



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 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

God's ratification of the covenant with the people is described in dramatic terms. There is first a ritual of word, and then one of blood. Moses delivers the ten commandments to the people. These laws governed Israel's life. To this the people responded: 'We will do everything.' Two sacrifices were offered, a holocaust and a peace offering. The holocaust or burnt offering consumed the entire animal, signifying the worshippers' total self-offering to God. The peace offering either established peace or celebrated a peace already made. The pouring of blood on the altar sealed the covenant. After the people declared: 'Amen', the blood was sprinkled on them, sealing their relationship with God. The psalm sketches a temple service of thanksgiving. There is an appeal to God and a promise to perform an act of devotion when the request is granted. Most vows were promises to offer some form of sacrifice (cf. Ps 56:13): holocaust (cf. Ps 66:13; Lev 22:18-20); peace offerings (cf. Ps 50:14; Lev 7:16; 22:21-22); or cereal offerings and libations (cf. Num 15:3,8). The Psalmist insists that, contrary to any appearances, God is concerned with the fate of the righteous. The psalmist's own situation is an example of this. The psalmist may have suffered, but ultimately God did intervene. Still, the point of this psalm is not the sufferings endured, but the deliverance from God.

Features of the ritual of the Day of Atonement are compared with Christ's high priesthood. The high priest yearly entered the Holy of Holies to sprinkle blood on the mercy seat: by his death Christ did this once, and through this act accomplished atonement for all time. There is an eschatological finality to what Christ did. He passed through a perfect tabernacle, the heavenly or spiritual archetype of all other temples. The author states that Christ's sacrifice does not repudiate the sacrifices of the past. On the contrary, they achieved the purposes for which they were intended. However, the external cleansing that they effected cannot be compared with the cleansing of consciences that the blood of Christ effects.

In the gospel passage, the account of the institution of the Eucharist takes place during the Passover meal. The latter celebration sets the stage for the former. The symbolism in the Eucharistic ceremony both recalls the covenant of old and reinterprets it. Eating bread was a common ritual expression of companionship; the reference to the blood of the covenant recalls the ratification of the earlier covenant through the blood of the sacrifice (cf. Exod 24:6-8). When Jesus says that he will not eat again, he may be referring to his death. More likely the author is alluding to the messianic banquet of the future, the banquet that is symbolised by the body and blood of the Lord and which will be enjoyed by all when the reign of God is brought to fulfilment.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
Attendance numbers at our Masses are limited to 50 people. Booking to attend Weekend Masses is essential. Please call the Parish on 5174 2060 to book a seat at Mass and arrive 15 minutes early to sign in..	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tues June 08	9:30am Mass
Weds June 09	11:00am Adoration
	12:00pm Mass
Thurs June 10	9:30am Mass
Fri June 11	9:30am Mass
Parishioners attending weekday Masses are asked to <u>arrive 15 minutes before Mass to ensure their attendance is recorded.</u> Booking is not required for attendance at mid week Masses.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Joan Whitford and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Maria Albanese, Elizabeth Hourigan, Teresa Dal Pozzo, Wally Trochimchuk, Rocco Michael Bruzzese, Greg Bermingham, Darren Wall, Pat Dean, Michael Snee and baby Mikey, McConnell, Jozef and Jenny Cukier and Glenice Canny.

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, Ellen Hammond, Jenny Hansch, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Peter Lont, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah McKerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Maree Morris, Henery Polo, 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 June 08

7:00pm Mick's Kitchen Team Leaders
SVDP Centre

Thursday June 10

4:40pm Confirmation Catechist session #1
Church.

OUR CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICE ARE AGAIN CLOSED:

Our staff are again working in the office, with the door locked. Please make contact via phone and email.

BAPTISMS: The next Baptism

Preparation Meeting has been moved **Tuesday 15th June at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested to attend.



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY:

We hear tell that Corrie Houben has celebrated her 90th Birthday this week. Well done, Corrie, we hope you enjoyed your birthday. Best wishes from us all.

CONFIRMATION 2021 PREPARATION:

As we go to print today, the parish is still moving forward with the preparations for Confirmation. We are not yet certain whether the celebration of this Sacrament will go ahead on June 17 * 18 as planned. We are hopeful that next week's announcement regarding covid restrictions may allow the celebration of this Sacrament to go ahead, but perhaps in a different format to our current schedule. Could Confirmation families please check their emails regularly for further information as it comes to hand. Could all parishioners please keep our Confirmation candidates and their families in your prayers.

ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN POSTPONED THIS WEEK:

Our leaving collection for Caritas' work in India assisting with the Covid devastation in that country will be held on the weekend of **June 12 and 13.**

Tuesday June 08

Charismatic Prayer Group Core members meeting
Baptism Preparation Meeting

Wednesday June 09

Wednesday PM Prayer Group

Thursday June 03

Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

In this time of pandemic, we need to follow these instructions when receiving 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
- To engage in the dialogue with the communion minister and receive the host in the hand, while wearing the mask.
- To take two steps to the side, and away from the priest.
- To then remove one side of their mask to place the Host in their mouth with the other hand.
- To re-position the mask.
- To then return to their seat via a different pathway.

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: May 2021

Planned Giving	<i>(Church Account)</i>	
Envelopes 02/05	\$	905.00
Envelopes 09/05	\$	727.00
Envelopes 16/05	\$	1,175.00
Envelopes 23/05	\$	910.00
Envelopes 30/05	\$	000.00
	\$	3,717.00
	Credit Card	\$ 1,880.00+
	Direct Debit	\$ 6,303.00
April Total Received		\$11,900.00
<i>April Planned Giving amount pledged \$18,537.00</i>		

Loose Collections	May 02	\$	1,159.10
<i>(Presbytery Account)</i>	May 09	\$	1,034.90
	May 16	\$	1,118.90
	May 23	\$	1,108.15
	May 30	\$	0000
		\$	4,421.05
<u>Electronic giving</u>		\$	265.00
May Loose Collections		\$	4,685.05



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.

GLENGARRY INFORMATION MEETING: A meeting will be held in the Church on Tuesday June 22 at 7:30pm for all those who are interested to learn about the progress being made with the sale of the property at Glengarry. Could all who wish to attend please let the parish office know of your intention.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." - MARK 14:23

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself up for us, completely for our salvation. He offers us the same chance to drink from His cup. In the bread and wine, we meet Christ personally. If we follow Him, drinking from His cup means our own self-sacrifice, using all of our gifts for the benefit of others and to do His work on earth.

Rosters for June 12 & 13 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Mass Counter	Altar Servers
Sat 5:00pm	B O'Brien	A Taylor	A Ryan	Volunteers
Sun 9:00am	M Hansen	M Wilkinson	Volunteer required	C Reid, S Reid, L Roy, K Roy
Sun 10:30am	J Dal Pra	L Van der Velden	Volunteer required	TM Thomas, RM Thomas, AM Thomas, E Imhagwe
Sun 5:00pm	E Harte	Volunteer required	Volunteer required	A Shine, E John, Z Hanratty, E Hanratty
<i>Mick's Kitchen</i>	June 10	Moretti Team	June 17	Scholtes Team

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 80:17

*He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.*

First Reading Ex 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

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

**(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.**

1. How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect

sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the
Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

Next weeks Readings:

June 13, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34