



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 and your contact details. All non-urgent calls should be made during office hours.

Baptisms: currently in abeyance

Weddings: currently in abeyance

Parish Pastoral Council: Greg Imhagve 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
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 Principal: Mr John Freeman
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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Wishing all the father's in our parish and of all our parish families, a happy and blessed Father's Day in this time of isolation. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who won't be able to share this day with their Dad (or father figure) due to the isolation restrictions in place; and to all those who are apart from their Dad's because of distance (geographical and familial) and death.

We give thanks for the blessings of Fr Francis, Fr Ajin, and Deacon Tony. How fortunate we are to have them here in Traralgon with us. We ask God's blessings on all the priests of our Diocese and beyond.

Prayer for *Father's Day*

God our Father,
 We give you thanks and praise
 for fathers young and old.
 We pray for young fathers,
 newly embracing their vocation;
 May they find courage and perseverance
 to balance work, family and faith
 in joy and sacrifice.
 We pray for Fathers around the world
 whose children are lost or suffering;
 May they know that the God of compassion
 walks with them in their sorrow.
 We pray for men who are not fathers
 but still mentor and guide us
 with fatherly love and advice.
 We remember fathers, grandfathers,
 and great grandfathers
 who are no longer with us
 but who live forever in our memory
 and nourish us with their love.

Amen.



COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND 2020: on Sunday 10th September, it is hoped that parishioners might make donations for the upkeep and maintenance of Christian buildings and communities in the Holy Land. Please drop your donation in a clearly marked envelope into the Parish Office through our 'mail slot'. (This is our 'normal' Good Friday Collection).

Celebrations of Mass are in abeyance until further notice.

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.

In case of an after hours emergency please call 0448 529 712 and leave a clear and concise message and your contact details for Father.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Dolores Said, Kerry Day, Ron McColl and Ella O'Brien and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Brian Francis Cross, Mary Johnson, Richard Moulton, Charlotte Maat, John Langmaid, Giuseppe Agostino, Brianna Lowden, Joan Clarke, Damian Goodwin, Naomi McKear, Maria Di Sisto and Tom Dwyer.

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

MASS OFFERINGS: Masses have been offered this week for Maria DiSisto, Brian Francis Cross and Kerry Day.

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 Mc Kerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Jerry Templer, Julie Vaz, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, George Walkan, Roy Ward and Fr Frank Young, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.

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.

FINANCE MATTERS: *““You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...” (Ezekiel 33:7)*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

FATHERS' DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE

Today our Parish is supporting the Special Collection for the Priests' Welfare Foundation. The proceeds will go towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons of our diocese and the overseas priests in time of sickness. Simply go to <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> and it is easy for you to make a donation. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for taxation purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Your donations may also be made through the parish.

IN TRUST & HOPE LITURGY: On Wednesday evening about 30 of us gathered via Zoom and celebrated in a deeply moving liturgy which related directly to this time of isolation and concern due to the Corona virus. Congratulations to Mike Hansen, Jane Mitchell and the Liturgy Team, and to Greg Imhagwe for his patience and his technical expertise in his hosting of the Zoom meeting. We look forward to our next Online Liturgy in two weeks time (Wednesday 15th September). Watch this space for more details in next weeks Bulletin.

SEPTEMBER: A Catholic Season of Creation: In September we are asked to focus on God's creation and our care for it. Pope Francis states in *Laudato Si (On Care for our Common Home)* that the Season of Creation is a "season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home". Please take the time to check out various websites and resources to help us celebrate this important time in communion with our Christian brothers and sisters.

The season commenced on September 01 when we celebrated the World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on October 04, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

1. *The Columbans have published a digital resource 'A Catholic Season of Creation – Sundays of September 2020. You can download these files at <https://tinyurl.com/Creation-resource>.*
2. *The Vatican's invitation, Pope's letter, resources and prayers to celebrate the Season of Creation can be found at <https://seasonofcreation.org/catholic>*
3. *Catholic Earthcare Australia is hosting a free online 2020 Convocation with webinar offerings during the month of September. Program and registration at <https://catholicearthcare.org.au/soso-convocation/>*
4. *Full list of resources from the Catholic Bishops of Australia <https://catholic.org.au/national-liturgical-council/holy-see-s-world-day-of-prayer-1-september-and-season-of-creation-1-september-4-october>*

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>

Mass with Fr Rob Galea can be found by going to frgministry.com.

Music and prayer for 23rd 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

Australian Catholics - use the Scriptures and the reflection questions provided for your personal prayer or for your Sunday Liturgy of the Word celebration at home or via livestream <https://tinyurl.com/Scripture-and-Reflections>

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). Available by subscription only.

New Digital Faith platform The Well

A new online place for prayer, spiritual nourishment, stories and resources for young people, families and adults. A place to be inspired, enriched and connected with a community on mission with Jesus Christ.

Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge.

Experience the variety for families and friends of all ages, and all those seeking to serve in our church and beyond.

<https://thewell.org.au/about>

Daily Prayer

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

Praying at home

1. Pray the Liturgy of the Word: read and pray with the Sunday scriptures. www.liturgybrisbane.net.au
2. Please continue to pray for Bishop-elect Bennett as he makes preparations for his episcopal ordination on 20th October. (see page 2)



Prayer for Child Protection Sunday

*Lord, You asked that the little children
be allowed to come to you; for it is
to such as these that the Reign of God belongs.
You entrust them to the care and protection
of our communities of faith.*

*Guide us as we strive to ensure that our
Catholic communities provide a
safe environment for each child.*

*We pray especially
for all those who have been harmed
in their childhood.*

*Give them courage in facing the past and lead them
to your healing protection.*

Amen.

September 6-12 is National Child Protection Week. All who work with children and youngsters in our Parish are invited to attend 'Staying Connected', a 90 minute online workshop on practising ministry safely online during Covid-19.

Thursday 10th September 2020, 5:00-6:30pm. To register go to www.trybooking.com/BKZSO

All families are advised that '**Tips for Talking to Children about Personal Safety**' information is now available on our website, www.smpt.org.au. Please take the time to read this helpful information.



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

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 85:3-5

*You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful
love.*

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold
you responsible for his death.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2 6-9 Rv8

(R.) *O that today you would listen to his
voice! Harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'
(R.)

**Second Reading** Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to
himself;*

*and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won
that person back.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



Next week's Readings: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35