



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, 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:

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 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 call and commission of the prophet Ezekiel are recounted in today's first reading. Ezekiel does not assume the role of prophet to himself. It is God who sends him, to the people that God selects, with the message that God determines. God has chosen a mere human (son of man) to accomplish God's designs. This experience of God is not a reassuring one for Ezekiel. He is told that the Israelites, to whom he is being sent, are a rebellious people, hard of face and obstinate of heart. Still, whether they resist the prophet or heed him, they will know that there has been a prophet among them, because of the dire consequences their rebelliousness will bring upon them.

The sentiments of the psalmist are clearly stated at the outset. Lifting up one's eyes is a gesture of humble longing. God dwells in the heavens and reigns from there as a king governs from the throne. The psalmist attends to God as a diligent household servant attends to the hands of the master and mistress. The people who have turned to God for help are overwhelmed by the disdain they suffer. They still turn to God with confidence, trusting that this sovereign God who reigns over all will snatch them from their predicament and be openhanded in bestowing the favours that they need.

Paul situates his apostleship within the paradox of the cross of Jesus. He knows that it is foolish to allow himself to become proud of any spiritual favours he has received. Lest this might happen, he is stricken with a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan. What this affliction might have been is not clear. Paul prayed to be relieved of his affliction, but was told: 'Power is made perfect in weakness'. Thus Paul came to know that real power is to be found in vulnerability, for stripped of power one is more likely to turn to God. Now, when Paul endures insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints, he is strong with the power of Christ.

Jesus returns to his hometown (literally his father's house) and he is identified as the son of his mother. It is precisely because he originated from these people that he is rejected by them. The fact that Jesus spoke in the synagogue was not extraordinary, since adult men took their turns explaining the Scriptures. What upset the crowd was the content of his message. Their astonishment did not give birth to faith; it grew out of scepticism and developed into rejection. Their questions sprang from resentment, not awe. Who did he think he was? Without realising it, they were asking the right question, but for the wrong reason. Had they really wanted to know, his identity might have been revealed to them. It seems that those who knew Jesus the best understood him the least.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
<p>Attendance numbers at our Masses are currently limited to 180 people. Booking to attend Mass is no longer required. <i>However, it is still necessary to record your attendance.</i></p> <p>PLEASE arrive 15 minutes early to Mass to record your attendance before Mass begins.</p>	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tues July 06	9:30am Mass
Weds July 07	11:00am Adoration
	12:00pm Mass
Thurs July 08	9:30am Mass
Fri July 09	9:30am Mass
Residents only	10:30am Mass, Bupa Care

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Phil Woodhouse and Leonard Hallett and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Fr Matthew White, Barbara Durea, Luz Goicoa, Michael Kennedy, Angelo Bau, Sam & Dolora Vella, Chandana Fernando, Leopold Fernando, Elizabeth Jacob, Joe Hourigan and Sam Prestipino.

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, Kevin Fitzsimon, 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 Mc Kerchar, 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.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: The CPG meets on Thursday mornings in the Mary MacKillop Room at 10:30am.

All Parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Please contact Cathy on 0432 588 195 for further information.

CWL NEWS: The CWL group enjoyed an informative and successful morning at Rotary Centenary House at Latrobe Hospital last week. The gathering there was informative and very enjoyable.

The CWL ladies Wednesday morning walk has been cancelled for Wednesday July 07, due to the School holidays.

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for Baptism:-

- **Jayleb MacGibbon**, son of Jacob and Emily.

Well done!

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting has been moved **Tuesday 13th July at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested to attend.



R.C.I.A.: These letters stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the ancient Rite of welcoming people into the Church.

St Michael's Parish warmly invites anyone interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith to attend our meetings on Thursdays, in St Michael's Parish Centre. We start at 7.30pm sharp, and finish by 9.00pm sharp. This year's starting date is **July 22nd**. IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED, ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTACT either Susan Grout (0412 671 308) or the Parish Office (5174 2060). We need to know who is coming for Covid regulations.

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY: is celebrated by the Catholic Church this Sunday. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

May all cultures in our land walk humbly and gently together, bringing the light of Jesus' love to all, as we strive to forgive, to accept and move forward together in harmony.

CHANGES TO HOW WE ATTEND MASS: It is wonderful that our Mass numbers have again increased, we are now allowed 180 people at Mass. This means you no longer need to book to attend Mass. **HOWEVER**, recording your attendance is still mandatory. Please use the QR code available in the entrance porches.

Wearing a mask is still required, as is hand sanitising, social distancing and cleaning our pews and kneelers behind us.

Parishioners are respectfully asked to arrive to Mass 15 minutes early, to allow time to record attendances. We will have an Usher at the door to count you in, and assist with the use of the QR code. *Please ensure you arrive early to Mass.*

We urgently require parishioners to volunteer to act as Ushers (or Covid Marshalls, as the Health Department calls them). We are only allowed our 180 people *provided* we have an Usher to count people into Mass, and to ensure that attendances are recorded via the QR Code. *Please, please, please, give your details to the office if you could help out in this important way.*

It's nice to take another step towards a more 'normal' covid life.

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.

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.

There are copies of the Code of Conduct in the entrance porch. Please sign one and put it in the ‘signed’ tray of forms. Thank you.

ST KEVIN’S PARISH , MEENIYAN: Are celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Sunday 11th July, 2021 at 11:00am. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet, and will be followed by Light Refreshments at the Meeniyam Hall. All are welcome to attend (covid restrictions will apply). Please contact Anne Hemming on 5662 2020 if you would like to attend.

THIS WEEK’S MEETINGS

Tuesday July 06

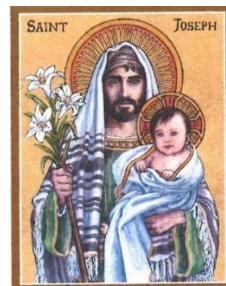
10:00am **CPG Core Group**
Mary MacKillop Room

Wednesday July 07

5:30pm **Liturgy Team, Parish Centre**

Thursday July 08

Charismatic Prayer Group
10:30am Mary MacKillop Room



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.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you...’” EZEKIEL 2:2-3
God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn’t leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God’s call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn’t call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

Rosters for July 03 & 04 14th 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	B Purcell	M Wilkinson	Volunteer required	C Reid, S Reid, L Roy, K Roy
Sun 10:30am	K Roy AM Thomas	S Grout	Volunteer required	TM Thomas, RM Thomas, J Joseph
Sun 5:00pm	E Harte	S Darby	Volunteer required	A Shine, E John, E Hanratty, J Hanratty
<i>Mick’s Kitchen</i>	July 08 Hemming Team		July 15 Van Berkel Team	

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 47:10-11

*Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

First Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) *Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.*

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. **(R.)**
2. Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy. **(R.)**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

2 Cor 12:7-10

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

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation Lk. 1:76

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Next weeks Readings:

July 11 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13