3/4)

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 Rosemary Hume, Lynne King and Eileen Kelly and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Mary Gilmour, John Zahra, Cynthia Francis, Greg Penny, Alex Abela, Leo Bernard Vaz and Giovanni & Emilia Clobas,

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, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Peter Lont, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah Mc Kerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Fr John O'Kelly, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Ray Smith, Jerry Templer, Julie Vaz, 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.

CWL: 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.

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.

Following the Mass people are welcome to go to the Traralgon Vineyard or lunch, at the restaurant prices. There is a limited number of seats available, please call Alby Van Berkel on 0488 055 049 **before Friday November 8th** as bookings need to be finalized by that date.

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

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



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.

Piety Stall News:

Columban Calendars are now available for sale at the Piety Stall, \$9.00 each.

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday 12

1:30PM Knights of the Southern Cross, Mary MacKillop Room

Wednesday 13

9:30am-12:30pm Icon School, Parish Centre
1:00pm Weds pm Cells Prayer Group, Parish Centre

Thursday 14

5:45pm Risk Management Team

Congratulations!

Well done, to all our children who are celebrating their First Holy Communion with us:

Hayley Aarons, Eli Addison, Nelson Archibald, Tommy Ayres, Liam Birmingham, Millicent Birmingham, Oliver Blythman, Rebecca Boers, Rylan Bordonaro, Reese Bordonaro, Kira Briffet, Daisy Campbell, Lachlan Caryney, Patrick Catoaldo-Stoddart, Olando Clifton, Thomas Colaciello, Rharni Cooper, Taite Crosby, Grace Cunnigham, Jonathan Cullen, Jacob Cullen, Kiara Della-Fortuna, Aine Doherty, Joie Evans, Hamish Fox, Jake Furlan, Xavier Giblett, Jacyn Gomez, Jasmine Hanratty, Maddison Harle, Mia Hollands, Archie Jones, Neluca Keppitipola, Aliana Krieger, Ruby Kurrle, Callum Lambourn, Milly Leech, Alyssa Little, Anne Linehan, Joshua Longin, Luke Mainella, Archer Mallia, Alice McDermott, Isabella McIntosh, Grayce Meyer, Xavier Miller, Hayden Moon, Summer Moretti, Ava Murphy, Ashleigh Nachorny, Vivian O'Neill, Ethan Palmer, Tessa Phillips, Nekeisha Piening, Aleksandra Piousanidis, Callum Purcell, Himesh Rajapakse, Shaven Rajapakse, Kristopher Riseley, Jonathan Roscoe, Riley Schroeter, Lachlan Seeber, Alex Smith, Archer Stanistreet, Eva Switzer, Thomas Van der Velden, Samuel Van Iwaarden, Macie Vitalie, Sienna Vivian, Brielle Watson, Jack White and Willow Whitwam.



Relaxing Women's Weekend

15-17 November 2019. All women are warmly invited to attend the Don Bosco Retreat Centre in Lysterfield for one weekend. Catered meals,- you may choose to walk, relax, read, chat, shop in the nearby villages, climb the 'Thousand Steps', spend time on your own, laugh and enjoy good company.

Optional short sessions where you may reflect on your goals and relationship with your God. Come and recharge your batteries, take some time for yourself in lovely surroundings, and return invigorated to your daily life.

For more details contact Colette on 5174 3296 or email to coletteb@live.com.au.



YOUTH MASS Our next Youth Mass will be at **9:30am Mass on December 08**, our Junior Choir will sing. 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 15th** 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.

Plenary 2020

The second stage of preparation for the Plenary Council begins soon. Until Ash Wednesday next year, a **Listening & Discernment process** from the faithful on the six National Plenary Themes, will help shape the agenda for the first session of the Plenary Council.

Wednesday November 27th – Prayerful and Eucharistic daytime session

Thursday December 12th A joyful, hope filled and servant community evening session

Sunday December 15th Humble, healing and merciful after morning mass
Details available on the posters, handout and sign-up sheet at the church entrances.

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.

HELP REQUIRED ... VINNIES SOUP VAN

“Have you considered being a volunteer for the Vinnies Soup Van but find yourself time-poor? Well here’s a way you can help that won’t require a lot of your time.

Twice a week the volunteers make a mountain of sandwiches and litres of soup to distribute to those in need. You can help by growing some pumpkins over the summer and donating half your crop to the Soup Van.

After Mass today you can pick up a couple of pumpkin seedlings for free. Take them home and find a spot in your garden for them; you just need to keep them watered and Mother Nature will do the rest. And around March next year you will hopefully have some pumpkins to harvest.

Bring in one or two to Vinnies in Kay St. and we’ll find a place to store them and use them for delicious pumpkin soup over the ensuing winter months. Why not give it a go; what have you got to lose?”
Alby Van Berkel.

*Now he is God,
not of the dead,
but of the living;
for to him all are in fact alive.*

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

October 2019

Loose collections

October 06	\$1,022.00
October 13	\$1,071.00
October 20	\$1,317.60
October 27	\$1,281.00
	<u>\$4,691.60</u>

Planned Giving

Envelopes	\$ 5,914.00
Direct Debit	\$ 5,835.50
Credit Card	\$ 2,960.00
<u>Unplanned giving</u>	<u>\$ 766.25</u>
October total	<u>\$15,475.75</u>

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

Counters **Nov 10** Waanders Team
Nov 17 Arend Team

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).



Rosters for November 16 & 17 ~ 33rd 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	M Hansen N Georgeson	H Daly	T Denny, J & W Waanders, L Panozzo-Tilè, Volunteers x 3 (or Deacon Tony and 2 volunteers)	R Benbow M Blanchard	Charismatic Choir	P & L Van der Velden
5:30pm	E Harte E Joseph	S Luscombe	J Reid, D Locke, Volunteers x 2	Volunteer required		Volunteer required

- **Altar Cleaning:** Nov 10 J Scholtes Nov 17 F Rycak
- **Church Cleaning:** November Rickwood Team
- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Nov 17 Marianne and Therese
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Nov 10 M Ayres Nov 17 Mr & Mrs R Stockdale
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:** Nov 14 Mitchell Team Nov 21 Scholtes Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 87:3

*Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*

First Reading 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees
The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 16:1 5-6 8 15 Rv 15

**(R.) Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.**

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. **(R.)**
2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **(R.)**
3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your
glory. **(R.)**



Second Reading 2 Thess 2:16 – 3:5

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 20:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

Next weeks Readings

November 24

**Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

1 st Reading	2 Sam 5:1-3
2 nd Reading	Col 1:12-20
Gospel	Luke 23:35-43