



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

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

Israel is depicted as the servant of the Lord, and it is through this people that God will be glorified. The verb suggests that God boasts through Israel. There is probably a reference to the exile here, and it will be the mission of the servant to bring the people back to the Lord. The spectacular return of the scattered exiles and their re-establishment as a people will be seen as the work of God. The mission that originally focused on the rebirth of one nation is then broken open to include the salvation of all. This is what 'light to the nations' suggests.

The psalm response speaks about thanksgiving for release from some difficulty; dedication to God who is the saviour; and personal witness in the midst of the community. The psalmist does not repudiate the sacrificial system, but insists that God desires an interior commitment that will result in a life of righteousness and faithful worship. The response closes with the psalmist standing before the worshipping assembly and publicly proclaiming the wondrous acts of salvation that God has accomplished. The subject of this public proclamation is the justice or righteousness of God. The psalmist contends that commitment to God and reliance on God's adherence to covenantal promises will assure blessing.

The Letters to the Corinthians are some of the most important Pauline correspondence that we have. Paul begins his self-identification by applying to himself the designation 'apostle'. The word means one who is sent by another, sent with a commission. Paul states that he was called to be an apostle; the initiative was not his. Moreover, he is an apostle of Jesus who is called the Christ (the anointed one). This means that Jesus, the one who died before Paul came to know him, called Paul and sent him out as an apostle. In these three short verses we see the outline of Paul's Christology. He considers Jesus the Christ or anointed one, and he proclaims that Jesus is the source of the sanctification and well being of others.

The gospel reading includes John's report of the baptism of Jesus and his interpretation of that event. He identifies as Jesus the Lamb of God, most likely a reference to the Suffering Servant found in Isaiah 53:7-10. Calling him the Son of God is an allusion to Jesus' divine character. John then contrasts Jesus and himself, as well as the efficacy of their respective baptisms. John baptised with water; Jesus will baptise with the Spirit, a reference to the prophetic promise of future cleansing with water and the gift of God's spirit (cf. Ezek 36:25-26). While John may well have perceived Jesus as the fulfilment of messianic expectations, it is unlikely that he would have expressed this faith in Christian theological terms. The writer of the gospel has given John the faith that we now profess.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

January 20 to 24

Mon 20	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 21	10:45am	Mass, Margery Cole
Weds 22	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 23	9:30am	Mass
Fri 24	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 Fr John O'Kelly, John McGlynn (Ireland), Eileen Waugh and those who lost their lives in the bushfires, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Bishop Patrick Phelan, Bishop Noel Daly, John & Winnie Kelly and family and John Zahra.

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.



NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday 21

7:00pm Mick's Kitchen Team Leaders, SVdP Centre

WELCOME: Thank you to Fr Mark Godridge who is here to celebrate our Saturday evening Mass. It's good to have you back.

BAPTISMS: This weekend, we welcome for Baptism:-

* **Willow Nellie**

Graham daughter of Brian and Ashleigh: and



* **Ollie Patrick Taylor**

son of Nick and Emily.

Congratulations to the Graham and Taylor families, from us all.

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: Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our diocese? Speak with your Parish priest, school principal or agency leader today about the details. Expressions of Interest due by **January 24th 2020.**

SACRAMENTS 2020: In 2020 we will be celebrating First Communion at the beginning of Term 2, Confirmation early in Term 3 and Reconciliation in Term 4. Enrolment Forms for all the Sacraments are available from the Parish Office.

FAREWELL & GOOD LUCK! Best wishes to Melissa and Kade Joske and family who are leaving us to live in Inverloch. Thanks especially to Melissa for all you have done for our Parish. God's blessings, always.

Now the Parish is in need of someone to take care of the Church Cleaning Roster. If this is something you could do, please let us know at the office.

READING LUKE: All parishioners are warmly invited to come to a barbecue dinner on **Wednesday 22nd January, at 6:00pm in the Parish Centre,** to share a meal and some discussion about how we all travelled while we were reading the Gospel of Luke in December.

Please let the Parish Office know if you are coming (sec@smpt.org.au or 5174 2060). Parishioners are asked to bring a salad or sweets to share.

BUSHFIRE APPEAL: Our leaving collections last weekend raised \$4601.25. Fr Francis has added \$398.75 to that amount, and the Parish has made a donation of \$5,000.00 to St Mary's Bairnsdale to assist those who have been impacted by the bushfires.

Please keep all those who are suffering due to the bushfires in your prayers. Please, please pray for good drenching rain in the areas where it's most needed.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." (Isaiah 49:5)

God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

December 2019

Loose collections

December 01	\$1,232.00
December 08	\$1,102.90
December 15	\$1,052.00
December 22	\$1,280.00
December 29	\$ 934.95
	<u>\$5,601.85</u>

Planned Giving

Envelopes	\$ 5,498.50
Direct Debit	\$ 5,753.00
Credit Card	\$ 3,360.00
Unplanned giving	\$ 880.30
December total	<u>\$15,491.80</u>

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

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.

Our Prayer for Rain

*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, fire ravaged land, on
folk who've lost homes, livestock
and business, on the animals
now without habitat.*

*Strengthen, sustain and give
new heart to all suffering losses
through the bushfires, and all
who are so generous in their
efforts to help and to save
property.*

*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

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

Rosters for January 25 & 26 ~ 3rd 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 H Theissling	S Hill	J Scholtes, R Tactor, J Ware, Volunteer	S Frankland L Kennedy		A & M Giddens
9:30am	S Reid U Imhagwe	M Tainsh	W Detering, C Payne, M Hanratty, S Reid, volunteer	C Collis E Freeman	Diamante Family	G Imhagwe
5:30pm	C Roga	Volunteer required	C Hill, E Hill, volunteers	G Edgar J Sykes		Volunteer required

- **Altar Cleaning:** Jan 19 M Tainsh Jan 26 J Scholtes
 - **Church Cleaning:** Jan Joske Team Feb St Michael's PS Team
 - **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Jan 26 School holidays
 - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Jan 19 C & A O'Neill Jan 26 M Calabro
- 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 23 Moretti Team Jan 30 Adroit Team

Entrance Antiphon Ps 65:4

*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name,
O Most High!*

First Reading Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation
may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39: 2 4 7-10 Rv 8 9

(R.) Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Corinthians 1:1-3

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

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.'

John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

Next weeks Readings**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

1st Reading Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23