

**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.

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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, 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

A week in the life of St Michael's

Well, what a busy week it has been!

And what a wonderful start to the week it was, spending Monday evening with **Fr Elio Capra**. The evening was full of great humour, history, scripture passages, art appreciation and a great chance to learn that we are able to decide between 'giving up or choosing' as our way of preparing ourselves for the season of Lent. May each one of us, in preparation for the forty days of Lent, decide what we can do to make our own life more like Christ.

As you will know from Mass last week, I am pleased to confirm that next weekend we will welcome **Fr Ajin Albarnas** to our Parish. Fr Ajin comes to us from Kerola, India. We are very grateful to him for coming from his home, halfway round the world to work for God here amongst us in Traralgon. He will be arriving in the parish on Thursday February 13. I know you will all wish him welcome and come to meet him over a cuppa in the St Mary MacKillop Hall.

Parishioners are asked to bring a plate of morning tea to share.

At our first **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting for 2020, the matters discussed included reports from our Primary Schools who have reported good starts to the year and who have welcomed new staff and families, a report also from Lavalla College who have also had a good start to the year, with full numbers at all year levels.

The following **Parish Policies** were due to be updated and accepted by the Parish Council, and so our up to date Occupational Health & Safety Policy, our Privacy Policy, our Website Policy and our Code of Conduct for the safety of children and vulnerable adults have now been posted on our website, www.smpt.org.au, please take the time to read them. In the interests of saving trees we will print copies for those who request them.

*And so, now we require all our volunteers to again confirm their support of all young people and vulnerable adults in our Parish by signing and dating the updated **Code of Conduct**. The new forms are in trays in the church entrances, please sign and date yours and 'post' it through the mail slot in the front door of the Parish Office.*

The other big agenda item at the PPC meeting was the update of the **Parish Strategic Plan**. The information for this plan has been gathered over the past two years at Parish Forums, and at our Plenary Council gatherings. The PPC has looked at and sorted, and prayed over this information, and have now produced a 'map' of what we have achieved over the past three years and a map of what the directions the parish would like to take in the coming three years. Members of the PPC will address our Strategic Plan at our Masses on the weekend of February 22 and 23.

Our Parish has been blessed to host **Syromalabar Masses** last year, and will do so again in 2020. We will advertise the dates as soon as they have been confirmed.

As you know we are privileged to have the relics of St Therese of Lisieux arriving in our Parish on **Tuesday 21st April from 11:00am to 4:00pm**. To help parishioners to understand more fully the life of St Therese the Parish will hold two sessions of Praying with St Therese of Lisieux, the first to be held on **Tuesday 31st March at 7:30pm** and the second on **Monday 20th April at 7:30pm**. More details will be provided in the coming weeks, please note these dates in your diaries now.

Fr Francis

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

February 10 to 14

Mon 10	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tues 11	9:30am	Mass
Weds 12	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thurs 13	9:30am	Mass, SGPS
Fri 14	10:30am	Mass, BupaCare

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 Kevin Kearns (Ireland), Stefano Angelucci and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Mary McNulty, Elizabeth Russell, Joseph Lapuh, Doris & Joe Hourigan, Leena Roy and Roy Paul, Giuseppe Agostino, Pat Harrup and Terry Dixon.

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

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS for September to December 2019 are still available from the table near the Kay Street entrance. Please help keep our postage bill down by taking yours home with you. Receipts will be posted on Tuesday this coming week.

BAPTISMS: This week we welcome for baptism **Glorianna and James Fairbrother**, children of Steven and Tracey. Congratulations, and welcome to the Parish family!



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.

GLENGARRY CHURCH: a meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday 27th February at 7:30 pm to discuss our way forward with the St Columbkille Church and the contents of the building. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

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

Sacred Heart Primary Hall, Morwell – Saturday 18th April 10:00am-12:30pm

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Monday 10th February

7:30pm Fr Elio, Lavalla College, Lecture Theatre, St Paul's campus.

Tuesday 11th February

1:30pm Knights of the Southern Cross, Mary MacKillop room

7:00pm Baptism Preparation Meeting

Wednesday 12th February

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

PARISH OFFICE NEW HOURS: This year we are looking at trialling the hours the Parish Office will be open.

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

If any-one has an urgent need of Father or the staff on a Thursday, please ring the office on 5174 2060 and leave a clear and concise message.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

January 2020

Loose collections

January 05	\$1,197.00
January 12	\$1,120.00
January 19	\$1,156.00
January 26	\$ 1,086.00
	<u>\$4,559.00</u>

Planned Giving

Envelopes	\$ 5,893.00
Direct Debit	\$ 5,803.00
Credit Card	\$ 2,850.00
Unplanned giving	\$ 611.50
<u>January total</u>	<u>\$15,157.50</u>

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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

Counters Feb 02 Armstrong Team
Feb 09 Morris Team

2020 SACRAMENTS:

Enrolment forms for the Sacramental Programs for this year are now available from the Office.

PLENARY COUNCIL: The Listening & Discerning gathering planned for **Sunday February 09 has been cancelled.**

Parishioners are encouraged to ensure that they don't miss out on attending the last two talks by Fr Elio Capra instead. Mike Hansen is in the process of drawing together all the Parish responses to be sent to Canberra before February 26. Our heartfelt thanks to Mike and his team for all their work in this area.

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.



SM@YL: 1st night back in 2020. Yr 5 to Lower Secondary students.

Friday 14th February 2020

The annual

Messy & Gross Games Night!

Wear old clothes or bring spares and a towel!

Warning! You WILL get messy.

St Michael's Mary MacKillop Hall, 6:30-98:30pm, Cost \$3.00. Lucky Door prize. Contact Leah on 0438 811 709 for info.

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).

YOUTH TEAM MEETING; Thursday

21st February at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre.

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.

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

February 15 & 16 ~ 6th 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	R Foote B Purcell	S Hill	C DiCorleto, B Power, M Giddens, A Meredith	H Luque	Diamante Family	Volunteer
9:30am	M Hansen N Georgeson	H Daly	T Denny, J & W Waanders, L Panozzo-Tilè, A Symonds	R Benbow M Blanchard	Charismatic Choir	P & L Vander Velden
5:30pm	E Harte E Joseph	S Luscombe	J Reid, D Locke, Volunteer	Volunteer		Volunteer

- **Altar Cleaning:** Feb 09 L Kennedy Feb 16 S MacManus
- **Church Cleaning:** Feb St Michael's PS Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Feb 16 Carolyn and Josephine
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Feb 09 K & N Fitzsimon Feb 16C & C Medhurst
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:** Feb 13 Burns Team Feb 20 Mitchell Team

Entrance Antiphon Ps 94:6-7

*O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.*

First Reading Isaiah 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin.

Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:7-10 Rv10

**(R.) All light rises in the darkness
for the upright.**

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**
2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 2:1-5

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.

Next weeks Readings**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading Sirach 15:15-20

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37