



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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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, 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

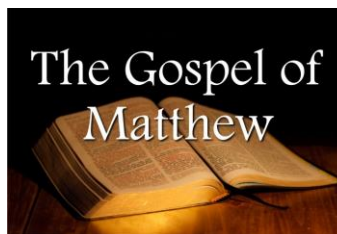
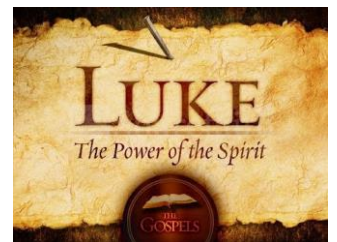
Principal: Mr John Freeman

Kildare Campus 5174 8111

St Paul's Campus 5174 7355

OPERATION STUDY YOUR BIBLE:

A good number of us gathered together in the Parish Centre to share and enjoy a wonderful meal, good conversation and great companionship. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our reading of the Gospel of Luke during December. Huge thanks to Allan Grout who expertly manned the barbecue and to all who brought along salads and sweets to share. Everyone there had different experiences from their time spent with the Word of God; some wonderful insights, some parts of Luke were found very difficult, some varying responses to this great text. It was great to see the different ways people had responded to the task of reading a Chapter a day.



So, in February, we are being called to read a Chapter of the **Gospel of Matthew** each day; it may be helpful to do some research on Matthew and discover who the Gospel was written by and for whom it was written.

We'll gather sometime in March and again share a meal, some friendship and discuss the Gospel of Matthew and a particular theme which you

will discover here in a coming Bulletin.

With God's blessings,

Fr Francis



CHILD SAFETY . . . For those parishioners who missed the Child Safe Training Day held here on November 09, 2019, there are a number of Child Safe Training Days being held throughout the Diocese in coming weeks. This may be a good way for all our parishioners to catch up with our role as Parish in creating, providing and maintaining a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults in our midst.

St Mary's Parish Hall, 6 Cowes-Rhyll Road, Cowes – Sunday 16th February 2:30-5:00pm.

St Agatha's Parish Hall, 129 Sladen Street, Cranbourne – Saturday 22nd February 10:00am-12:30pm

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such little child in my name welcomes me. 'If anyone causes one of these little ones – those who believe in me – to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. (Matthew 18:2-6)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday	5:30pm	St Michael's
Sunday	9:30am	St Michael's
	5:30pm	St Michael's

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

January 27 to 31

Mon 27	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tues 28	9:30am	Mass, Opening of the School Year
Weds 29	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 30	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Fri 31	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, remembering especially Robyn Veasey, Tom Crozier, Fr John O'Kelly, John McGlynn (Ireland), and Eileen Waugh and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Roger Biancon, Jack and Jim Rogan, Bishop Patrick Phelan, Bishop Noel Daly and John & Winnie Kelly and family.

Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

including, 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, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Ray Smith, Jerry Templer, Julie Vaz, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, George Walkan, and Fr Frank Young.



BAPTISMS: Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Tuesday February 11 at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information.



MEN'S BREAKFAST: The first Men's Breakfast for 2020 will be on **Saturday 8th February, at 8:00am in the St Vincent de Paul Centre.**



All gentleman of the Parish, and friends are warmly invited to attend. The speaker at this gathering will be Mike Hansen; the topic will be 'Walking the Camino de Compestela (the way to the field of stars).'

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is:

- *Open to conversion, renewal and reform*
- *Missionary and evangelising*
- *Inclusive, participatory and synodal.*

Sign up for a discussion of one of these theme discernments. Details are indicated on the 'Sign Up' sheets. Last chance to have your say. One timeslot only –

**Sunday February 09
after 9:30am Mass.**

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS for September to December 2019 are now available from the table near the Kay Street entrance. Please help keep our postage bill down by taking yours home with you.

2020 SACRAMENTS:

First Communion preparation begins on **Wednesday 4th March**, with the Sacrament being celebrated at our Masses on the weekend of **18th & 19th April.**

Confirmation preparation begins on **Wednesday 10th June**, with the Sacrament being celebrated on **Friday 17th and Saturday 18th July.**

Reconciliation preparation will commence on **Wednesday 21st October** with the sacrament being celebrated on **Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November.**

Enrolment forms are available from the Office.

