



St Michael's Catholic Parish Traralgon

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.

www.smpt.org.au
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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: currently in abeyance

Weddings: currently in abeyance

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.

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Dear brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Sale

Grace and peace, I hope this note finds you well.

The first reading of today's Mass reminds us of our mission to testify to the resurrection of the Lord and to be like Barnabas, sons of encouragement. While this is more difficult at the moment, Pope Francis reminds us to use well this time of confinement to think and act creatively. May the Spirit continue to inspire us.

I wish to let you know that I shall be installed as the 9th Archbishop of Adelaide on Monday the 25th May, the solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, at 10.30am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Adelaide. It is then that the Sec of Sale will become vacant.

Consequently, I shall be leaving the Diocese of Monday 4th of May. This is due to the fact that I shall have to 'self-isolate' for period of two weeks upon arrival in South Australia.

I have appointed Fr. Peter Slater as the Diocesan Administrator's delegate.

With all the encouragement I can muster to seek new ways to be testifiers to the resurrection of the Lord,

In Domino

Archbishop-Elect Patrick O'Regan
Diocesan Administrator

BISHOP PAT: Bishop Pat's last planned live streamed Mass in the Diocese will be this Sunday at 9.30am from St Mary's Cathedral in Sale.

Our prayers go out to him as he takes this next step in his journey of faith. We are grateful for the time he has been here with us in Gippsland, and wish him every blessing as he continues God's work in Adelaide.

Sunday Mass Times	No Mass Celebrations for the time being
Weekday Mass Times	No Mass Celebrations for the time being

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently, including Beatrice Mackie, Grace Otobo, Damian John and Selvaraj Cardoza and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Patricia Little, Dorothy & Desmond McLean, deceased members of Carmel Collis' family, George Ferligoj and Albert McArthur. **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, Bill Edgar, 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, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



MASS OFFERINGS: This week Mass has been offered for Dorothy & Desmond McLean, for the friends and family of Carmel Collis, and for the family members, living and deceased of Carmel Collis.

NEW TEMPORARY PHONE NUMBER FOR THE PARISH OFFICE:

Whilst the office is closed, the number for you to call during office hours to make contact with Fr Francis, Fr Ajin, Deacon Tony or Bev is now **0417 572 546**.
Our email address is now **traralgon@cdsale.org.au**.
*Office hours are now
Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.*

CDF pay for Parishes

During this time, when visits to our Church are suspended, we are striving to ensure that our parishioners remain connected through new and creative pastoral programmes. While we continue to help those in our community the parish continues to incur ongoing overhead costs and we need your help. The good news is that Catholic Development Fund (CDF) and the Diocese of Sale have partnered to build an online parish payment portal, *CDFpay for Parishes*.

This site enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving payments – you can set-up a recurring payment, if you haven't done so already, or you can choose a one-off offering.

St Michael's Parish site is live and can be found via this link [CDFpay for St Michael's](#)

We thank you in advance for supporting our parish community.

A LETTER FROM CARITAS AUSTRALIA:

Dear friends,

Hope you are well, healthy and safe.

Whilst we're locked down and living as best we can, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is amplified for those who are in communities already vulnerable to poverty, disease and malnutrition. Although many of our communities here in Australia have been seriously affected by the pandemic, those in countries without our resources will suffer disproportionately.

This means there is an urgent need that can't wait. Now, more than ever, your compassion is needed. This year, exceptionally, Caritas Australia is running an urgent appeal as a Project Compassion extra wave.

For the next three weeks, our **COVID-19 Crisis Appeal** will be asking for urgent donations to help those families living in poverty to access hygiene knowledge, health supplies, soap and clean water that will save their lives. Through this appeal, we can expand our capacity to assist communities at serious risk of infection and to help contain the spread of the virus.

Of course we understand that many in Australia are 'doing it tough', but we are asking those who feel able to assist in aiding the many throughout the world whose lives and families may well be devastated by the pandemic.

The link below gives more detail as to the tasks around the world that Caritas Australia will be supporting through this appeal, and details as to how to contribute to the appeal.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/covid-19-crisis-appeal>

One example is that In **India**, our Community-Led Governance and Development program works with in-country partners on the ground to support some of the most vulnerable families with food kits, hygiene supplies and educational material on COVID-19 to increase awareness and help prevent infections

Any assistance you can give in spreading the word of this appeal through your communities will be much appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on jim.curtain@cam.org.au or on 0437 118 637 or 0411 033 312.

Thanks for your consideration,

Deacon Jim Curtain

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FINANCE MATTERS:

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" LUKE 24:32

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you

Please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 0417 572 546 or by email to traralgon@cdsale.org.au if you want assistance or information regarding your Planned Giving.

SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER AND OUR PARISH:

As we figure out how to 'be parish' in this time without Sunday and weekday Masses in our Church, we need to consider :-

- * our prayer and spiritual life
- * our commitment to and support for our Parish
- * our community.

In this time of uncertainty, please remember our priests and religious in your prayers. Our priests are financially supported by our weekly 'first collections', and these expenses will still need to be met. Parishioners are asked to make donations by electronic transfer to St Michael's Parish Traralgon Presbytery Account, BSB 083 879 Account Number 48906 6098.

Our Parish will still need to pay our utility bills, our wages bills, rates and insurances. We meet these costs through the Planned Giving Program. Parishioners who currently give via the weekly envelopes are asked to consider altering their giving to Direct Debit giving to enable our Parish to continue. Direct Debit Giving forms are available at the office, please phone or email and we can get one to you.

Anyone wishing to make a general donation to our parish can do so by electronic transfer to St Michael's Parish Traralgon Church Account, BSB 083 879, Account Number 48885 1289. Please let me know by email (traralgon@cdsale.org.au) if you decide to do this. Thank you.

If you are wanting to request a Mass Offering, then please place your donation in an envelope, and clearly mark:-

1. The name of the person(s) for whom you wish to offer the Mass.
2. Whether it's a death anniversary, or recent death.
3. Your name, contact number and email.

The envelopes can be 'posted' through the mail slot beside the front door of the Parish Office.

Please look out for those in our community who are the most vulnerable and could be in need of our support. Let the Office know if you know of anyone in need.

Sincere thanks to those parishioners who have dropped in their Giving Envelopes, made payments via electronic means, and are keeping all our parish community firmly in their prayers.

PENTECOST PILGRIMAGE:

<https://www.pentecostpilgrimage.com/>

Catholics are invited to join others worldwide on a spiritual pilgrimage to Pentecost. Register for free to receive a series of talks which are uploaded twice a week from speakers around the world, including Australia (including Archbishop Porteous, Hobart, Fr Ken Barker MGL, Founder and Moderator of the Missionaries of God's Love, Robert Falzon, Cofounder of menALIVE, and Daniel Ang, Director of Parish 2020, Sydney Archdiocese)

Gospel

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Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Readings used from Liturgy Help OnLine

Next weeks Readings	4 th Sunday of Easter Year A
First Reading:	Acts 2:14, 36-41
Second Reading:	1 Peter 2:20-25
Gospel:	John 10:1-10

Access to Masses online/TV

Live streaming in our Diocese

Visit www.cdsale.org.au/coronavirus or the individual parishes websites

Other online

- Melbourne Catholic Mass on line
<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass-Sunday>
Mass live is 11am service
- Word on Fire Daily Mass www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass (as this is from the USA, we are viewing yesterday's Mass)
- Mass on Demand <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

Weekly readings

Weekly readings and family orientated prayers can be found at: <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/>

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 65:1-2

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.

So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' *(R.)*
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. *(R.)*
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. *(R.)*

4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading

1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you
speak.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive.