



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

TRAINING FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

I want to thank everyone who attended the training session for the Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Thursday 21 November. It was well attended with twenty people – about half a dozen new Ministers. Thank you.

For those who were unable to attend this session, we shall organise another one in the near future with the hope and expectation that everyone who volunteers in this very important ministry in our parish would have attended a training and induction session before the official commissioning early next 2020. If there is anyone who is still interested in helping out in this ministry, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office or talk to Fr Francis or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council. The same sessions for other ministries will follow soon. God bless you all.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF PERTH 2019)

To the praise and glory of God, there are about 70 contingents attending this Festival from the diocese of Sale this year. For us at St Michael, we are so blessed to be sending six young people and three adults to be part of this great youth event. I am hoping that this will be another life changing event for our young ones as it was with the Ignite Conference last year. Thanks to the families for bearing about **70%** of the costs. Next Sunday, 1st December, Bishop Pat will celebrate Mass with us at 9.00 am and within the Mass, commission the pilgrims from St Michael's.

My appeal is that we take up a leaving collection at all our Masses next Sunday (1 December) to assist these young people in their trip. They are going in our name and representing us, may God bless them. And thanks for your generous support for the young ones throughout the year. They will let you know how things went as soon as they return from their pilgrimage.

CLOSURE OF GLENGARRY CHURCH AS MASS CENTRE

As you are all aware by now, Bishop Pat will be Celebrating Mass at the Glengarry church on Sunday 1st December at 10.30 am to mark the closure of the place as a Mass centre.

The church building has served the needs of the Local community as a Mass centre for over 126 years.

With dwindling numbers, the condition of the structure, and Traralgon being more readily accessible, the decision was reached to take this action. Once again, thanks to all who kept the place going in the last couple of years, especially Mons Allman and the community members. This is marking another phase in the history of our parish. Following the Mass, there will be the ceremony for the closing of the church. Anyone who can make it out there for the Mass is welcome.



Fr Francis

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 25	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 26	9:30am	Mass
Weds 27	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 28	9:30am	Mass
Fri 29	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 all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Mark Harrup, Veronica Barter, Peter Meneghetti, Saliba family, Salvatore Agostino, Giovanni Lombardi, Caterina Raso-Lombardi, Antonio Spurio, John Zahra, Doreen Ryan, Glenn Peters, Johanna Van Zwieten, Bishop Jeremiah Coffey and Monsignor Bill Caffrey.

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.



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 Sunday 1st December..**



WELCOME: We are pleased to welcome Deacon Confidence Masvosva to St Michael's. Confidence will be with us until he is ordained next year. Please make yourselves known to him.

BAPTISMS: 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.



Sunday Morning Mass next week (Dec 01) will be celebrated at 9:00am in our Church

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. A short history of the St Columbkille's will be offered at 10:15am.

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Wednesday 27

- 9:00am** – Icon School,
- 12:30pm** Parish Centre
- 1:00pm** Weds pm Cells Prayer Group, Parish Centre
- 5:30pm** Liturgy Meeting

Sunday Morning Mass next week (Dec 01) will be celebrated at 9:00am in our 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).



CHRISTMAS GIFTING TREE: St Michael's St Vincent de Paul Conference has again organised the Christmas Gifting Tree to be in the Church from November 24 to December 15.

Parishioners are asked to take a gift tag, and return your gift/voucher by December 14.

The conference would like to thank all parishioners for their support during 2017, and wish all a happy, holy and safe Christmas spent with those we love most.

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.

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.

CWL NEWS: The CWL Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 26th November.** A 10:00am start for a 10:30am meeting. Please keep this day free. Contact J Sykes on 0413 489 704 for further information.

NEEDED:

Diocesan Director of Caritas.

Would suit a motivated person with an interest in Project Compassion and related activities.

Travel around the diocese at times, particularly in Lent (fuel allowance and other allowances).

May suit someone recently or partly retired (perhaps but not necessarily with a teaching background).

Contact: Dcn Mark Kelly 0427748646/ Mark.Kelly@cdsale.org.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.



SM@YL – 20th Year We have had a fantastic year at SMY@L! We had a lot of fun with a great group of young people. Our 20th birthday party was one of the highlights of our year! **Congratulations** to all of the youth involved in our Social Justice activities for 2019. We have donated food to Vinnies, made up 70 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and donated a huge pile of toys for the Toy Run, which is distributed locally by Vinnies. Check the foyers for some photos and for info about where our boxes go this year. Thank you to all Parishioners and families, Fr Francis and team for helping us out along the way, your contributions and support has been amazing! We wish everyone many blessings for Christmas and look forward to an exciting 2020! *SMY@L returns on February 14th for our Annual Gross and Messy games night!*

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. They will enjoy a marvellous faith-filled experience along with the 5,000 other young people who will be in attendance. 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:

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." (Colossians 1:12)

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things." Instead, try putting God first in all things. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

Counters **Nov 24** Armstrong Team
Dec 01 Morris Team

Rosters for November 30 & December 01 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

Special Ministers of the Eucharist ~ 4 Ministers are required for 5:30pm Masses, and 6 Ministers at 9:30am. Deacon Tony and Deacon Confidence will assist when present.

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	W Gomez R Webber	S Hill	B Power, C DiCorleto, T Wisby, Volunteer	A O'Hara R Tactor	Jane	A Symonds
9:00am	C, E, & S Hill	H Daly	J & W Waanders, K Jones, R Ryan, J Hanratty, Volunteers x 3	M Munari M Rigg	Filipino Choir	P & L Van der Velden
5:30pm	N Georgeson/ C Hill???	S Grout	J Reid, D Locke, Volunteers x 2	A Ward	Diamente Family	B Kennedy

- **Altar Cleaning:** Nov 24 L Kennedy Dec 01 S MacManus
- **Church Cleaning:** November Rickwood Team December Van Berkel Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Dec 01 Carolyn and Josephine (9:00am Mass)
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Nov 24 Mr & Mrs O Pretto Dec 01 A & K Watts
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 28 Hemming Team Dec 05 Burns Team

Entrance Antiphon Rv 5:12 1:6

*How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm PS 121:1-5 R see v2

(R.) *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 2 Col 1:12-20

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

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 11:9 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Next weeks Readings**December 01****First Sunday in Advent**

1 st Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5
2 nd Reading	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel	Matthew 24:37-44