

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 Bishop-elect Greg Bennet

Eternal God, our Shepherd and Guide

We bless and thank you for the appointment of your servant, Greg Bennet, as the tenth Bishop of Sale.

May your Holy Spirit grace him with the gifts of wisdom and strength, gentleness and compassion,

as he prepares to take up his role as our pastor and teacher.

May he be a shepherd after your own heart,

who will walk in your ways and, with loving care, watch over your people.

May he be a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.

As Bishop-elect Bennet prepares to make his home among us,

may we welcome him joyfully into our Diocesan community, now entrusted to his care and leadership.

May we, as the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Sale,

through our work and prayer

together bear witness to Christ and the building up of your kingdom.

We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, for ever and ever. Amen,

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

pray for us

St Mary of Cross MacKillop

pray for us.



Bishop-elect Bennet is currently the parish priest of St Joseph's, West Brunswick. He has held several leadership positions within the Archdiocese of Melbourne, including as director of Ministry to Priests and later as inaugural director of the Office of Evangelisation. After additional parish ministry, he served as vicar general from 2012 to 2019.

Bishop-elect Bennet was born in April 1963, he is the second of four children to Len (RIP) and Maureen Bennet. He was raised in Melbourne, completing his secondary education at Braemar College in Woodend, northwest of Melbourne. After working in banking for several years, he entered Corpus Christi College in 1986 and was ordained priest in 1992. Following a number of parish appointments, Bishop-elect Bennet undertook postgraduate study, gaining a master of science in pastoral counselling from Loyola College in Baltimore and a licentiate in sacred theology from the Angelicum University in Rome.

Bishop-elect Bennet thanked Fr Peter Slater who has again served as Diocesan Administrator, 'his excellent priestly leadership has been pivotal in this period of transition, especially in light of the challenges of this Covid-19 time'.

Monsignor Greg Bennet recorded a quick video to introduce himself for Facebook. If you'd like to listen to it the link is <https://youtu.be/gABj3CDZH-g>.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently, especially those who have died due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Angelo Bau, Michael Kennedy, Ken Manson, Elizabeth Jacob, Isabella Hunter, Jozef Cukier, Win Caffrey, Tommie Robinson, Kate O'Connor, and Nell Murphy.

Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK including 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.



FROM FR BERNARD BUCKLEY: Dear Friends in the Diocese of Sale, so many of you have been so kind to me as I've done my best to respond to what became a serious enough illness. I'm happy to say that last week at the Peter Mac Callum some scans showed that various tumours I had causing concern seem to have disappeared during the last sessions of immunotherapy I'd had. It was quite a relief to get some good news after so much of the other sort for so long.

I feel sure I've had the best of medical people and medicine available. And being so grateful to have reached this stage, I wanted to offer you my heartfelt thanks and prayers for all the loving, prayerful support and encouragement I've had for a couple of years now, from across our wonderful Diocese and way beyond. I've thought many times that various saints and so many of our faithful departed must have been sick of hearing about me, and what they should be doing for me!! As I faced challenging times, I tried to keep in mind Bishop Coffey's motto, "In Joyful Hope". I believe hope is rewarded.

More scans await me in a few weeks time, like many I rattle a bit with all tablets, but for these weeks I'm hopeful and, especially, grateful for your company on the way. God bless!
Bernard

Reflection on the Covid19 Lockdown

I was never much of a fisherman. Though I would sit for hours on the banks of the Tambo in East Gippsland with my fingers lightly touching the fishing line I somehow misjudged the nibbling tremble or tug of the fish as it took to the bait. Or worse, I was always fishing at a spot where the fish where yesterday. Most days I came home with an empty creel. The wait was more often tinged with disappointment.

On reflection, our lives seem to be made up of 'waiting' times. We wait for an opportune moment to make a difficult phone call... we wait for a change in the weather... we wait for the results of medical tests...we wait for someone to apologise... we wait till the next pay day... we wait in hope that things will improve. There can be great power in the expectation of fulfilment of a promise or hope. In our covid19 context, we long for a time when we can be with friends and family again... when we can celebrate Eucharist as a parish family... when we can be as free as we once were to go and do without restrictions.

