



Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

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
email: traralgon@cdsale.org.au

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: 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.

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



As we learn how to be parish in this time of isolation, we are pleased to announce that the services of the Easter Triduum will be live-streamed so our parishioners may experience the services in their homes.

The YouTube link to subscribe to is:-

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwCDr1PEoHaqUGWzp1b107A?view_as=subscriber

On any device (Android, iPhone, TV) just go to the following website:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErAxEhK3z9M>

There are a number of other options for viewing Easter Masses and Services listed on page 3 of this Bulletin.

With huge thanks to Stephen Kimani for all his tireless work in setting us up to enable streaming of these Masses, who knows what use we may put this technology to in the coming months.

Thanks also to Allen Meredith who has stepped up and is keeping our lawns mowed, and to all the members of the Maintenance Team, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Team and our Parish Staff who are all working hard in the background to help keep our parish going.

If you know of anyone at all in the Parish who is in need of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the office on 0417 527 546 and let us know.

God bless us all.

Fr Francis

ARCHBISHOP-ELECT PAT O'REGAN'S Easter Message to our Diocese.

Archbishop-Elect Patrick O'Regan's Easter Video message is now live.

It can be found on the Diocesan website at:

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/easter-message-2020>

On YouTube: <https://youtu.be/M5BCsFmf59g>

And on the Diocesan Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofsale/videos/243447080165296/>

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

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently, remembering especially those whose lives have been lost due to the Covid-19 virus, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Peter Cunico, Lou Biancon, Colin Ashton and Neil Crowe.

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 Peter Cunico.



Fr Francis, Fr Ajin, Deacon Tony, Sr Doreen and the Parish Staff wish all a safe and holy Easter.

FINANCE MATTERS:

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” COLOSSIANS 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

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.

Thanks to those parishioners who have dropped in their planned giving and first collection donations in envelopes through the parish 'mail slot'.

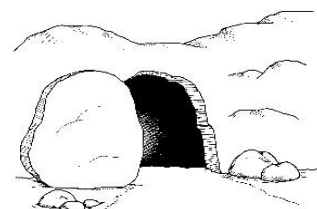
If you are wanting to request a Mass Offering, then please place your donation in an envelope, and clearly mark:-

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 kept all our parish community firmly in their prayers.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA: Message from Deacon Jim Curtain, Diocesan Director of Caritas Australia, about the Project Compassion 2020 Appeal.

We here at Caritas understand that many in our community will have financial concerns, worries about health, and worries about their future due to the COVID19 crisis. We do appreciate that many generous people who would normally give may no longer be in a position to do so. However through Project Compassion we support people and communities in countries that have nothing like the resources of Australia, where governments do not have the ability to provide social welfare payments or subsidise employers to keep people in work. Bearing in mind the uncertainty that we are all experiencing, we would still ask that, if you are able, you consider continuing to support Project Compassion as best you can.

Thank you for your generosity in the past, and for whatever you feel able to give now.

LET'S GO FURTHER, TOGETHER

It only takes seconds to make the world a better place. Are you with us?

To make a donation to Caritas, please go to :-

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/>



[Access to Masses online/TV](#)

Seven Network will stream The Lord's Passion at **3pm on Good Friday and Easter Sunday Mass from 10.30am** across the country on Channel 7 and on Prime 7 in regional areas, and live-streamed on 7plus.

Mass for You at home on free- to- air Television, **6am Easter Sunday morning** on WINTV Gippsland, Channel 10 and 10HD. **Mass for You at home** on free- to- air television, 6am Sunday morning on WINTV Gippsland, Channel 10 and 10HD or on demand <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home/about>

[Live streaming in our Diocese](#)

Five sites including the Cathedral are now live streaming.

Easter service timetable can be found at

www.cdsale.org.au/holyweeklive .

Regular times visit www.cdsale.org.au/coronavirus or the individual parishes websites

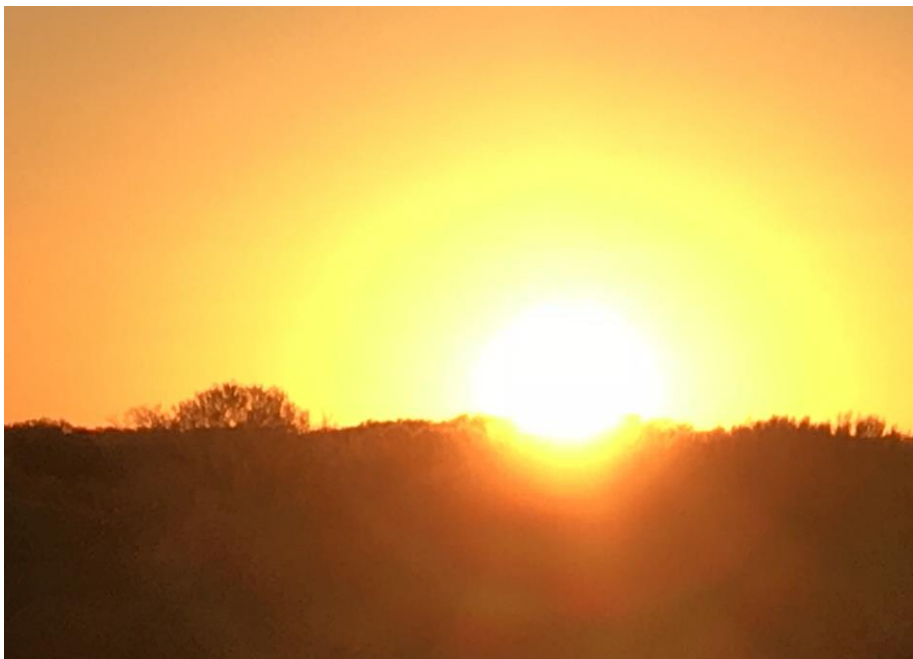
Other online

- 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 reading can be found at:

<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-read-at-home/>



*As the sun rises on each of us this Easter,
May the healing love of God gently settle into our hearts and our souls
May we give thanks to our God for his perpetual providence
May we be granted strength in our faith, enduring patience and a resilient sense of humour. Amen.*

Entrance Antiphon

*The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be the glory and power for all the ages
of eternity, alleluia, alleluia*

First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his
resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

*(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' *(R.)*
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. *(R.)*
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. *(R.)*

Second Reading

Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Colossians

*Look for the things that are in heaven,
where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.*

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 28:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

*He has risen from the dead and now he is
going before you to Galilee.*

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

Next weeks Readings	2 nd Sunday of Easter Year A
First Reading:	Acts 2:42-47
Second Reading:	1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel:	John 20:19-31