



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.

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 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

Lavalla Catholic College 5174 5272

Principal: Mr John Freeman

Kildare Campus 5174 8111

St Paul's Campus 5174 7355



SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MCKILLOP

Believe in the whisperings of God to your own heart'

Let us join together and celebrate the life and legacy of this extraordinary Australian woman

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Mary McKillop's canonisation

Sr. Doreen will reflect on the spirituality of Mary McKillop

Celebrate together from afar with Song, Scripture & Prayer

Zoom Liturgy

7.30 pm

October 14th

Register at the parish office: 51742060

Parish

Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday

9:00am to 4:00pm

All parishioners throughout the Latrobe Valley are warmly invited to join in our zoom Liturgy on Wednesday 14th October at 7:30pm. What a great life to celebrate!

Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 or by email to sec@smpt.org.au to register.

You will receive an email with the meeting details on Tuesday October 13.

Sunday Mass Times (as of October 13, 2020)	
Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	10:00am
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday to Friday	9:30am
Attendance at Mass is limited to 10 people plus a leader and must be booked at the Parish Office.	

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 Tonny Koedijk, Jim Reid, Lulu Aragon, and Bob Bullivant and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Bridget Dean, Theresa Ryan and Eddie Dekleva, Jim Bermingham and Helen Bermingham. **Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

MASS OFFERINGS: Mass will be offered this week for Bridget Deane.

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.

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.

Those who give by envelope will be aware that new envelopes are needed as of November 8. The new envelopes will be arriving shortly, and it will cost the Parish roughly \$9 postage to distribute each packet of envelopes. So we are asking whether parishioners might be able to volunteer to deliver envelopes to say five people in order to help us keep our mailing costs down, especially at this time when our Masses are suspended.

Could anyone who feels they may be able to help out contact the Parish Office and leave your name and contact details. We are hoping to have the envelopes ready for delivery in the week October 26 to 30.

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.

PRAYING THE ANGELUS: Set your alarm to remind you each day, take the time to pray the Angelus, or take time to pause and be grateful for what we have and who we love in our lives. In this time of pandemic, our prayers for healing, peace, integrity in our leaders, and for our battered earth are sorely needed. Please see the Angelus prayer on Page 5.

OUR 'BULLETIN BOX':

For those parishioners who are unable to access the Bulletin electronically, we now have a Bulletin Box on the brick wall of the front porch of the Parish Office; copies of the Bulletin will be placed in the Bulletin Box each Friday. Please use the hand sanitiser provided before taking a copy. Sincere thanks to Allan Grout who built our Bulletin Box.

Please let the Parish Office know if you would like to have the Bulletin emailed directly to you.



OUTDOOR MASS: We have been advised by the Diocese that we are now allowed to hold Mass for 10 people outdoors. Parishioners must book to attend. We will hold our outdoor services in the carport attached to the Parish Centre.

- * Please arrive 10 to 15 minutes prior to Mass starting.
- * Social distancing must be maintained and masks must be worn.
- * Plastic chairs will be set up in the car port, set at the correct distance apart.

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

To sanitise their hands at a dispensing station before coming to receive Communion.

Engages in the dialogue 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.

We will plan to hold our Masses at 9:30am Tuesdays to Fridays, and at 4:00pm on Saturdays and 10:00am on Sundays. However, should the weather be inclement at the time of Mass, it may have to be cancelled.

We do live in Gippsland, after all. 😊

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 28th 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.

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 Bennett 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.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"My God will supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

MAINTAINING OUR PARISH:

In this time of uncertainty, please remember our priests and religious in your prayers. Our priests are financially supported by our weekly '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, Reference 1Collect.**

Our Parish still needs 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 from the office. If you are able to make the change, **please email to sec@smpt.org.au or phone Bev on 5174 2060 and we can get a form 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, *Reference Donation(surname)*. Please let Bev know by email (sec@smpt.org.au) if you decide to do this. Thank you.

Thanks to those parishioners who have dropped in their planned giving and first collection donations in envelopes through the parish 'mail slot'.

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 the Mass to be offered.
2. Whether it's a death anniversary, or recent death, etc.
3. Your name, contact number and email.

The envelopes can be 'posted' through the mail slot beside the front door of the Parish Office.

Thanks to Allan Grout, we now have some Bulletins available in our 'Bulletin Box' (see page 2).

If you would like a copy of the **Parish Bulletin** emailed to you, please let Bev know in the office, and your email address will be added to the 'Bulletin' List. The Bulletin is available online on our Website, our App, and our Facebook page.

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.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

September 2020

Loose collections (Presbytery Account)

Giving (delivered to Parish Office) \$1,221.00

Direct Debit giving \$ 510.00

\$1,731.00

Planned Giving (Church Account)

Envelopes \$ 3,745.00

Direct Debit \$ 6,103.00

Credit Card \$ 2,545.00

September total \$12,393.00

Entrance Antiphon Ps 129:3-4

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.*

First Reading Is 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears
from every cheek.*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R v6

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever
and ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Phil 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

*Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Next week's Readings:	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading:	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Gospel:	Matthew 22:15-21

The Angelus

This traditional prayer evolved in Europe from a recitation of three Hail Mary's following the ringing of the evening bell of the local monastery around the 12th century.

Although the Angelus has been traditionally said three times daily, at 6 am, noon and 6 pm, you can pray it at anytime! It is still accompanied by the ringing of a bell (the Angelus bell) in some places such as Vatican City and parts of Germany and Ireland. The prayer is also recited by some Anglican, Lutheran and the Orthodox faithful.



When prayed in a group setting a leader recites the verses and everyone recites both the responses and the Hail Mary's in between each verse. (*The language may need adapting for children if prayed with the whole family*)

When we pray the Angelus with humility and love, we are emulating Mary's faith in God's goodness. We recall with reverence and great joy that God entered human history in the person of Jesus who promised that he would always be with us even till the end of time. This is especially relevant in this time of Covid19.

Why not pray the Angelus?

Set your mobile phone to chime each day at one or more of the three set hours?

The Traditional hours are 6 am, 12 noon and 6 pm.

You might like to synchronise your Angelus prayer with a friend or family member.

*If not the Angelus, perhaps we can just pause
and be grateful for what we have and who we love in our lives.*

Praying the Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ your son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end, Amen.