



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



CONGRATULATIONS to the following youngsters who have this weekend celebrated the Rite of Confirmation. In difficult times, they have, together with their families, schools and catechists worked diligently to prepare to receive this enriching sacrament. Well done to the children's families, our Sacramental Team, our Catechists, and to the Year 6 teachers who have all worked hard in preparation.

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| <i>Amelia Alesi</i> | <i>Ella Bedford</i> | <i>Ashlee Bosch</i> |
| <i>Jimmy Brand</i> | <i>Claudia Buhagiar</i> | <i>Sebastian Calabro</i> |
| <i>Felicity Calagaz</i> | <i>Ruby Clegg</i> | <i>Ethan Crookes</i> |
| <i>Samuel Darby</i> | <i>Tacen Davidson</i> | <i>Joie Evans</i> |
| <i>Sophie Fazioli</i> | <i>Bianca Francolino</i> | <i>Lillian Frankland</i> |
| <i>Sienna Giblett</i> | <i>Makaidy Henderson</i> | <i>Molly Henry</i> |
| <i>Joshua Hodson</i> | <i>Koa Humphrey</i> | <i>Micaiah Judilla</i> |
| <i>Eva Kelly</i> | <i>Jett Koppen</i> | <i>Esther Konyi</i> |
| <i>Harrison Kus</i> | <i>Abbey Lesiw</i> | <i>Ruby Leyshan</i> |
| <i>Marlee Mathew</i> | <i>Savannah McLure</i> | <i>Jayda Morgan</i> |
| <i>Adam Murray</i> | <i>Mica Nightingale</i> | <i>Hamish Pettie</i> |
| <i>Olivia Pugliese</i> | <i>Scarlett Reid</i> | <i>Shayla Scandrett</i> |
| <i>Riley Schroeter</i> | <i>Brilee Smith</i> | <i>Jessica Taylor</i> |
| <i>Kade Thorley</i> | | <i>Lillian Van der Velden</i> |
| <i>Arielle Valladares-Crivari</i> | | <i>Isabelle Van Vondel-Foley</i> |
| <i>Luca Vitale</i> | <i>Marley Wallace</i> | <i>Cadel Weston</i> |
| <i>Hannah Whitty</i> | <i>Samuel Wight</i> | <i>Freyja Winnell</i> |

*May you each walk closely with your God every day of your life;
 may you accept the gifts of the Spirit, and use them with love;
 may your faith carry you through every aspect of life;
 may you live the joy of the Gospel.*

Sunday Mass Times (as of November 29, 2020)	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 5:00pm
Attendance at weekend Masses is limited to 80 people and must be booked at the Parish Office	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Dec 01	9:30am Mass 10:45am Mass at Yallabee for residents
Wednesday Dec 02	1:30pm Requiem Mass for Frank Albanese by invitation
Thursday Dec 03	10:30am Mass @ Dalkeith Hostel for residents
Friday Dec 04	9:30am Mass
Parishioners attending weekday Masses are asked to arrive 10 minutes before Mass to have their name and contact number recorded by the usher.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Frank Albanese, Dan Schuback, Joan Turner, Frank Dompietro, William Waters and Martin Coffey and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Eulalia Mangura, Charles Manngura, Monsignor Bill Caffrey, Fr Dave Cagney, Allen Garrett, Pat Hanrahan, Elsie Rogan, Bridget Hiney, Glenn Peters and Johanna Van Zwieten.

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 Mc Kerchar, 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.

MASS OFFERINGS: Masses have been offered for Pat Hanrahan Eulalia Mangura, Charles Mangura, Joan Turner, Mick Said and deceased members of the Knights of the Southern Cross.

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.

You; never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

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. Please ring between 2:00pm and 3:30pm to book a place at Mass.

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.

STAFF UNAVAILABLE: On **Tuesday December 01**, our office staff will be attending a meeting, and not available to take phone calls that day.