I have learnt something in this lockdown time, though, something that I recall from my fishing misadventures. I remember being still on the river bank... still enough for the bright winged glimpse of a kingfisher, still enough to hear the tantalising plop of a jumping fish, still enough to admire the way the water moved at the prow of a passing boat... Was that a platypus among the reeds?

The lockdown has provided a unique opportunity for stillness. Here are chances to be in the moment and notice things again, for the first time. Simple, everyday tasks can take on deeper meaning. Wholeness (holiness) can be found in the ordinariness of life. Small things that we do are plump with meaning if we open ourselves to the experience: folding the bedsheets straight off the line, cooking a piece of toast in the morning for someone else, greeting a dog walker (and the dog) on an afternoon walk by the creek, cutting the lawn on your neighbour's nature strip.

At this unusual and difficult time, may we all tingle at the tug of the ordinary. *(Many thanks to our wonderful parishioner!)*

IT'S DISAPPOINTING, FOR SURE: it's been disappointing to see that we don't have 20 people booked to attend all our weekend Masses. **Please don't hesitate to ring and book. Please call between 2.00 and 4.00pm, Tuesdays to Fridays (5174 2060).**

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>

This Sunday is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

The first ever livestreamed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Patrick O’Regan at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Adelaide from 10am AEST. The livestream will be available from the NATSICC homepage www.natsicc.org.au

Parishioners may like to read the beautiful and heartfelt address to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People by Pope John Paul II on his visit to Alice Springs in 1986 <https://tinyurl.com/Pope-JP2-Alice-Springs>

The Blessing Australia

During this time of uncertainty and physical isolation, over 300 local churches united together in Australia to sing a blessing over our nation. This is the first time this has happened. You can find a full list of all churches across who sent in a submission here, we honour every one.

<https://theblessingaustralia.com/chur...> Our desire is to shine the light of Jesus in a time of darkness. We hope that this song will fill you with peace and encouragement. Enjoy and pray with this beautiful song:

<https://tinyurl.com/Blessing-Australia>

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 for this Sunday www.maristmusic.org.au/ available as sheet music and audio.

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/>

Spirituality offerings

MelbournePrays is an online community that brings young people together for daily prayer opportunities via YouTube and Facebook. Each day, people are invited to join in prayer with others for their own needs and the needs of the world at this time. <https://www.facebook.com/MelbournePrays>

FINANCE MATTERS:

“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” (Matthew 11:30)

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent, and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS AND ENVELOPES:

Receipts (January to May 31), for all parishioners who contribute to our Planned Giving Program have now been generated. Over the next two weekends, we will endeavour to put out Receipts & envelopes along the front pew for those who are attending Mass. Please take yours home with you.

For those who give by envelope, giving envelopes for July 19 to November 01 are included with your receipt. Also included is a Direct Debit Giving form for those of you who might consider giving electronically, you can nominate an amount to be deducted from a bank account and paid directly into the Parish account. This method of giving does not incur any cost to the Parish and reduces the handling of cash.

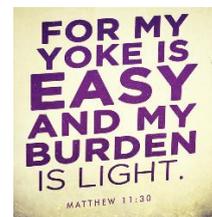
June 2020

Loose collections (Presbytery Account)

Giving at Mass	\$3,179.20
Direct Debit giving	\$ 460.00
	<u>\$3,639.20</u>

Planned Giving (Church Account)

Envelopes	\$ 5,354.00
Direct Debit	\$ 5,613.00
Credit Card	\$ 2,655.00
June total	<u>\$13,622.00</u>



Rosters for Saturday July 11 & Sunday July 12, 2020			
Mass	Lector	Commentator	Usher
Sat 4:00pm	Watson Gomez	Dorothy Smith	
Sat 5:30pm	Bev O’Brien	Eileen Harte	
Sun 9:00am	Noah Georgeson	Theresa Denny	
Sun 10:30am	Jason Panozzo-Tilè	Margaret Tainsh	
Sun 4:00pm	Belinda Purcell	Elizabeth Joseph	Judi McLaughlin
Sun 5:30pm	Cath & Sienna Hill	Ella Hill	

Entrance Antiphon cf Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading Zec 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah
See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-3 16-19 Rv2

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 8:9:11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the
body, you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of
the kingdom.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Next week's Readings: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 12th July, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

