

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 adults at risk 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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Baptisms: Six weeks notice required
Weddings: Six months notice required

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:

St Gabriel's School 5174 5515
 Principal: Mrs Roslyn Joyner

St Michael's School 5174 3295
 Principal: Mrs Jodie Ware

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 Principal: Mr John Freeman

Kildare Campus 5174 8111
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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

Peter's Christology is rooted in Israel's prophetic tradition. With language reminiscent of the Suffering Servant tradition (cf. Isa 53:11-12), he calls Jesus God's Servant and describes him as a righteous sufferer. He traces God's action from the promises to the ancestors, to the choice of Moses as leader of the people to freedom, and finally to the glorification of the crucified Jesus. He contracts light and darkness, insisting that, despite the strength of the powers of death, the forces of life are ultimately triumphant. While Peter blames his hearers for the death of Jesus, he acquits them of some of the guilt by ascribing their offence to ignorance. From God's point of view, Jesus' suffering and death bring their messianic expectations to fulfilment.

The responsorial psalm expresses both lament and confidence. The verses open with the psalmist in great distress, turning to God and pleading for relief. Relying on the blessings of that past, the psalmist is confident that God will intervene. Faith and confidence are based on both personal innocence and divine trustworthiness. The appeal for God's favour is taken from the ancient blessing of the high priest Aaron (cf. Num 6:25f). The image suggests that God's face lights up with pleasure at the sight of the righteous. The psalmist is filled with joy as a result of the relationship with God. Confidence in God fills him with gladness and calms his fears and anxieties.

Knowledge of God is a very important theme in the Letter of John. This passage, which insists that true knowledge leads to observance of God's commandments, seems to denounce gnosticism, which claims that knowledge itself is salvific. The major portion of the reading offers encouragement for those times when the Christians stray from righteousness and do in fact sin. In these times, Jesus will be an advocate (*paráklitos*) for them before God. Several themes together provide a profile of the exalted Christ: He is now in the presence of God, having been raised from the dead; he is righteous, despite the fact that he was condemned to death as a criminal; his blood is the sacrificial offering that atones for sins. Finally, there is an eschatological character to God's love.

The gospel passage identifies the two major themes found in most post-resurrection appearance accounts: the experience of the risen Lord; and the ritual meal of the community. Jesus addresses his disciples with the customary Jewish greeting: Peace be with you! They are terrified, for they think he is a ghost. After rebuking them for having doubts, Jesus attempts to dispel their doubts by showing that it is really he. The final demonstration of his corporeal reality is his eating a piece of cooked fish.

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Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 5:00pm
Attendance numbers at our Masses are limited to 180 people. <i>Please arrive 15 minutes early to register your attendance. Covid safety practices apply</i>	
Weekday Mass Times <i>Mid week Masses will not be held this week as Fr Francis and Fr Ajin will be attending the Clergy Retreat and Deacon Tony is on leave.</i>	
Parishioners attending weekday Masses are asked to arrive 15 minutes before Mass to ensure their attendance is recorded.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Ted Berude, Mary James, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Anna Sola, Joan Quigley and Mary Lang and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Daniel & Mary Allman, Doreen Papenberg, Colin Ashton, Neil Crowe, Albert McArthur, Des & Dorothy McLean, Lou Biancon and Dino D'Angelo.
Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK including Maria Alessandrini, Fr Bernard Buckley, Conceicao Carvalho, Peter Dal Pra, Ann-Maree Daly, Anthony Derham, Sr Delia Donahoe, Gary Donchi, Bill Edgar, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Jenny Hansch, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Peter Lont, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah Mc Kerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Maree Morris, Kaye Nailer, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Jerry Templer, Damiano Tripodi, Julie Vaz, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, George Walkan and Roy Ward and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



FR FRANCIS, FR AJIN will be absent from the Parish next week, as they will be attending the Clergy Retreat. . We hope you all find the week a restorative, uplifting time. Deacon Tony is on leave.

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for baptism **Sienna Catherine Sartori**, daughter of Johnathan and Tori.



Congratulations from us all, we look forward to getting to know you all better in the future.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20th April at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested to attend.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: Fr Francis has been thrilled to receive interest from a number of youngsters who would like to take up ministry as Altar Servers. So, there will be two Altar Servers training sessions to be held in the Church :-
 April 28 Wednesday at 4:30pm
 May 02 Sunday, following 10:30am Mass.
 Please let the Parish Office know which session you would like to attend.