On **Thursday December 03 from 10:00am to 12:30pm**, the office staff will be involved in a Diocesan Zoom meeting and unavailable to take phone calls.

On **Wednesday December 09 from 12:30 to 4:00pm**, Fr Francis, Fr Ajin and the office staff will be attending a staff meeting and unavailable to take phone calls.

FR FRANCIS: Fr Francis is taking one week's well deserved leave. We hope this time proves relaxing and regenerating for you Father. Fr Ajin will look after the pastoral needs of the parish in Fr Francis' absence.

BAPTISMS: There will be a Baptism Preparation meeting held in the Church on **Monday 14th December at 7:00pm**. Please contact the Parish office to attend.



GLENGARRY MEETING: will be held on **Tuesday 10th November at 7:00pm** in the Church. All Glengarry parishioners and interested St Michael's Parishioners are asked to attend. Please book at the office.

ATTENDING MASS:

In the very near future, parishioners will be able to make their own bookings to attend our weekend and Christmas Masses, by using "Trybooking.com". Further details in next weeks Bulletin, watch this space!

When attending Mass, please remember that we must follow Covid safe practices at all times.

- * 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2020

Christmas Eve

Thursday December 24

7:00 pm Mass venue to be advised.

11:00pm Mass at St Michael's,
with Carols from
10:30pm

Christmas Day Friday December 25

8:00am Mass at St Michael's

10:00am Mass at St Michael's

*It is necessary to book
to attend the Christmas Masses.*



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES:

• **Wednesday December 09 at 7:30pm.**

We will hold an *Advent Prayer Service* in the Church. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend, please book your attendance at the office.

• **Wednesday December 16 at 7:30pm**

Carols at the Crib will be held in the Church. This is a lovely service of the Christmas story and carols. Please come along and sing your favourite carols (behind your masks). Parishioners are warmly invited to attend, please book your attendance at the office.

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:

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

Our Advent prayer

In cities and towns
In apartments and terraces,
All: Christ is waiting to be born

In palaces and paddocks
In high streets and back streets,
All: Christ is waiting to be born

In the vastness of the universe
In the intimacy of our hearts,
All: Christ is waiting to be born.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus
Come into our homes
Come into our lives
Come and stay**



*Please remember to book to attend Mass
at Christmas and remind
your family and friends to do the same!*

ROSTERS ARE COMING BACK

As we gratefully return to Masses in our Church, we are again in need of volunteers to be Readers, Commentators, Ushers. During our 'lockdown' Masses, many of our parishioners stepped up when needed. These roles are essential to our Masses, so please contact the Office on 5174 2060 or to sec@smpt.org.au and advise that you are able to assist in one of these ministries.

Rosters for Saturday December 05 and Sunday December 06, 2020

Mass	Lector	Commentator
Sat 5:00pm	Bev O'Brien	Dorothy Smith
Sun 9:00am	Jenny Dal Pra	Margaret Tainsh
Sun 10:30am	Jason Panozzo-Tile	Carolyn McCabe
Sun 5:00pm	Susan Luscombe	Jenny Hanrahan

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
 In you, I have trusted, let me not be put to
 shame.
 Nor let my enemies exalt over me;
 and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading Is 63:16-17 64:1 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm Ps79:2-3 15-16 18-19 R v4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

- O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
 shine forth from your cherubim throne.
 O Lord, rouse up your might,
 O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**
- God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
 look down from heaven and see.
 Visit this vine and protect it,
 the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
- May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
 the man you have given your strength.
 And we shall never forsake you again:
 give us life that we may call upon your name.
(R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26 28

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

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed;

and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

*Alleluia, alleluia!
 Lord, show us your mercy and love,
 and grant us your salvation.
 Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.

So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Next weeks Readings: 2 nd Sunday of Advent Year B	
First Reading:	Isaiah 40:1-5 9-11
Second Reading:	2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel:	Mark 1:1-8

