



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 5174 2060 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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Remembering the Dead

The month of November is traditionally associated in the Catholic Church with remembrance of the dead. Bringing to mind deceased family and friends can be very painful, especially if the bereavement is relatively recent.

In liturgical celebrations, however, remembrance is not just about looking back to the past but also looking ahead to the future in trust and hope. Just as our loved one shared in Christ's death in baptism, we believe that he or she will share in Christ's resurrection and enjoy eternal life in God's presence.

At a time when morale in the Church may be at a low for a number of reasons, the feast of All Saints on 1st November serves to remind us that, although we are a Church of sinners, we are also a Church of saints and rejoice "in the glory bestowed upon those exalted members of the Church through whom God gives us, in our frailty, both strength and good example." (Preface of All Saints)

In the past, saints were often portrayed as exceptional human beings with whom "ordinary" people found it difficult to relate. Among the many saints canonised in the last few decades are to be found ordinary people who demonstrated exceptional goodness and holiness in a wide variety of circumstances. Their intercession and the "example of their holy way of life" assist us in our vocation to be "ever devoted to serving God and neighbour". (Solemn Blessing of All Saints)

The tradition of recalling and interceding for the dead is a long-established practice in the Church. In earlier centuries, large tablets or "diptychs" were inscribed with the names of the dead who were to be remembered at the Mass, and the deacon would read out the names during the liturgy.

Every celebration of Mass includes prayers for the dead. The feast of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, or All Souls' Day, gives special focus to the belief that we remain in communion with those who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith".

"We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always attentive to our prayers." (Catechism of the Catholic Church #962)

From "Liturgy Lines", Liturgy Brisbane.

Sunday Mass Times (as of October 27, 2020)	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 5:00pm
Weekday Mass Times	
Monday 2nd November (All Souls)	9:30am Church 12:00pm Mass at the Cemetery 5:00pm Church
Tuesday to Friday	9:30am
Attendance at <u>all Masses</u> is limited to 20 people plus a leader and <u>must be booked</u> at the Parish Office.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Bessel Van Der Holst and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Alex Abela, Greg Penny, Henry Smith, Juan Goicoa, Rosetta Zanella, Margaret Mayr, Sam & Dolora Vella and Mick Said.

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

MASS OFFERINGS: Mass will be offered this week for Alex Abela and for all refugees and homeless people.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK including Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, 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, 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.

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.

GLENGARRY MEETING: We are planning to hold a meeting on Tuesday 10th November at 7:00pm in the church with the Glengarry church community members to finalize our way forward.

If you would like to attend, please book a space by phoning the Parish Office. Only 20 people will be able to attend, and covid safety measures must be followed.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: With the easing of restrictions, the Sacrament Team have decided to go ahead with preparing our Yr 6 students for Confirmation, with the celebrations to hopefully commence around November 17. This is a huge undertaking for our Sacramental Team members, and couldn't go ahead without the wonderful support of our Primary School Teachers and our dedicated Catechists.

We are planning to begin the celebrations around Tuesday November 17; the number of Masses required will be dependent on the level of restrictions at that point in time. Our two wonderful Catechists, **Danuta Locke and Margaret Noone** have both decided that after many years of great service to the Parish as Catechists, it's now time for them to step aside. We thank them both sincerely for their years of generosity and care for the young people of our Parish. Our thanks to the families of the youngsters who have undergone the preparation for First Communion; it has been heartwarming to receive your messages of support for the year 6 students. 2021 will be a very busy year with all sorts of catching up to be done!

Baptisms will be able to proceed in the coming weeks, with the celebrations being conducted within the Mass. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

MASS INDOORS AGAIN:

It is with great excitement that we are able again to celebrate Mass within the Church for 20 parishioners and one religious leader. Should the level of restrictions stay at this level (or improve), then as of Wednesday 11th November Mass will be celebrated at 12:00pm, with Adoration commencing at 11:00am.

- * Please arrive 10 minutes prior to Mass starting.
- * Social distancing must be maintained and masks must be worn.

Holy Communion

All worshippers are to wear a face mask throughout the celebration of Mass and the other Sacraments.

The communicant is required –

- To maintain the proper distancing in communion queue.
- To wear a mask
- Engages in the dialogue with Father and receives the host in the hand, while wearing the mask.
- Steps several metres to the side, and away from the priest.
- Removes one side of the mask to place the Host in their mouth with the other hand.
- Re-positions the mask.
- Returns to their seat via a different pathway.

How lovely to again celebrate Mass inside our beautiful Church. Thanks be to God!

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 the Solemnity of All Saints. 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.

Daily Prayer

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

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 Greg Bennet as he makes preparations for his episcopal ordination as soon as he is able.

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.



PLANNED GIVING: It is with huge thankfulness that the Parish acknowledges those who are continuing their Planned Giving. We were due to have a new Planned Giving Campaign this year, but circumstances have forced us to move our plans to August 2021.

Thanks to Susan Grout who is collating the envelopes and receipts and to the many volunteers who will spend time in the coming weeks delivering envelopes to our parishioners.

If any parishioners would like to change to Direct Debit as their method of giving, it would be appreciated, as this method involves no charges to the Parish, and doesn't require the purchase of the giving envelopes and certainly helps reduce our postage bill.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." - Matthew 5:11

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.

I WAS NOT MADE FOR DARKNESS LITURGY: On Wednesday evening (October 28) twenty parishioners gathered on line and participated in this deeply moving liturgy. It is so reassuring and comforting to see other parishioners faces and hear their voices, even if it's only on a computer screen, ipad or phone screen.

Sincere thanks to the Liturgy Team members and to Greg Imhagwe and all those who took on roles within the liturgy. We certainly improved with practice.

This was the last in a series of online Liturgies; we look forward to celebrating Advent Liturgies in the Advent Season. Hopefully, our Advent Liturgy celebration(s) will take place in the Church! Watch this space for more information as Advent draws nearer.

Liturgy Team members are reminded that we will meet on Wednesday 11th November at 5:00pm.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OPEN DAY: Online sessions will run in November. If you would like information about your faith and have a desire to study and research, or wish to pursue a career in ministry or pastoral areas, then please go online to the CTC website ctc.edu.au. To book online for any of their courses, go to ctc.edu.au/open-days. For further information or assistance, please contact jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au.

Entrance Antiphon

*Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the
Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.*

First Reading Rv 7:2-4 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of
people from every nation, race, tribe and language.*

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

**(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see
your face.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in
heaven.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Next Weeks Readings:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13