



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

Lavalla Catholic College 5174 5272

Principal: Mr John Freeman

Kildare Campus 5174 8111

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EPISCOPAL ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF BISHOP ELECT GREGORY BENNETT AS THE 10TH BISHOP OF SALE

Rev Fr Peter Slater, our Diocesan Administrator has advised that Bishop Elect Gregory Bennet will be ordained in the Cathedral on Tuesday 8th December at 2020 at 11:00am.

The service will proceed within the restrictions prescribed by the State Government and will be livestreamed, so members of our Diocese can be 'virtually' present. More details to come closer to the time.



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



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
Attendance at <u>all Masses</u> is limited to 20 people plus a religious leader and <u>must be booked</u> at the Parish Office.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Dot Cornford, Martin Coffey, Ian Dye and Maria Gned and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Giovanni Di Sisto, Bishop Jeremiah Coffey, Doreen Ryan, Mary Gilmour, Archbishop Patrick O'Donnell and Sharlet Madonna Vaz.

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, 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 McKerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Jerry Templer, Joan Turner, 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.

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 place in the bowl.

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in pe

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: Our **Confirmation** celebrations will be held on Thursday 26th November at 6:00pm, Friday 27th November at 6:00pm and Saturday 28th November at 6:30pm providing the proposed increase of attendance numbers eventuates.

Each candidate for Confirmation is allowed only four seats at the Mass, and the seating plan has to meet the State Covid Safety Restrictions.

Huge thanks to our Sacramental Team for all their efforts to bring these celebrations to fruition.

Please keep our 50 confirmation students, their families and the Sacramental Team in your prayers.

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.

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.

ALTERED OFFICE HOURS: *The office will open 9:30am to 2:30pm Tuesday to Friday next week. Please call to make Mass bookings between 12.30pm and 2.30pm.*

NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS ON SAT NOV 28: As you'll have already read, the third Confirmation celebration Mass will take place on Saturday November 28. In order to allow the church to be cleaned and set up for Confirmation, there won't be a Parish Mass that evening

ATTENDING MASS: It is wonderful to be able to come to Mass in our beautiful church again. Please remember that at all times, we must follow Covid-safe restrictions.

- * 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.

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 33rd 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.



A huge thank you to the team of Wil & John Waanders, Fran & Brian Doyle, Jim Morris and Tracey Townsend.

For quite a number of years now they have counted the moneys we receive at Mass and have attended to banking the money on behalf of the Parish.

The time has come for the team to step down from that ministry, and we thank each of them for their time and their dedication to our Parish. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

May each of you walk closely with God, always.

CHRISTMAS GIFTING TREE: St Michael's St Vincent de Paul Conference has again organised the Christmas Gifting Tree to be in the Church from **November 15 to December 13.**

Parishioners are asked to take a gift tag, and return your gift/voucher by December 13.

Please only touch the tag you are going to remove.



The conference would like to thank all parishioners for their support during this difficult time in 2020, and wish all a happy, holy and safe Christmas spent with those we love most.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS: *"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."* - Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.



'A PLACE TO CALL HOME':

This documentary tells the story of the Emmaus Community in Perth – a community founded by Br Al Archer and supported by the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, providing homes for adults who live with mental ill health. If you missed this documentary recently, it will air on ABC Compass on Sunday November 22 at 11:00am followed by streaming on ABC iView until December 22.

Entrance Antiphon Cant 6:10

*Who is this arising like the dawn,
fair as the moon,
resplendent as the sun,
terrible as an army with banners.*

First Reading Gen 3:9-15. 20

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will put enmity between your offspring and her offspring.

After Adam had eaten at the tree the Lord God called to him. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied. 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring.

It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

The man named his wife 'Eve' because she was the mother of all those who live.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 112:1-8 Rv2

(R.) Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **(R.)**
2. From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!
High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory. **((R.))**
3. Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**
4. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 8:28-30

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
God knew them and called them to justification.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all 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 Jn 15:4 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed is the Virgin Mary who kept the word of God,
and pondered it in her heart.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Take the child and his mother and flee into Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.



Next weeks Readings: Feast of Christ the King	
First Reading:	Ezekial 34:11-12, 15-17
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel:	Matthew 25:31-46.