CWL LADIES WALK: CWL ladies will again walk this coming Tuesday, April 20, 10:00am -11:00am, meeting at Our Lady of the Way grotto. For further information please call 0413 489 704. These walks are held on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: will gather at 10:30 am on this coming Thursday in the Mary MacKillop Room. The Thursday morning meetings will be in abeyance from April 29 to May 27, while the Life in the Spirit Seminar is underway. For enquiries, please contact Cathy McLure, as attendance numbers are still limited by the pandemic restrictions. Cathy's number is 5174 3001.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Our Parish is joining with other parishes across the Diocese in this exciting seminar. The dates for the gatherings held at 10:30am in our Parish church are as follows:

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| April 29 | The Father's Love |
| May 06 | The Joy of the Gospel |
| May 13 | The Gift of the Spirit |
| May 20 | Unwrapping God's Gift |
| May 27 | Living in the Spirit. |

Other sessions will be held in Drouin on April 17, May 22 and June 19 at St Ita's Parish, Drouin.

Please come along and see for yourself what God wants to do in your life.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Tuesday April 20

10:00am CPG Core Group, Mary MacKillop Room

7:00pm Baptism Preparation Meeting, Church

Wednesday April 21

1:00pm Weds PM Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room

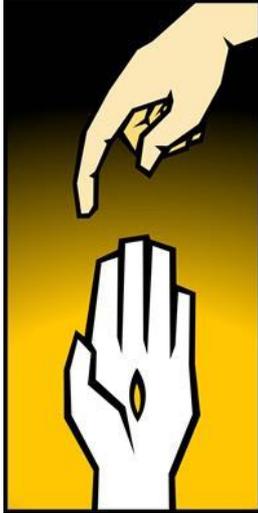
Thursday April 22

10:30am Charismatic Prayer Group Mary MacKillop Room

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY (continued from page 1)

Although this is not the official ritual meal of the community, it may have eucharistic overtones. Having assured the disciples of his bodily resurrection, Jesus proceeds to explain his suffering and death by turning to the scriptures.

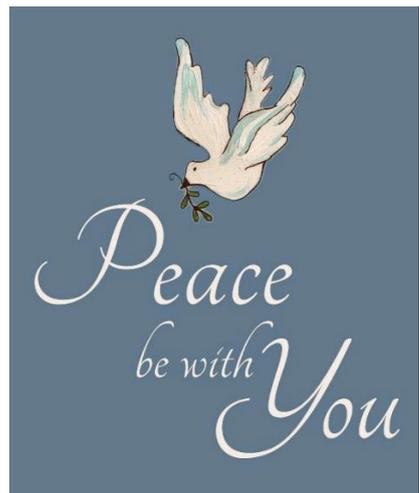
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NATIONAL MASS COUNTS: Next weekend, our Parish is trialling the Count for the National Count of Attendance. This survey will be conducted over the first four Sundays in May. Our Parish has been asked to do a ‘trial’ run next weekend (April 24 & 25).

So, we are in need of two people per Mass to ‘count in’ our parishioners next weekend, and also over the first four Sundays of May.

Please contact the office if you can assist (5174 2060).



Jesus’ first words to his disciples after his death. They were in hiding, and devastated by Jesus’ death just days earlier. Jesus meets the disciples ‘where they are’. They are Jesus’ words to us, too

Mick’s Kitchen

Mick’s Kitchen will re-open this coming Thursday, April 22 in the St Vincent de Paul Centre. Due to corona virus restrictions, take away meals only will be offered for the time being.

If you have previously been on a Mick’s Kitchen Team, could you please contact your Team Leader to let them know you are able to help again (or not, as the case may be).

We are again looking for volunteers to man our Mick’s Kitchen Teams, so if you feel you are able to help please contact Judi on 0439 555 994 or the Parish Office on 5174 2060.

To be able to volunteer in our Parish, you must have a current Working with Children Check and have registered St Michael’s Parish as a place where you volunteer. All volunteers must also have signed the 2021 St Michael’s Parish Code of Conduct.

Proverbs 25:21 If your enemy hungers, give him food to eat; and if he thirsts, give him water to drink.

STARTING OUR PARISH UP AGAIN - WE NEED HELP

It is wonderful to again be able to come to Mass in our Church. This means we are again in need of parishioners to help our Parish function and our Masses to be well run and meaningful celebrations:-

- We are looking for assistance in the following areas:-
 Readers Commentators Ushers Eucharistic Ministers
 Youth Ministry Leaders Church cleaning Musicians
 Money Counters Banking Team
 Mick’s Kitchen

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” - LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.



Rosters for Saturday April 24 & Sunday April 25, 2021			
Mass	Lector	Commentator	Ushers
Sat 5:00pm	C DiCorleto	D Smith	A Ryan
Sun 9:00am	S Reid / S Reid	L Van der Velden	Volunteer required
Sun 10:30am	T Denny	C McCabe	Volunteer required
Sun 5:00pm	E Harte	Volunteer required	Volunteer required

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 65:1-2

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R.)**
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation cf :Lk 24:32

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'



Next weeks Readings 4 th Sunday of Easter	
First Reading:	Acts 4:8-12
Second Reading:	1 John 3:1-2
Gospel:	John 10:11-18

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