



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

CatholicCare Fundraising Sunday - August 09, 2020.

CatholicCare has been part of the fabric of the Catholic Community in Greater Melbourne, Geelong and Gippsland, helping those on the fringes of society for the past 85 years. As the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic continues, now, more than ever, Victorian families are in need of help from CatholicCare as they struggle to make ends meet.

As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services.

Ways in which we can donate to CatholicCare are :-

1. **Online Donation** - go to www.cam.org.au/SundayAppeal (include the name and town of our Parish in the comments section).
2. **Phone** – call 9287 5513 and speak to a member of the fundraising team.
3. **Bank transfer** – transfer funds directly to the CatholicCare bank account – Account name, CatholicCare: BSB 083 347: Acc no. 171 551 421: Ref SundayAppeal(your surname).

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. CatholicCare will issue tax deductible donation receipts to all who provide their details. Details can be emailed to fundraising@ccam.org.au.

2020 a time of Pandemic: I clearly recall the disbelief I felt when we had to close our Church and discontinue celebrating Masses. What dreadful feelings - disappointment, disbelief, anxiety for our Parish, for our priests, for my family, for myself. And now that we are four months down the track and we are allowed minimal numbers at our Masses, it's reassuring to see that a pandemic cannot touch our faith. In fact, I know I am only coping with the stress and the loneliness of isolation because I have faith in my loving God, and in the community who are St Michael's Parish, Traralgon. This community has helped me through quite a few trials, and it's great to know that even through isolation, social distancing, hand washing, mask wearing and all the 'new' things that have come to us, the loving care of our God is evident in our parishioners, in our family members. We are so blessed to have Fr Francis, Fr Ajin and Deacon Tony here to bring God's Word to us in the Mass and in their daily living.

And so, as I sit at home in a quietness that is new to me, as I learn ways and means of keeping myself amused or busy, as I've sat in my loungeroom and watched Masses on television, as I've become quieter and settled, this time has become a gift of a precious space where I've been still enough to listen to the voice of our God. And it's a loving, reassuring voice, to be sure. May we all have confidence in our faith to walk together in our future, walking closely with the God who loves us and tells us, 'Do not be afraid, for I am with you'. (Isaiah 41:10).

With thanks to our parishioner for this contribution.

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 including Sr Cathy Dean RSJ, Margot Donahoe, Carmel Little and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including, Robert Eastham, Tasma Sharpe, Cyril Carberry, Tom Clarke, Salvatore & Angela Teuma, Franc Rolih, Joseph Varghese and Lyn McCulloch.

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, Sr Cathy Dean RSJ, 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, Jerry Templer, Julie Vaz, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, George Walkan, and Fr Frank Young, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



TAKING COMMUNION DURING THIS PANDEMIC:

Parishioners are again reminded that we are instructed that **Communion may only be received in the hand (not on the tongue) during this time of pandemic.** Your support and care of each other in this manner is a caring and loving response to our current situation.

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Sue Rickwood** from St Michael's Primary School who has taken on the role of 'acting' Religious Education Leader at the School, whilst Louise Clarke is on maternity leave. The position is, once again, in good hands.

Also, congratulations to **Wil & John Waanders** who recently celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary. What an amazing adventure your married life has been, and what a blessing you are to our Parish.

And an apology to **Mons Allman**, he celebrated 69 years of ordination this week, not 65 as mentioned in our previous Bulletin. A fabulous achievement, Mons. (*sorry for the slip up Mons, Bev*).

CHURCH CLOSED: The Church will be closed on Monday July 27 and Wednesday July 29 to allow electrical works to be carried out. Mass will not be celebrated on either of these days.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The office remains closed due to the pandemic restrictions. All contact needs to be made by phone (5174 2060) or email (sec@smpt.org.au). Thank you.

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 the Cross MacKillop

pray for us.

Amen

Just for fun:

- Where does a boat go when it's sick?
The dock.
- If a child refused to sleep during nap time . . .
Are they guilty of resisting a rest?
- Why is Dark spelled with a K and not a C?
Because you can't see in the Dark.
- There was a one legged man at the ATM this morning.
He was checking his balance.

(from @dadhasjokes)

A Prayer for Health and Solidarity (adapted from Caritas Australia)

As parts of our Diocese are once again in lockdown, we pray for them and particularly those who are most vulnerable, both here in Australia and throughout the world.

*God of life,
 During this time of isolation,
 may we continue to keep our hearts open
 to our human family around the world.
 May we, who have access to medical facilities and
 services,
 remember those who do not have basic health care.
 May we, coming to terms with the effects of this
 pandemic,
 remember the words of scripture
 "Be still and know that I am God"
 and find comfort and solace in your loving mercy and
 care.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus, your son and our
 brother.*

Amen

**PRAYER FOR 2020 WORLD DAY
 AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

Pope Francis has stated that human trafficking is "without any doubt, a crime against humanity". "Trafficking seriously damages humanity as a whole, tearing apart the human family and the Body of Christ." (St Peter's Square, Rome, April 10, 2019).

Let us pray for all who have been robbed of their God-given dignity:

Loving God, may our prayers and actions cast light on this crime and help bring it to an end. May those who suffer know the blessings of true justice and peace. 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>

Music and prayer for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 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/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/> (updated weekly).

Daily Prayer

Short daily Gospel reflections with access to readings and prayers of the faithful can be found at <https://www.pray.com.au>

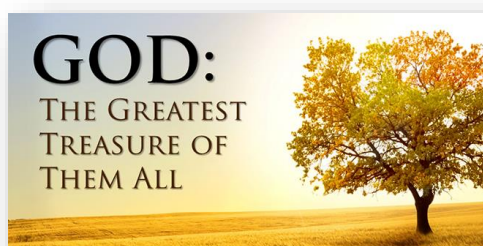
Praying at home

1. Pray the Liturgy of the Word: read and pray with the Sunday scriptures. www.liturgybrisbane.net.au

FINANCE MATTERS:

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.



Rosters for Saturday Aug 01 & Sunday Aug 02, 2020			
Mass	Lector	Commentator	Usher
Sat 4:00pm	Richard Webber	Dorothy Smith	Lia DiCorleto
Sat 5:30pm	Bev O'Brien	Anne Taylor	Volunteer required
Sun 9:00am	Cathy McLure	Carolyn McCabe	Volunteer required
Sun 10:30am	Theresa Denny	Lien Van der Velden	Volunteer required
Sun 4:00pm	Susan Grout	Margaret Noone	Judi McLaughlin
Sun 5:30pm	Belinda Purcell	Volunteer required	Volunteer required

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 67:6-7 36

*God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

First Reading I Kings 3:5 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

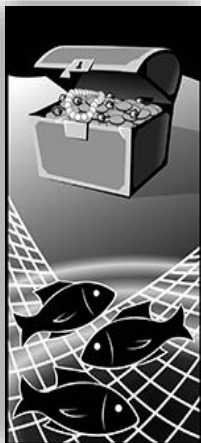
You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57 72 76-77 127-130. Rv97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **(R.)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **(R.)**
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **(R.)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Rom 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

*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 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of : the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Next week's Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 55:1-3

2nd Reading Romans 8:35 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21