



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
 St Paul's Campus 5174 7355

DIOCESAN CELEBRATIONS:

Parishioners are warmly invited

To (virtually) attend the ordinations of :-

- **Tuesday December 08 10:45am** The ordination and installation of **Bishop Greg Bennet**. Go to www.cdsale.org.au/bishop-ordination-bennet.
 - **Friday December 11 11:00am** The ordination of **Paul Zaher** to the priesthood. Livestreamed at St Mary's Cathedral Sale Youtube Channel
 - **Saturday December 12 11:00am** The ordination of **Confidence Masvosva** to the priesthood. Livestreamed at St Mary's Cathedral Sale Youtube Channel.
 - **Saturday December 12 5:30pm** The ordination of **Jithin Anto** to the priesthood. Livestreamed at St Mary's Cathedral Sale Youtube Channel
- What an extraordinary week in our Diocese. We are grateful for the many blessings our tenth Bishop and our three new priests bring to our Diocese.

AND THE 2020 SAINTS NAMES ARE:- The Saints names chosen by our Confirmation Candidates this year are:-

Mary MacKillop (5)	Elizabeth (4)	Michael (3)
Sebastian (3)	Teresa (3)	Cecilia (2)
Catherine of Sienna (2,	Francis of Assisi (2)	Joan of Arc (2)
Rose of Lima (2)	Anthony	Bernadette
Clare	Dymphna	Felix
Florian	Gabrie,	Gabriella
Genevieve	John	Luc,
Mary	Paul	Peter
Philomena,	Romulus	Rose
Theodore	Theresa	Therese of Lisieux
Valentine		

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

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 08	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Dec 09	11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Dec 10	9:30am Mass
Friday Dec 11	9:30am Mass 10:30am Mass at BupaCare for residents only 11:30am Yr 6 Graduation Mass for Year 6 students only
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 and Joan Turner and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Mary Kelly, Eulalia Mangura, Charles Mangura, Monsignor Bill Caffrey, Fr Dave Cagney, Allen Garrett and Pat Hanrahan.

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.

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.

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome **Ehi Imhagwe** for baptism., son of Greg and Uwa, and precious young brother for Etse and Ekhai. Congratulations to the family, from us all.



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.

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 **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.

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:

Parishioners are now able to book to attend Masses through Trybooking.com. Go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BNIAG>.

Booking are currently open for Masses on the weekends of December 12 & 13 and 19 & 20. Bookings for our Christmas Masses will be available on Trybooking during next week. We are waiting to see whether our numbers may increase. If you are unable to use internet to book to attend Mass, you are welcome to phone the Parish Office, Bev and Jen are happy to make your booking.

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

- * Please arrive 10-15 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,

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:

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

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



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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 12 and Sunday December 13, 2020

Mass	Lector	Commentator
Sat 5:00pm	Richard Webber	Dorothy Smith
Sun 9:00am	Shane Reid	Lien Van der Velden
Sun 10:30am	Theresa Denny	Marg Noone
Sun 5:00pm	Elizabeth Joseph	Volunteer required

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 24:1-3

*O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.*

First Reading Is 40:1-5 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them' says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that
her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord double
punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the
Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the
desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain
and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and
the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be
revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of
the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to
Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of
Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing
all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering
lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and
leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14 Rv8

**(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant
us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never
forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a
thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day.

The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises,
as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being
patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and
everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day
of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar
the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall
apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt
up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you
should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait
and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky
will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the
heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised:
the new heavens and new earth, the place where
righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends,
while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without
spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ,
the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet
Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,
and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the
wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for
the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people
of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were
baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed
their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he
lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his
preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone
who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to
kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have
baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with
the Holy Spirit.'

Next weeks Readings: 3rd Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 66:1-2 10-11

Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8 19-28