



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.

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

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP: We congratulate and pray for Archbishop Pat following his installation on Monday as the Archbishop of Adelaide. We pray that Pope Francis will appoint a new bishop and shepherd for our Diocese.

Prayer for a new Bishop for our Diocese

*Loving God,
in your faithfulness,
grant to the Diocese of Sale
a shepherd whose watchful care
and kindly zeal
will continue the good work
of his predecessors.*

*In your love for us,
give us a shepherd who will lead us
in being Christ's heart of mercy,
voice of hope, and hands of justice.*

*Help him to fill our minds and hearts
with the truth of the Gospel,
the power of the sacraments,
and the desire to build up your holy Church.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

OUR DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR:

Following the Installation of the Most Rev Patrick O'Regan as Archbishop of Adelaide on Monday May 25 2020, the College of Consultors of our Diocese met on Thursday and elected Fr Peter Slater as our Diocesan Administrator.

We give thanks to God for Fr Peter's wisdom, his faith, his energy and his love of our Diocese.

Fr Peter asks us all for prayers for the Diocese and for himself during this time of awaiting the appointment of our next Bishop.



Rev Fr Peter Slater

Sunday Mass Times		
Saturday	4:00pm	5:30pm
Sunday	9:00am	10:30am
	4:00pm	5:30pm
Weekday Mass Times		
Tuesday to Friday	9:30am	
Attendance at Mass is limited to 20 parishioners. ATTENDANCE MUST BE BOOKED AT THE PARISH OFFICE.		

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Grace Bernadette Econar and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Jenny Cukier, Glenice Canny, Walentyna Trochimczuk, Dot Trewella and Bishop James Corbett.

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 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, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



MASS OFFERINGS: During the week Mass will be offered for John Shirley for health issues, and for Jenny Cukier for the anniversary of her death.

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 News (continued from Pg 3)

Easter Hope & Pentecost

<http://www.emmausproductions.com/special-feature/easter-hope-pentecost-expectation-2020/>

Weekly readings

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

A FURTHER EASING OF MASS RESTRICTIONS: As our State Government has again eased the restrictions on celebrating Mass, we are now able to offer Mass, **with no more than twenty parishioners present.**

The Mass times are as in Column 1 on this page., please note the change to the weekday Mass times. **Attendance is restricted to those who have booked to attend Mass.**

Please phone the Parish Office 5174 2060 between 1:30-4:00pm Tuesday to Friday to make a booking.

We are required to keep strictly accurate records of every attendance at every Mass.

Social distancing is required at Mass, and those in attendance need to attend to cleaning and disinfecting before they leave. **Please do not come to Mass if you are unwell.**

Fr Francis, Fr Ajin and Deacon Tony are all delighted to see some smiling faces in our pews again.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD: Please deliver a bulletin to anyone you know who might like one. It would be lovely if we could reach as many of our parishioners as possible, so that they too, may be able to book in to attend Mass.

PENTECOST: This will be a quiet Pentecost in our Parish this year. Pentecost is a Christian Holy Day which is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday and which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31). *(from Wikipedia)*



READERS OF 'THE SWAG' (National Council of Priests magazine). The Winter Edition of the Swag will be produced on-line only. Please go to www.theswag.org.au and on the home page click on the yellow box.

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html> Closing Date 31 July 2020.

SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER AND OUR PARISH:

As we figure out how to 'be parish' in this time with restricted Masses in our Church, we need to remember:

- * 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 Presbytery (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 (sec@smpt.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.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

Please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 or by email to sec@smpt.org.au if you want assistance or information regarding your Planned Giving.

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>

Music and Prayer for Ascension Sunday

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**
www.maristmusic.org.au/pentecost-2 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>
- **Commemorating Pentecost Sunday** by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ <https://tinyurl.com/Pentecost-Sunday>
- **CathFamily** – Free access to CathKids until 30 June 2020 <https://cathfamily.org/>

Spirituality offerings

- **Monday 25th May marked the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's encyclical on ecumenism *Ut Unum Sint*.** For the 30 years from the Second Vatican Council to the publication of St. John Paul's encyclical May 25, 1995, official ecumenical dialogues tended to focus on comparing and contrasting Catholic teachings or practices with the teachings or practices of its dialogue partners. The search for what Christians held in common was a necessary first step in recognizing each other as Christians, called by Jesus to be one. But in "*Ut Unum Sint*" (Latin for "that they may be one"), St. John Paul said that dialogue is more than "comparing things," said Bishop Brian Farrell, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. Dialogue, St. John Paul said, is "an exchange of gifts." In the new approach, which has become known as "receptive ecumenism," Christians say to each other, "What I have is a gift to you and what you have is a gift to me," Farrell said. Recognizing that other Christians have gifts and being willing to accept them as something that could help one's own community grow in faith takes both individual and collective conversion, the bishop said. Read more at <https://tinyurl.com/25th-Ann-Ecumenism-Encyclical>
- **National Reconciliation Week 27 May – 3 June (ending with Mabo day on 3 June).** Attached is the Prayer of Aboriginal People composed for the visit of Pope John Paul II to Alice Springs in 1986. The Pope told the gathering of indigenous people "*You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.*" This year's theme for National Reconciliation Week is ***In This Together***. Visit <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/> for information.

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Entrance Antiphon Rom 5:5 cf. 8:11

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1 24 29-31 R v30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. *(R.)*
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. *(R.)*
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. *(R.)*

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7 12-13

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

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven:
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'



Next weeks Readings – Trinity Sunday Year A

1st Reading Exodus 34:4-6 8-9

2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel John 3:16-18