



## 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.

www.smpt.org.au  
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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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**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 Imhagwe 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

### **SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Moses admonishes the people to commit themselves to the Lord, pointing out the singular majesty of the God who has taken such a personal interest in their welfare. God's mighty deeds include: divine revelation itself; the election of Israel; and God's deliverance of them through numerous signs and wonders. From a historical point of view, the exodus involved God and the people of Israel. From a theological point of view, it was God's victory over the forces of the gods of Egypt. For these reasons, Moses encourages the people to commit themselves to this God, who had been so good to them in the past; to accept God's law and obey it, so that God would be equally good to them in the future. The psalm response expresses Israel's faith in God. This faith is rooted in the truth of God's word, the faithfulness of God's works, the justice of God's covenant, and the steadfastness of God's love. Everything else flows from this. God's word is as firm as is God's own self. The order and stability manifested through the marvels of creation not only stem from God's power and faithfulness, they witness to it. All of this is grounded in the steadfastness of covenant loyalty. The trustworthiness of God's word parallels the constancy of God's covenant. After considering various wisdom themes, the psalm ends on the theme of covenant kindness.

Paul explains the unique privilege of being children of God, led by the Spirit. He uses 'spirit' in various ways: the Spirit of God or Christ is a divine reality; the spirit of slavery is a disposition or mentality; the spirit of adoption is a relationship. Paul identifies the children of God as those who are compelled by the Spirit. He further states that we are children of God through the sonship of Christ. When we are joined to Jesus, the divine Son, we are led by the same Spirit that led him. Thus it is with and through Christ that we become children of God. Therefore, if Jesus can call God Abba, then we who are joined to him can as well.

The commissioning of the disciples takes place on a mountain. The trinitarian formula for Baptism given there gathers together elements already found in Jesus' teaching. Throughout his ministry, Jesus spoke of God as Father (cf. Matt 11:25-27), indicating the intimate relationship that exists there. He also spoke of the Spirit who came upon him at his baptism (cf. Matt 3:16) and through whose power he cast out demons (cf. 12:28-32). It is in this threefold name (one name, not three) that the disciples are to baptise. The specific teaching alluded to here is moral, not doctrinal. It calls for observance of Jesus' commandments. Jesus inaugurated the reign of God, at the heart of which is a radically different way of life.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	
Sunday	
<b>Attendance numbers at our Masses are limited to 180 people.</b> <i>Please arrive 15 minutes early to register your attendance. Covid safety practices apply</i>	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tues June 01	
Weds June 02	
Thurs June 03	
Fri June 04	9:30am Mass
<b>Parishioners attending weekday Masses are asked to arrive 15 minutes before Mass to ensure their attendance is recorded.</b>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently including and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Jozef and Jenny Cukier, Glenice Canny, and Bishop James Corbett.

*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.



**MASS OFFERINGS:** Masses will be offered this week for Jozef and Jenny Cukier, death anniversaries and a Mass of Thanksgiving for Babu Putthussery.

### THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS

#### Tuesday June 01

10:00am CPG Core Group  
Mary MacKillop Room  
7:00pm Mick's Kitchen Team Meeting  
SVDP Centre

#### Wednesday June 02

1:00pm Wednesday Prayer Group  
Mary MacKillop Room  
7:00pm Lector's Information Evening

#### Thursday June 03

10:00am Charismatic Prayer Group  
Mary MacKillop Room  
4:40pm Confirmation Catechist session #1  
Church.

Postponed

### OUR CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICE ARE AGAIN CLOSED:

In accordance with the 'Circuit Breaker' advice from the State Government, our Church and Parish Centre closed at 4:00pm on Thursday May 27.

We will re-open in compliance with Covid restrictions when we are advised we may.

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend's Baptisms have been postponed.

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



**NATIONAL MASS COUNTS:** Huge thanks to those parishioners who assisted with the counting for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference survey, and to all our parishioners for your patience as we took the time to count us all.

### ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN POSTPONED:

**Our leaving collection for Caritas' work in India** assisting with the Covid devastation in that country will be held at a later date, hopefully the weekend of **June 05 and 06.**

#### Tuesday June 01

Charismatic Prayer Group Core members meeting  
Mick's Kitchen Team Leaders Meeting

#### Wednesday June 02

Wednesday PM Prayer Group  
Lector's Information Evening  
CWL Ladies Walk

#### Thursday June 03

Confirmation Catechist Class  
Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting  
Mick's Kitchen

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON MEDITATION SPACE** – Lavalla Catholic College is running this online meditation program from 4 to 5pm every Wednesday, and have kindly extended the invitation to any of us who share the gift of meditation.

The link is :-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85087024028?pwd=SUNFTjk5QIRLS21sQ3I5cGw4VXd1dz09>

Meeting ID: 850 8702 4028

Passcode: 042924

There are two sessions, 4.05-4.30 or 4.35-5.00pm. Please "drop in" a few minutes before the appointed starting time. Please go to the website for the World Community for Christian Meditation ([www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org)) for further information.

**FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK:** It is with sadness that we say farewell Bernadette and Brian Woolf from our Parish, as they move to Geelong to live.

Wishing you both every blessing, good health and wonderful times with your family in your future. With thanks for all you have been in our Parish over the years.

**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-TBA** 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.



**FINANCE MATTERS: April 2021**

Planned Giving	<i>(Church Account)</i>	
Envelopes 04/04	\$ 1,506.00	
Envelopes 11/04	\$ 1,307.00	
Envelopes 18/04	\$ 1,240.00	
Envelopes 25/04	\$ 818.00	\$ 4,871.00
	Credit Card	\$ 1,780.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 6,365.50
<u>April Total Received</u>		<u>\$13,016.50</u>
<i>April Planned Giving amount pledged \$18,104.00</i>		

Loose Collections	Apr 04	\$ 1,550.55
<i>(Presbytery Account)</i>	Aor 11	\$ 1,012.55
	Apr 18	\$ 1,081.15
	Apr 25	\$ 1,266.05
		\$ 4,910.30
<u>Electronic giving</u>		<u>\$ 335.00</u>
<u>April Loose Collections</u>		<u>\$ 5,245.30</u>



**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.

**ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST:**

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website.

<https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html> Closing Date 30 July 2021.

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS**

*"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." - ROMANS 8:16-17*

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

Rosters for June 05 & 06 The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ				
Mass	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Mass Counter	Altar Servers
Sat 5:00pm	R Webber	D Smith	A Ryan	Volunteers
Sun 9:00am	C McLure R Diaz	C McCabe	Volunteer required	C Reid, S Reid, L Roy, K Roy
Sun 10:30am	U Imhagwe E Imhagwe	Volunteer	Volunteer required	N Kimani, N Gils, E Imhagwe, J Gomez
Sun 5:00pm	J Panozzo-Tile	S Darby	Volunteer required	A Shine, E John, M Alex
<i>Mick's Kitchen</i>	June 03	cancelled	June 10	Moretti Team

**Entrance Antiphon**

*Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.*

**First Reading** Dt 4:32-34. 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below:  
there is no other.*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

**(R.) Happy the people the Lord  
has chosen to be his own.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. With his word the heavens were made,  
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.  
He spoke; and they came to be.  
He commanded; they sprang into being. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Next weeks Readings:

Corpus Christi Sunday Year B

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

**Second Reading**

Rom 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own  
children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

**Gospel Acclamation** See Rv 1:8

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

