

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

The fable about a cedar tree describes a reversal that will be performed by God. What was once insignificant and vulnerable will be exalted. The shoot taken from the crown of the tree will be planted on a high and lofty mountain, a site that is traditionally regarded as the place where God dwells. There it will flourish, produce branches, yield fruit, provide shelter for every kind of winged animal. The image describes one of the most basic tenets of Israel's faith: God chooses the weak of the world to confound the strong. The splendour of the tree declares that God reverses the fortunes of the lofty and of the lowly, of the vigorous and of the withered.

Singing praises is a way of thanking God. Hymns of thanksgiving normally include reasons for gratitude. Kindness (hesed) and faithfulness (ĕmûnâ) are part of the vocabulary of covenant. Prayer until dawn suggests a night vigil. The rewards of righteousness are graphically sketched, using nature imagery. 'Planted in the house of the Lord' is probably a reference to temple devotion. Just as trees were planted near water, their source of life, so the righteous are planted in the presence of God, their source of life. Such remarkable lives bear witness to the uprightness of God. Their fruitfulness is a sign that God has been faithful to the covenant promises that were made.

Paul instructs the Corinthians on how to live courageously until they see the Lord face-to-face (vv.6 & 8). During this life believers are at home in the body, but away from the Lord. In the next life, they will be away from the body and at home with the Lord. While in the body, believers walk by faith and not by sight. Paul ends his exhortation with a sobering thought. At the end of this life, all will stand before Christ to be judged according to whether or not they did in fact live lives of faith after his example. Those who did not live such lives will not be able to be fully at home with the Lord.

In many ways, parables are brain-teasers. Jesus states that the reign of God is like seed that takes root and grows and produces in secret places within human reality. In fact it is usually found in places where one would least expect to find it – among the poor and despised, in the hearts of those who suffer, in the lives of the persecuted. The potential of the reign of God is often contained in what appears to be inconsequential. Yet it thrives in its own mysterious ways. The parables of Jesus forced his hearers to stretch their imaginations and to make connections that they might not ordinarily make. The presumption was that those who followed Jesus were always willing or able to do this.

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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 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 15	9:30am Mass
Residents only	10:45am Mass, Margery Cole
Weds June 16	11:00am Adoration
	12:00pm Mass
Thurs June 17	9:30am Mass
Fri June 18	9:30am Mass
Parishioners attending weekday Masses are asked to arrive 15 minutes before Mass to ensure their attendance is recorded. Booking is not required for attendance at mid week Masses.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Kathleen Fogarty-Cusack and Joan Whitford and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Justin O'Brien, Fr William McLoughlin, Bishop Richard Ryan, Tom Collis, Maria Albanese, Elizabeth Hourigan, Teresa Dal Pozzo, Wally Trochimchuk, Rocco Michael Bruzzese, Greg Bermingham and Darren Wall. *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.



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.*

GREETINGS FROM SR DOREEN: Sr Doreen sends her prayers and well wishes, and hopes that the floods have not impacted too severely on anyone. She's read of a good Ark builder, if we need one. Sr Doreen is settling in well in her new abode.

BAPTISMS: This weekend, we welcome for Baptism:-



- **Ivy Isobel Strong**, daughter of Nigel and Elise; and
- **Alice and Thomas Andreou**, children of Paul and Laura.

Congratulations to the families, from us all. We look forward to getting to know you all better in the future. The next Baptism Preparation Meeting has been moved **Tuesday 15th June at 7:00pm** in the Parish Centre. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested to attend.

CONFIRMATION 2021 PREPARATION: As we go to print today, we are still planning to celebrate Confirmation next week, Covid, floods and all else allowing:-

Thursday 17th June 4:30pm 6:30pm
 Friday 18th June 4:30pm 6:30pm

We are so grateful to all our confirmation families for their patience throughout these difficult times, and especially for the messages we have received of thanks and support. We surely live in very changing times.

There will be **Confirmation Practice held on Wednesday June 16 at 4:30pm and 5:30pm** in the Church.

We ask all our parishioners to prayerfully remember the 64 children who will receive this Sacrament, which brings them to the beginning of their adult life in the Church. Please also remember in your prayers, the families of the children, the members of the Sacramental Team, our Priests and Bishop Greg.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS

Tuesday June 15

- 10:00am **CPG Core Group**
Mary MacKillop Room
- 7:00pm **Lectors Meeting (secondary students)**
Church
- 7:00pm **Baptism Preparation Meeting**
Mary MacKillop Centre

Wednesday June 16

- 1:00pm Weds PM Prayer Group
Charismatic Prayer Group
- 10:00am Mary MacKillop Room

Thursday June 17

- 4:40pm Confirmation Catechist session #1
Church.

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-positions the mask.
- To then return to their seat via a different pathway.

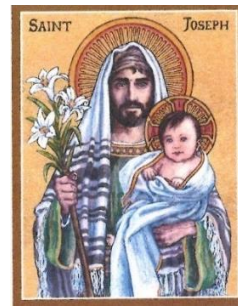
OCEANIA WEBINAR – BEING PEOPLE OF INVITATION:

This webinar is for anyone who seeks to strengthen their approaches to inviting others and engaging them in the life of our faith communities.

The Diocese of Parramatta is running this Webinar, to register go to

<https://https://tinyurl.com/BeingPepleofInvitation22June>.

June 22 – 11:00am-12:15pm, via Zoom.



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.

CWL LADIES WALK: CWL ladies will again walk this coming Wednesday 16th June, 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 Wednesdays of the month.

LEAVING COLLECTIONS: This weekend, we will have leaving collections to raise funds to go to Caritas Australia for their work for those so severely affected by the Covid Virus in India. Please give generously.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

Rosters for June 19 & 20 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Mass Counter	Altar Servers
Sat 5:00pm	C DiCorleto	D Smith	A Ryan	Volunteers
Sun 9:00am	M Hansen	C McCabe	Volunteer required	C Reid, S Reid, L Roy, K Roy
Sun 10:30am	W Gomez	M Tainsh	Volunteer required	J Gomez, N Kimani, J Joseph, E Imhagwe
Sun 5:00pm	E Joseph	S Luscombe	Volunteer required	A Shine, E John, Z M ALEX
<i>Mick's Kitchen</i>	June 17	McLaughlin Team	June 24	Moretti Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 26:7, 9

*O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me,
O God, my Saviour!.*

First Reading Ez 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it,
we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:31-32

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.



Next weeks Readings:

June 20, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

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