



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.

St Michael's Parish Information

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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, 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

Setting Forth :

(taken from Bishop Greg's Pentecost letter to parishes)



The early missionaries were sent forth from the shores of Ireland in small coracles. They set forth in their little boats to proclaim the gospel to unknown lands. They had no maps, no compass, no life-jacket. The legend goes that they placed their ears to the floor of the coracle and listened to the current of the sea which led them to safe shores beyond their imagining.

As we gather to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost this year, it feels as though there is an urgency for us as we emerge from the challenges of Covid-19. As we begin to gather in our parish communities, there is something comforting about our ability to return and to be with familiar friends and members of our community. We feel reassured as we celebrate the Eucharist and immerse ourselves in the sacramental life of the Church. However, while it feels the same, something is different: WE are different.

As we think back over the long closure and endless weeks of on-line Masses, our parishes have changed as we stand 1.5 metres apart, no longer express our peace in the customary manner, no longer share the Cup of Life as we look for the faces of so many who have not at this time taken their usual pew among us.

Pentecost marks the beginning of the Church. The Acts of the Apostles reflects the joy, unity, harmony and mission which the early Christian community experienced as they 'heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven.' (Acts 2:2) Something new was happening as the Spirit of God called them from Jerusalem to be sent to the ends of the earth. Their witness and testimony, as they shared the 'marvels' of God, inspired in them a power to go forth: to go beyond their known reality, to venture into the world beyond, to proclaim the Risen Christ. Their joy, unity, harmony and mission reverberates in the Church today in the lives of all the baptised who continue to live and discover anew this same gift of the Holy Spirit who falls upon us.

As I move among the parishes of the Diocese of Sale, I see and hear the unique and dynamic stories that are inspired from within our communities. It is not a matter of numbers, but rather one of the sense of communion-*communio* which exists among people of faith.

Bishop Greg Bennet

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 5:00pm
Attendance numbers at our Masses are limited to 180 people.	
<u>Please arrive 15 minutes early to register your attendance. Covid safety practices apply</u>	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tues May 25	9:30am Mass
Weds May 26	11:00am Adoration
	12:00pm Mass
Thurs May 27	9:30am Mass
Fri May 28	9:30am Mass
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 Felix Sejdkak, Noreen Waud and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Bishop James Corbett, John Zahra, Emil Swiety and Peg Kearney. **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, 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 May 25

10:00am CWL Meeting
Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm Maintenance Team
Parish Centre

Wednesday May 26

1:00pm Weds PM Prayer Group
Mary MacKillop Room
7:00pm Parent Meeting for Confirmation
Church

Thursday May 27

4:40pm Confirmation Catechist session #1
Church.

BAPTISMS: The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8th June at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested to attend.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held in the Mary MacKillop Room on **Tuesday May 25, at 10:00am**. All women of the Parish are warmly invited to attend.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: 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 on 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:

May 27 Living in the Spirit.
There will also be a session on June 19 at St Ita's Parish, Drouin.
Please come along and see for yourself what God wants to do in your life.

NATIONAL MASS COUNTS: This is the fourth weekend of the National Mass Attendance Counts. This weekend we need to record our attendees in age brackets. Our thanks to those who have volunteered to help us gather this information for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

A MESSAGE FROM SR DOREEN: 'Dear friends in God's love. At the Mass last Sunday, although I was having to say goodbye and feeling sad about that, I kept on thinking of the Ascension message which Fr Francis explained so well. Add to that, the Spirit of God is with us all the time; through droughts, wars, fires, losing jobs, marriages breaking up, evil rearing its head every now and then . . . BUT . . .

We are blessed as we have the spirit of God leading us, if only we would listen. Our world is changing: What is the future?? It is in our hands.

This is what made me want to laugh, smile, dance and be with you all in God's love. And that is what I felt at Mass and during the cuppa afterwards.

Thank you, God's people. May we all share God's love together, Amen.

