



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.

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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. Please contact our Safeguarding Officers, Chris DiCorleto and Shane Reid on 0417 572 546 if you have any concerns.

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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

A Prayer for Mothers

Lord, bless our mothers.

Draw close to them and hear

their prayers for their children.

Give them the grace of surrendered love ~

a love modelled for us by holy Mary, the Mother of God.

In this time of isolation and separation

from our families, may each mother's heart be warmed

with the 'long distance' love of her family.

May all Mothers find daily the strength to love generously, the

patience to endure graciously,

and the grace to live their vocation of motherhood joyously.

We ask this Christ our Lord, Amen



Fr Francis, Fr Ajin, Deacon Tony, Sr Doreen

and the Parish Staff

give thanks for all Mothers,

may every mother know the comforting,

abiding love of our God this Mother's Day

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 Dot Lang, Pat Brown, Yvonne Buurman and Doreen Papenbug and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Amanda O'Brien, Simon O'Brien, Emil Swiety, Dot Mulquiney, Sheila and Ted Caldwell and Giuseppe Stipani.

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, 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.



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY: Happy 100th to May O'Reilly who turned 100 on May 03. May has been a member of our parish for many years, and we thank her for all she has done for St Michael's in various different areas, and especially the CWL.



NEW TEMPORARY PHONE NUMBER FOR THE PARISH OFFICE:

Whilst the office is closed, the number 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 **trralgon@cdsale.org.au**.

*Office hours are now
Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.*

An Act of Spiritual Communion

The simple and loving act of Spiritual Communion (written by St. Alphonsus Liguori) can be made when we are unable to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist.

Pray these words:

My Jesus,

I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from

You.

Amen.

Isolation Prayer Life, Access to Masses online/TV/:

Keep up to date with the latest prayer resources for your communities <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/prayer-resources-in-time-of-need>

Livestreamed Masses <https://www.cdsale.org.au/coronavirus>

Berwick :Saturday 6pm. (Facebook)

Cranbourne :Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9am. Plus Daily at 9.30am. (YouTube and Facebook)

Clyde North : Daily 9am. (Facebook)

Drouin and Warragul: Saturday 6pm loaded to Facebook post Mass.

Iona-Maryknoll and Koo Wee Rup: 9.30am Sunday. (YouTube)

Narre Warren: 9.30am Sunday. Daily Wed-Sunday 9.30am. (YouTube)

Sale Cathedral: 9.30am Sunday (YouTube)

Pakenham: 10am Sunday (YouTube)

Check these links for other live streams such as additional daily Masses, Stations of the Cross or Adoration.

Music and Prayer for 5th Sunday of Easter

You are invited to pray at home with the Sunday readings with free access to the following online music and video resources

- **Psalms and chants from Marist Music**
<http://www.maristmusic.org.au/easter-yr-a> - select Easter 5A for the psalm and gospel chant available.
- **Sunday Readings and Family Prayer** – download and pray the Scriptures of the Sunday Mass and/or use the Family Prayer sheets with children. From Liturgy Brisbane <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/>
- **Sunday Liturgy of the Word at Home (for families with kids)**
<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/easter>
- **Weekly Easter Reflections**
<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/easter>
- CathFamily – **CathKids is weekly interactive experience with a short animated video on the Sunday reading, questions to stimulate discussion, a simple activity and prayer. It's perfect for use in the classroom, in children's liturgy and at home. Can be facilitated by an adult or in self-directed exploration by children aged 7-12. Free access to CathKids until 30 June 2020** <https://cathfamily.org/>

Spirituality offerings

- **Prayer of Pope Francis for this time of need** from the Vatican prayer and spirituality resource *Strong in the Face of Tribulation* <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblco/2020/04/25/200425b.html>

• **Day of Prayer for all Believers - Thursday 14th May**

Pope Francis has asked believers of all religions to unite spiritually on **Thursday 14th May** for a day of prayer, fasting, and works of charity, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus

pandemic. <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/05/02/pope-francis-joins-muslim-leaders-calling-world-day-prayer-end-coronavirus>

- **World Family Day – Friday 15th May** invites us to reflect on the family. Please find attached a Prayer for Families (used in our year of Family Prayer in 2013). In the parish blog at Australian Catholics (www.australian.catholics.com.au) Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ has a thoughtful article on the realities of family life. <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/parish-life-blog--what-is-family>.

Weekly readings

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

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.

JUST FOR FUN

- *Silence is golden . . . unless you have kids. Then silence is just suspicious.*
- *Sometimes I open my mouth, and my mother comes out.*
- *If at first you don't succeed, do it the way your mother told you in the first place.*

Next weeks Readings	6 th Sunday of Easter Year A
First Reading:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Second Reading:	1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel:	John 14:15-21

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

April, 2020

Loose collections

April 05	\$ 180.00
April 12	\$ 164.00
April 19	\$ 50.00
April 26	\$ 450.00
	\$ 844.00
Direct Debit giving	<u>\$1,485.00</u>
	<u>\$2,329.00</u>

Easter Offerings \$ 475.00

Planned Giving

Envelopes	\$ 2,909.00
Direct Debit	\$ 5,760.50
Credit Card	<u>\$ 3,260.00</u>
April total	<u>\$11,929.50</u>

With many thanks to those parishioners who have recently brought their envelope giving up to date.

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.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

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.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 97:1-2

*O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2 4-5 18-19 Rv22

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. *(R.)*
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. *(R.)*
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making

a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'