



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



CHILD SAFE TRAINING DAY: Seventy people had the great good fortune to listen to Rhyannon Elliott from CatholicCare on Saturday morning (Nov 09). Rhyannon spoke about the steps the Church is taking to do its utmost to ensure that in the future, all children and vulnerable adults and their families and carers can have confidence that the Church is a safe place for their loved ones.

It's a whole new way of 'being' for our parishioners (and the Church in general), and Rhyannon was very impressed with the acceptance and support that was shown in the meeting. It's a great goal to strive for, the Catholic Church proving that every possible thing to be done to maintain and safeguard the safety of our young and vulnerable will be done.

For those who were unable to attend on Nov 09, the dates of Child Safe Training Days being run throughout the Diocese in the future are:-

- Saturday 8th February 2020 St Mary's Catholic Church, Bairnsdale 10:00am – 12:30pm
- Sunday 16th February 2020 St Mary's Parish Hall, Cowes 2:30-5:00pm
- Saturday 22nd February 2020 St Agatha's Parish Hall, Cranbourne 10:00am – 12:30pm
- Sunday 1st March 2020 St Mary's Cathedral, Sale 2:00 – 4:30pm
- Thursday 12th March 2020 Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Centre, Narre Warren 7:00–9:30pm
- Saturday 14th March 2020 St Michael's Parish Support Centre, Berwick 2:00 – 4:30pm
- Saturday 21st March 2020 St Patrick's Parish Hall, Pakenham 10:00am – 12:30pm
- Thursday 30th April 2020 Sacred Heart Primary School Hall 7:00 – 9:30pm

The following is an excerpt from an email received from Rhyannon this week.

"What an absolutely amazing training it was!!

I have looked into the training and requirements for school crossing guides and can't find anything that relates to the Victorian Child Safe Standards except that all the advertisements I've read require both a WWCC and a police check. Most of the training is particular to road rule and safety.

Please congratulate your mighty parish for turning out in such great numbers - 70 people, WOW!!

Thanks once again for welcoming us to Traralgon- what a warm and wonderful parish you have! God's blessings, Rhyannon".

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 18 to 22

Mon 18	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 19	9:30am	Mass
Weds 20	11:00am	Exposition
		Mass
	12:00pm	Knights of the Southern Cross
Thurs 21	9:30am	Mass
Fri 22	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 Kevin Hogan and Rosemary Hume and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Doreen Ryan, Glenn Peters, Johanna Van Zwieten, Bishop Jeremiah Coffey, Monsignor Bill Caffrey, Giovanni DiSisto, Sharlet Madonna Vaz, Hilary & Danny Rooney, Mary Gilmour, John Zahra and Cynthia Francis.

Lord, Let your perpetual light shine upon them. May the rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including Megan Agostino, Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, Lulu Aragon, Cath Boers, Fr Bernard Buckley, Conceicao Carvalho, Julie Dal Pra, Peter Dal Pra, Ann-Maree Daly, Anthony Derham, 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 McKerchar, 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.



Piety Stall News:

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

BAPTISMS: This weekend, we welcome for Baptism:-



- **Patrick John Jones**, Son of Michael and Kate:
- **Maevis Mandolato**, daughter of Marwin and Janelle: and
- **Harrison Robyn** and **Lincoln Patrick Milliner**, children of Scott and Justine.

Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday December 4th at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Office on 5174 2060 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.

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

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday 19

2:00pm Nursing Home Visitation Team meeting, Parish Centre

Wednesday 20

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

Thursday 21

7:00-7:30pm Information Evening for all Eucharistic Ministers, Church

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).

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER MASS:

At Wednesday Mass this week, the Knights of the Southern Cross will honour those of their ranks who have died during the past twelve months. Please keep the Knights in your prayers.

Plenary Council 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 sheets at the church entrances.

YOUTH FUNDRAISING PIE DRIVE: Order forms for delicious pies supplied by the Yarragon Bakery are in the entrances to the Church. Please help our youngsters in their fundraising to lessen the costs involved in their attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth next month. *Orders need to be placed by Friday 8th November.*





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 have enjoyed some wonderful Formation Sessions throughout 2019, and would sincerely like to thank all our wonderful parishioners who have shared their talents, their knowledge, and their love of their faith with them. Thanks too, to our wonderful parishioner who has provided them with supper at all their Formation events, and also to the Youth Ministry Team who have supported them so well throughout 2019. Your enthusiasm, cheerful support and welcoming acceptance are a great gift to the young people and to the Parish as well.

SM@YL have held their last session for 2019. Huge thanks to the SM@YL Team Leaders who have given their time, energy and care to the young folk who enjoy their sessions. There certainly has been a great variety of activities enjoyed by this energetic group. Another successful drive for the Christmas Shoe Box this year, with around 70 boxes sent off. Sincere thanks to all in the Parish who have supported SM@YL throughout the year.

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.

ACYF in Perth, December 2019: it's exciting that we have six teenagers and three adults heading to Perth in December to attend the 2019 Australian Catholic Youth Festival. As you can imagine, there's quite a cost involved in sending these enthusiastic teenagers who are all eager to discover more ways of living and celebrating their faith, and so if anyone is able to assist with sponsoring this group, all donations would be gratefully accepted. Please contact Jen in the Parish office of on 5174 7703. There are 70 young people from the Diocese attending the ACYF, 40 from our Schools and 30 from our Parishes, what a great celebration of faith for so many, many young people. Please keep them all in your prayers during the coming weeks.

PRAYER FOR RAIN: The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has declared November a time for a **National Prayer Campaign for the gift of rain**, for people affected by drought, for support services.

*Eternal God,
In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.
We turn to you now, in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on
our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.
Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and
to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.
In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth, our
earth which is being ravaged by bushfire.
Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom the promise of new life has dawned,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life:
Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.
Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary help of Christians – pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – pray for us.
Amen*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." (2 Thessalonians 3:9)

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with our Catholic faith.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

Counters **Nov 17** Arend Team
Nov 24 Armstrong Team

Rosters for November 23 & 24 ~ Feast of Christ the King

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	A Taylor H Theissling	S Hill	J Scholtes, R Tactor, J Ware, Volunteer	S Frankland L Kennedy	Diamente Family	A & M Giddens
9:30am	S Reid U Imhagwe	M Tainsh	W Detering, C Payne, M Hanratty, S Reid Volunteers x 3 (or Deacon Tony and 2 volunteers)	C Collis E Freeman	Snr Youth Music Group	G Imhagwe
5:30pm	C Roga	S Grout	Volunteers required x 4	G Edgar J Sykes		Volunteer required

- **Altar Cleaning:** Nov 17 F Rycak Nov 24 L Kennedy
- **Church Cleaning:** November Rickwood Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Nov 24 Amanda and Shane
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Nov 17 Mr & Mrs R Stockdale Nov 24 Mr & Mrs O Pretto
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 21 Scholtes Team Nov 28 Hemming Team

Entrance Antiphon Jer 29:11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call on me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading Malachi 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:5-9 R see v9.

(R.) *The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Next weeks Readings**November 24****Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ,****King of the Universe**1st Reading 2 Sam 5:1-32nd Reading Col 1:12-20

Gospel Luke 23:35-43

Second Reading 2 Thess 3:7-12

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

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;

your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 21:5-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'