



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

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The Glorious Mysteries:

The Assumption of Mary

The **Assumption of Mary** was infallibly defined by Pope Pius XII in the bull *Munificentissimus Deus* ("Most Bountiful God") and declared a point of dogma in 1950. It is indeed a glorious mystery reminding us that God chose Mary, a young woman, to be the Mother of God and assumed her earthly body into heaven. The Assumption of Mary is not just a celebration of Mary but also a celebration of the whole Church, for it speaks of the meekness of humanity compared to the glory of God, while also emphasizing humanity's capacity for greatness.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* remarks that "the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (974). Jesus' Resurrection is a victory over the darkness of death, which he too promises to his faithful disciples. It is only fitting that his beloved mother, the mother of all humanity, would be the first to receive this blessing. She is a catechist par excellence, because the Assumption of Mary into heaven echoes the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It is a foreshadowing of our own assumption; if we remain faithful to God, we too can look forward to sharing in that fullness of new life.

Mary was the first and best disciple of Jesus, and her life teaches us how we are to live ours. By contemplating her place in heaven, we are reminded that our earthly life is not our definitive homeland; we too are called to eternity. The Assumption of Mary emphasizes her perfect union with the destiny of Jesus. It is also a lesson for us: We must keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ, be faithful to his promises, and always reach for heaven. *The Window of the Holy Family* in Ireland also reminds us that we can keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus Christ while doing the ordinary things we do, whether it is knitting, building from wood, or drinking a cup of tea. Heaven indeed!

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Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
<p>Attendance at Masses is currently limited to 80 people, provided we have an Usher in attendance.</p> <p>Booking to attend is not required, the church doors will be closed when our limit is reached.</p> <p>PLEASE arrive 15 minutes early to Mass to record your attendance before Mass begins.</p>	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tues Aug 17	9:30am Mass
Weds Aug 18	11:00am Adoration
	12:00pm Mass
Thurs Aug 19	9:30am Mass
Fri Aug 20	9:30am Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Veronica Smith, John Denis Fahy and Eileen Considine (Sr Philippa's sister) and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Joan Bermingham, Mary Donaghy and Rita Sweeney.

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, Sr Margaret Daly, Anthony Derham, Gary Donchi, Bill Edgar, Kevin Fitzsimon, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Jacqui Granville, Barbara Greaves, Ellen Hammond, Jenny Hansch, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah McKerchar, 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: We welcome for Baptism, **Veronica May Theissling**, daughter of Lee and Hollie.

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



CELEBRATORY MASS FOR MONSIGNOR ALLMAN:

Sunday August 22 at 2:00pm. As we have no idea what numbers we might be allowed in our congregation on August 22, it would be a good idea for parishioners who wish to share this special occasion with Monsignor to ring the office and book a place. Hopefully, we'll be allowed plenty of spaces.

LOCKDOWN #6: We give thanks for the easing of the covid restrictions in rural Victoria, and pray for the rest of our state, our country and the world.

CATHOLIC CARE COLLECTION: At our Masses this weekend, we will have *leaving collections* for the work of Catholic Care Australia. Please support their works, providing counselling, food and travel assistance for those who find themselves in desperate need. There are also Donation Envelopes in the Church porch, if you'd like to make your donation in that way.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: The CPG will meet on Thursday morning in the Church. All Parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Please contact Cathy on 0432 588 195 for further information.

R.C.I.A.: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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. (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.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: will be available in the Church on this weekend and next weekend. Please take yours, and your neighbours / friends if you are certain you can deliver them. Thank you.

We will be asking for a willing army of envelope delivers to help out in the week of August 24 to 27. Please let the office know if you can assist in this way. It costs \$9 to mail out each persons' box of envelopes, so we're hoping to keep postage to a minimum.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS

Tuesday August 18

10:30am **CPG Core Group**
Church

Thursday August 19

10:30am **Charismatic Prayer Group, Church**
7:00pm **RCIA, Parish Centre**
7:00PM **Finance Team, Parish Centre**

AUSTRALIA PRAYS ~

AUGUST 22, 2021 National Day of Prayer

Join all day prayers online on Aug 22 9:00am-9:00pm.

Nightly prayer calls August 16-21.

Register for Zoom Link + daily devotions at NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG.AU/LORDHAVEMERCY

For more further information go to

<http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

But You O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth"

(Psalm 86:15)

'LORD HAVE MERCY'

(National Council of Churches in Australia)

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.

A SHORT LAUGH:

Six year old Ned's mother was looking through an old family Bible when an oak leaf fell out. Ned said, "I guess that must be Adam's shorts".

FINANCE MATTERS: July 2021

Planned Giving	<i>(Church Account)</i>	
Envelopes 04/07	\$ 1,607.00	
Envelopes 11/07	\$ 1,678.75	
Envelopes 18/07	\$ 340.00	
Envelopes 25/07	\$ 225.00	\$ 3,850.75
	Credit Card	\$ 1,880.00
	Direct Debit	\$ 6,618.00
July Total Received		\$12,348.75
July Planned Giving amount pledged		\$17,235.00
Loose Collections	<i>(Presbytery Account)</i>	
04/07	\$ 934.50	
11/07	\$ 1,179.05	
18/07	\$ -	
25/07	\$ -	
	\$ 2,113.55	
Electronic giving	\$ 355.00	
July Loose Collections		\$ 2,468.55



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.

Next week's Readings (August 22)
 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32
 Gospel: John 6:60-69

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

"And Mary said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior." Luke 1: 46

After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other's needs before our wants.

Rosters for August 21 & 22 (covid restrictions allowing)				
Mass	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Mass Counter	Altar Servers
Sat 5:00pm	C DiCorleto A Taylor	D Smith	A Ryan	Volunteers
Sun 9:00am	M Hansen	C McCabe	B Grundy	C Reid, S Reid, K Roy, L Roy
Sun 10:30am	J Panozzo-Tilè	M Tainsh	M / B Kennedy	TM Thomas, RM Thomas N Gils, J Gomez
Sun 5:00pm	E Joseph	S Luscombe	C Hill	M Alex, A Shine, E John
<i>Mick's Kitchen</i>	Aug 19 Moretti Team		Aug 26 Scholtes Team	

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Re 12:1

*A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon
beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.*

First Reading Revelations 11:19 12:1-6 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 44:10-12 R v10

(R.) *The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.*

- The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house.
(R.)
- So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

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

*As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first,
and after him all who belong to him.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 27:55

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Mary is taken up to heaven,
and the angels of God shout for joy.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Luke 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
The Almighty has done great things for me, he has lifted up the lowly.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.
He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.