

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 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:

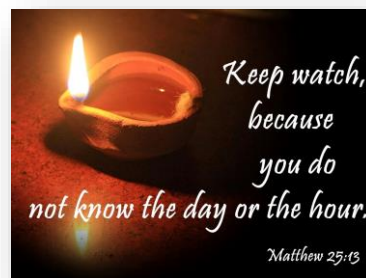
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The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. *How* it will happen, we do not know. *When* it will happen, we do not know. *That* it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

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DIOCESE OF SALE VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, DIOCESAN PATRONESS

Sunday November 15, 2020 at 9:30am.

Mass will begin at 9.30am. The Pilgrimage will commence immediately after Mass

<https://tinyurl.com/Cathedral-YouTube-channel>

or search for St Mary's Cathedral Sale You Tube in your browser. For more information, please contact St Mary's Cathedral Office, Ph 5144 4100.

Sunday Mass Times (as of October 27, 2020)	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 5:00pm
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	9:30am
Wednesday	11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass
Friday	9:30am Mass 1:30pm Funeral Prayers for Maria Gned – attendance by invitation only.
Attendance at all Masses is limited to 20 people plus a religious leader and must be booked at the Parish Office.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Maria Gned and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Mary Gilmour, Archbishop Patrick O'Donnell, Sharlet Madonna Vaz, Greg Penny, Alex Abela, Henry Smith and Mick Said. **Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

MASS OFFERINGS: Mass has been offered this week for Mary Duncan, who celebrated her birthday, for 40 days anniversary of the death of Lulu Aragon and will be offered for Mary Gilmour next week.

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, Wil Waanders, 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@smp.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: Our **Confirmation** celebrations will commence on Tuesday November 17. We are not certain what the celebrations will look like yet and are waiting to see if the number of parishioners allowed in the Church might increase. More details as soon as things are settled. Thanks to the Sacramental Team for their enthusiasm and energy.

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: We are thrilled to once again be enjoying Mass in our Church, and are hopeful that the restrictions might be eased in the near future. So, at the moment, we are still allowed 20 parishioners and one religious leader at Mass. Please note that 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!

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND GONE BEFORE

US: It is our tradition to pray for those who have died, especially in the month of November.

You are invited to write the name of the ones you wish to remember in prayer on separate cards and place them in the large bowl under the cross by the votive candles.

At each Mass, the parish family members gathered at the table of the Lord will pray for those loved ones whose names have been placed in the bowl.

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



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 32nd 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>

Free individual and family prayer resources for

Catholics in social isolation from Liturgy Help

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/aus/pray>.

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.
3. Ready, Set, Pray! – a new free resource from the Proclaim Office, Archdiocese of Melbourne <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>
The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel. Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity.

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: Huge thanks to Susan Grout and her team of 22 volunteers who have taken time over the past week or so to deliver Planned Giving envelopes throughout our area. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and our postage bill has been greatly reduced (to almost nothing, yay!).

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

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.

NAIDOC WEEK (8-15 November) is traditionally held in July (at the time that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is celebrated in our churches) is now being celebrated online in November 8-15. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held around the country to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The week is celebrated not just in our Indigenous communities but also in increasing number of government agencies, community organisations, local councils, workplaces, schools and sporting groups.

Prayer for Bishop-elect Greg Bennet

Please keep Bishop-elect Greg in your prayers, his ordination planned for October 20, has been postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions. The new date will be advertised when it is known.

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 87:3

*Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

**(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Thes 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

*you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.

Next week's Readings 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20, 30-31.

Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30