SR DOREEN: Well Sr Doreen certainly enjoyed her send off last weekend. We wish her well in her new beginning in the Corpus Christi Retirement Village in Clayton. Our Parish collection raised \$1,205.00. Our gifts to her were matching plant pots and the funds to buy potting mix and plants, our bound book of messages from the parish and the balance of cash to assist her furnish her new abode.



INFORMATION EVENINGS FOR ALL LECTORS: Fr Francis has asked that all lectors, current and new, attend an information evening to ensure that everyone is up to date with the correct procedures when being a Lector. Proclaiming the Word of God is an honour and all Lectors need to attend an information session.

Both sessions will be held in the Church at 7:00pm.

June 02 Meeting for current and new Lectors above secondary school age.

June 15 Meeting for current and new Lectors of Secondary School age.

Please let the Parish Office know which meeting you will attend. (5174 2060, or sec@smpt.org.au)

SAFEGUARDING CODE OF CONDUCT 2021: The 2021 Code of Conduct for has been ratified by our Parish Council. All volunteers, staff and contractors of the Parish need to sign the Parish Code of Conduct and ensure they have a current Working With Children's Check.

Please call in to the office to sign the updated Code of Conduct. Leaders of Groups may wish to come and collect enough copies for all volunteers in their group to sign.

Thanks to all for supporting our Parish, especially in the endeavour to ensure that our community is a safe place for all.

INDIA COVID RELIEF: Bishop Greg has asked that our Parishes take up a collection to go towards helping the dreadful situation which Covid-19 has brought to that country.

We have all been troubled by the increased spread of Covid-19 in India and other countries. It is distressing to see so many people suffering and struggling for the essential gift of oxygen. We are mindful of the families and friends of our clergy and parishioners at this time. May nations work together in the support and welfare of our brothers and sisters in their need. May our humble prayers during this pandemic bring healing, comfort and unity in addressing the pandemic.

Our Parish will have leaving collections for this serious cause on the weekend of **May 29 & 30**. Please remember with generous hearts, those whose lives are truly challenged by this wretched disease.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish office will close on Friday, May 28, at 1:00pm, to allow the staff to attend a planning meeting. Please pray for Fr Francis, Fr Ajin, and ours Parish staff.

The Office is no longer closed during the week. Contact is still preferable by phone or by email. Please do not come into the office or the Church if you are feeling unwell in any way. Thank you.



Pope Francis' Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM: At our recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting, it was decided that the Parish would put together a Medical Emergency Response Team – people who would be trained to attend to any medical emergencies which may develop during Mass or other Parish activities.

You will see in a basket in the Kay St porch, there is a Questionnaire for volunteers who feel this may be an area you could assist in. Please, take a form and complete your details, and return the form to the Parish Office through the mail slot beside the front door of the Parish Centre. We are blessed to have two generous medico's amongst our PPC members, and they will direct this team.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

Rosters for May 29 & 30 ~ Trinity Sunday

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Jsher/Mass Counters	Altar Servers
Sat 5:00pm	A Taylor	D Smith	A Ryan	Volunteer required
Sun 9:00am	M Hansen	C McCabe	Volunteer required	C Reid, S Reid, L Roy, K Roy
Sun 10:30am	W Gomez	Volunteer	Volunteer required	E Imhagwe, E Imhagwe, N Kimani, J Joseph
Sun 5:00pm	B Purcell	S Grout	Volunteer required	Z Hanratty, E Hanratty, J Hanratty, E John

Mick's Kitchen

May 27 Burns Team

June 03 McLaughlin Team

Entrance Antiphon Rm 5: 5; cf. 8: 11

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us,
alleluia.*

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak
different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Gal 5:16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

Next weeks Readings

Trinity Sunday

First Reading:	Deut 4:32-34, 39-40
Second Reading:	Rom 8:14-17
Gospel:	Mt 28:16-20

