

## 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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**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:**

**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

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In an episode in the life of the prophet Elisha, a man who brings grain comes from a place that is named for and probably devoted to Baal, the Canaanite god of fertility. Presumably he intends it to be offered to the god worshipped at that shrine. The prophet directs that the bread and grain be given to the people who were suffering from famine. Those who ministered at the shrine objected, but Elisha insisted, and his insistence overrode their objection. This is clear evidence of the authority that the 'man of God' wielded, and that the others recognised. One hundred men were fed by a mere twenty loaves. The miracle reveals the bounteous generosity of God.

The responsorial psalm is a hymn of praise. The psalmist invites all of God's works to give thanks, proclaims the LORD's universal providence, and extols divine righteousness. The works of the LORD include everything that God has made as well as everything that God has done. The faithful of the LORD are those who are bound to God in covenant loyalty. They are summoned to praise God in reverence and awe. A vivid image is used to depict both the dependence of all living creatures and the generosity of God. All of life stands needy and trusting before God in whose hands is the sustenance upon which life depends, and God is open-handed in satisfying this need.

Paul exhorts the converts to live according to social virtues that characterise the Christian life. His imprisonment demonstrates the price that he himself is willing to pay for his convictions. All the virtues are relational attitudes that foster community harmony. This harmony is grounded in their belonging to the one body of Christ, their being filled with and fashioned by one Spirit of God, and their being moved by the one hope of their call to salvation. Their life is Trinitarian; they have all been called by God to salvation in Christ through the Spirit. This unity is expressed in their allegiance to one LORD, their commitment to one faith, and their celebration of one baptism.

The power of Jesus had a mesmerising effect on the crowds. They followed him from place to place. However, they did this less out of faith than out of the hope that they might witness the performance of some marvel. Jesus took the barley loaves (note the link with the Feast of Unleavened Bread), gave thanks (eucharisté), distributed them, and then did the same with the fish. The Eucharistic allusions here are obvious.

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Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Cancelled</span>
<b>Attendance at Masses will be in accordance with current Covid Restrictions.</b> <b>PLEASE arrive 15 minutes early to Mass to record your attendance before Mass begins.</b>	
Weekday Mass Times	
<del>Tues July 27</del>	<del>9:30am Mass</del> <span style="color: red;">Cancelled</span>
Weds July 28	11:00am Adoration
	12:00pm Mass
Thurs July 29	9:30am Mass
Fri July 30	9:30am Mass

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently including Des MacManus, John Archibald and Bob Wolfe and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Robert Eastham, Tasma Sharpe, Bluey Carberry, Ron Manson, Franc Rolih and Angelina Agostino.  
**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, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah Mc Kerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Maree Morris, Henry 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.



**BAPTISMS:**

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested to attend.



**THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS**

*(Hopefully, covid restrictions allowing)*

**Wednesday July 28**

1:00pm Weds PM Prayer Group  
Mary MacKillop Room

7:00pm **Lectors Information Meeting**  
Church

**Thursday July 29**

**Charismatic Prayer Group**  
10:30am Mary MacKillop Room  
7:30pm **R C I A**, Parish Centre



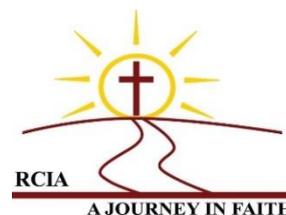
to Monsignor John Allman, whose 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination was on July 22.

What a marvellous milestone, we are so blessed to have had Mons with us here in St Michael's for the greater part of all those years. His witness to his God and to our faith is a great example for us all. We will hopefully celebrate this great achievement with a Mass at 2:00pm on August 22.

Bishop Greg will preside at this Mass, along with Monsignor Allman and the priests of the Diocese. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this Mass, which will be followed by a cuppa in the Mary MacKillop Hall afterwards. Our numbers will be in accordance with Covid restrictions. Due to covid uncertainties, it may be wise for parishioners to book a seat at this special Mass. Monsignor will be celebrating two great occasions, his 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination on July 22, followed by his 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 18<sup>th</sup> August.

**R.C.I.A.:**

These letters stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the ancient Rite of welcoming people into the Church.



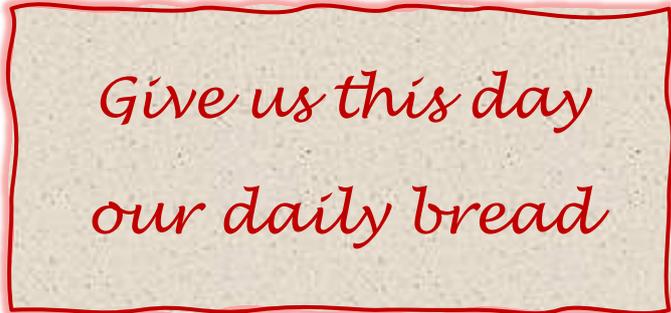
St Michael's Parish warmly invites anyone interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith to come along to our meetings which are held on Thursday evenings in the Parish Centre, 7:30-9:00pm, beginning on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July. (Covid Restrictions allowing)**. Please contact Susan Grout on 0412 671 308 or the Parish Office on 5174 2060, if you, or someone you know are interested.

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Once again the crowds were overwhelmed by Jesus. They had followed him to the other side of the lake in order to witness his exceptional power. They were not disappointed. However, they now recognise him as more than a wonder-worker. He is the long-awaited prophet like Moses (cf. Deut 15:18), the one who would usher in the messianic age.

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**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.

**CWL:** The CWL meeting has been rescheduled to **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** at 10:00am. All ladies of the parish are warmly invited to attend. (Covid Restrictions allowing)

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** The CPG meets on Thursday mornings in the Mary MacKillop Room at 10:30am. (Covid Restrictions allowing) All Parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Please contact Cathy on 0432 588 195 for further information.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP:** The Wednesday afternoon Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays in the Mary MacKillop Room after midday Mass. All are welcome to join in. (Covid Restrictions allowing)

**MEDICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM:** A meeting will be called as soon as possible to outline the direction forward in the future. We are fortunate that one of our parishioners has organized suitable training for our MERT members; currently there are four places available for the training, so if you are interested in becoming a response person for the MERT, please contact the parish office. Volunteer information brochures are on the table as you enter the Church, please take one if you feel this is a ministry you could participate in.



**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**

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” JOHN 6:9  
 The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

Rosters for July 31 & August 01, 2021 (covid restrictions allowing)				
Mass	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Mass Counter	Altar Servers
Sat 5:00pm	A Taylor	S Grout	A Henry	Volunteers
Sun 9:00am	C McLure/R Diaz	C McCabe	A & S Reid	C Reid, S Reid, L Roy, K Roy
Sun 10:30am	U Imhagwe E Imhagwe	L Van der Velden	A Costa	TM Thomas, RM Thomas, E Imhagwe, N Gils
Sun 5:00pm	J Panozzo-Tilè	Volunteer required	B O'Brien	A Shine, E John, M Alex
<i>Mick's Kitchen</i>	July 29 Burns Team, (if operating)		Aug 05 McLaughlin/Hill Team	

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

*God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his  
people.*

**First Reading** 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

**(R.)** *The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.*

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Eph 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

**Gospel Acclamation** see Eph 1:17-18

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

**Next weeks Readings:**

August 01 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35