

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

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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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: Six weeks notice required

Weddings: Six months notice required

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

WORLD DAY OF VOCATION: Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *"There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood."*

Pope Francis – Message for 2021 World Day of Vocations. Saint Joseph:

"The Dream of Vocation 'God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.' 'The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of "the saints next door". At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.' "

A prayer request

We remember to pray for all our young people in our Diocese and their future. They are the present, future, and hope of the Church. God has a plan and hope for all of them to live out their vocational call whatever that may be whether that be marriage, the single life, and also amongst them are some who would make a good priests or religious.


Holy Hours with prayer before the Blessed Sacrament are good opportunities for the parish to gather in silence to listen, discern and pray for the future of our young people. Let us support them and those entrusted to their formation especially parents, educators and role models, with our prayers.

Enquiry Day for prospective Seminarians Corpus Christi College- 22nd May 2021

An Enquiry Day for any young man who is interested to know more about a Diocesan Priestly vocation will be held at Corpus Christi College Carlton for all the Diocese' of the Province. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact *Fr Michael Willemsen* at St Mary's, Bairnsdale. Phone 5152 6171.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 5:00pm
Attendance numbers at our Masses are limited to 180 people. Please arrive 15 minutes early to register your attendance. Covid safety practices apply	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tues Apr 27	9:30am Mass
	1:30pm Requiem Mass for <i>Bob Williams</i>
Wes Apr 28	11:00am Adoration
	12:00pm Mass (CWL Conference)
Thus Ap 29	9:30am Mass
Fri Apr 30	9:30am Mass

REQUIEM MASS for *Bob Williams* will be celebrated on **Tuesday April 27 at 1:30pm.**

The church is still only able to seat 180 people, so parishioners may wish to assist Bob's family by livestreaming the Requiem Mass. To livestream the service you can go to the web page of Latrobe Valley Funeral Services, lvfs.com.au, and click on  livestreaming.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Bob Williams, Joan Carstairs-Prot, Ted Berude, Mary James, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Pat Brown, Pat Thompson, Kevin Lythgo, Daniel & Mary Allman, Doreen Papenberg, Colin Ashton, Neil Crowe, and Albert McArthur.

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 McKerchar, 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.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Tuesday April 27

10:00am CWL, cuppa & gathering
Mary MacKillop Room

Wednesday April 28

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

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for baptism -

- **Grayson Benjamin Suter**, son of Sarah & Matthew: and
- **Freya Rose Lakeman**, daughter of Shanarra & Aiden.



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 11th May 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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Will gather on Tuesday morning at 10:00am in the Mary MacKillop room for a cuppa and quick get together. All are welcome.

On **Wednesday April 28**, at our midday Mass, Bishop Greg will celebrate Mass for the CWL West/Latrobe Regional Conference. All the Sale Diocesan branches of CWL will be attending. All ladies of our parish are warmly invited to attend. Please contact Ansje Sykes on 0413 489 704 for further information.

DOREEN'S NEWS: It's the end of an era for us. Sr Doreen will be leaving Traralgon to take up residence in the Corpus Christi Retirement Village, Clayton, and will be leaving us on May 15, 2021.

We are in need of manpower to help move Sr Doreen and her chattels on May 15.

The Parish will hold a Mass of thanksgiving for Doreen's presence here amongst us on Sunday May 09 at 10:30am, followed by a morning tea and cuppa in the hall.

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:

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.

ALTERED OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will open next week Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00am to 2:30pm. The office will be closed on Monday and Thursday. 'Normal' office hours – Tuesday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm will resume on Tuesday 4th May.

NATIONAL MASS COUNTS (HELP NEEDED): 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.

So, we are in need of two people per Mass to 'count in' our parishioners over the first four Sundays of May. Please contact the office if you can assist (5174 2060).

FORMATION OF FUTURE SHEPHERDS: Following the ordination of three priests for our Diocese in December, we only have one now in formation at our provincial seminary, Corpus Christi College in Carlton. He is Mark Hughes of Cranbourne. To see photos and information about Mark and all the seminarians, go to www.corpuschristicollege.org.au

On the drop down menu, click on *Seminarians* under *Our People*. Mark is pictured in the 6th year group. He will be giving his vocation story this weekend in the newest Parish of our Diocese, St Thomas Apostle at Clyde North. Donations to the Bursary Fund supports Mark's formation and training.

While God continues to call people to be Shepherds after the heart of the Good Shepherd, please continue to pray that they will be moved to hear the call. And, respond generously, trusting that this will be a fulfilling way for them to live their response to God's love for them. *Fr Michael Willemsen* (Vocations Director)

Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College



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Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians.



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Lest We Forget

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

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - JOHN 10:14-16
 When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

SAVE THIS DATE: Wednesday May 12. We will hold a liturgy to celebrate *Joseph the Worker* at 7:30pm in the Church, followed by a light supper. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Rosters for May 01 & 02, 2021 ~5 th Sunday of Easter Year B			
Mass	Lector	Commentator	Usher
Sat 5:00pm	R Webber	D Smith	A Ryan
Sun 9:00am	C McLure R Diaz	C McCabe	Volunteer required
Sun 10:30am	U Imhagwe	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Sun 5:00pm	J Panozzo-Tilè	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
<i>Mick's Kitchen:</i>	April 29 Moretti Team		May 05 Scholtes Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

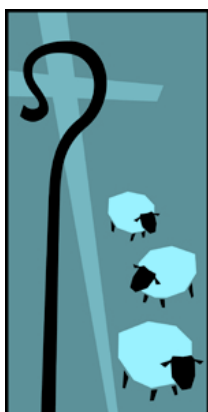
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **(R.)**
2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Jn 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Next weeks Readings 5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24

Gospel: Jn 15:1-8-