MASS FOR THE OPENING OF THE

SCHOOL YEAR: At 9:30am on Tuesday, 28th January the staff of the primary schools throughout the Latrobe Valley, ie, St Keiran's, St Mary's, Lumen Christi, Sacred Heart, St Vincent's, St Gabriel's and St Michael's and the staff from Lavalla Catholic College will gather to celebrate the Opening of the 2020 School Year. Bishop Pat will celebrate the Mass.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:

The Office will be closed on Friday February 7th to allow Jen and Bev to attend a meeting.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." (Matthew 4:22)

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

Counters Jan 19 Waanders Team
Jan 26 Arend Team

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Thursday 30th January

7:00pm Maintenance Team
Parish Centre

ST JOSEPH'S TRAFALGAR CELEBRATE 90 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

Sunday March 22, 2020.

Please bring memorabilia with you to help celebrate. Beginning with a Thanksgiving Mass in St Johns Church at 10:00am, followed by Open School, and Social Gathering. Barbecue lunch provided.

Please RSVP by Friday 13th March to office@trafalgar.catholic.edu.au or 5633 1151.

Fr Elio Capra

Dates: February 03, 10 & 17

Time: 7:30pm

St Paul's Lecture Theatre,

Lavalla Catholic College

Grey Street Traralgon

(entry next to Traralgon College)

Feb 03 A New Look at Lent ~

From giving up to choosing

Feb 10 The Gospels of Lent Year A ~

A challenge to conversion and spiritual growth

Feb 17 Lent as the journey towards Easter

Enjoy a cuppa and supper afterwards.

Entry by gold coin (or larger) donation.



Fr Elio Capra SDB is a lecturer at Catholic Theological College and is a member of the Departments of Systematic Theology and the Department of Pastoral and General Studies.

He lectures in Liturgy and Sacramental Theology. He is a priest of the Salesians of Don Bosco.

Fr Elio's main academic interests are the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults, and resources for the period of Mystagogia in the RCIA.

Come and enjoy his fresh, enlightening and entertaining approach to Lent.

CHILDREN'S

LITURGY:

all Primary School aged children are invited to attend Children's Liturgy which takes place during the 9:30am Mass. It will start on Sunday 3rd February.



YOUTH MASS/CHURCH CHOIR:

Our Next Youth Mass will be on **Sunday February 23rd at 5:30pm Mass.** *The Youth Choir will sing at this Mass, with rehearsal at 4:30pm (one hour before the Mass).*

SM@YL: will begin the 2020 year with a Messy Games night on **Friday 14th February.** More details next week.

LAMP DIOCESAN YOUTH

GATHERING: Saturday 22nd February at Narre Warren 'RISE!' MELBOURNE ANNUAL YOUTH EVENT on Saturday March 21.

Please contact Jen on 5174 7703 for details of both these events.

YOUTH FORMATION: Friday 7th February at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre, Youth Room.

YOUTH TEAM MEETING: Thursday 21st February at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre

Please advise your attendance to St Michael's Parish Office 5174 2060 or email to sec@smpt.org.au

February 01 & 02 ~ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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	A Taylor	M Noone	B Power, C DiCorleto, T Wisby, L Clarke	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 Jacobs	M Munari M Rigg	Jane	P & L Van der Velden
5:30pm	C Hill, S Hill, E Hill	Volunteer required	J Reid, D Locke, volunteers (x2)	A Ward	Diamente Family	B Kennedy

- **Altar Cleaning:** Jan 26 J Scholtes Feb 02 F Rycak
- **Church Cleaning:** Feb St Michael's PS Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Feb 02
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Jan 26 M Calabro Feb 02 G & I Edgar
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:** Jan 30 Adroit Team Feb 06 Hemming Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 95:1, 6

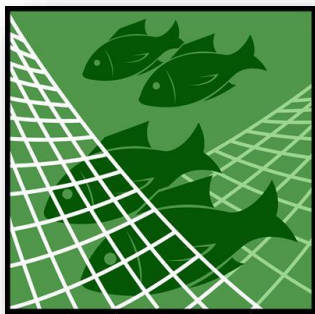
*O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.*

First Reading Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.
In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.
The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1 4 13-4 R.v1**(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **(R.)**
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Next weeks Readings**The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

1 st Reading	Malachi 3:1-4
2 nd Reading	Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel	Luke 2:22-40

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.