



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:

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

FROM THE

VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF BISHOPS:

Members of the Catholic community in Victoria, Te Catholic Dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sandhurst and Sale, Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, We hold the people of Afghanistan in our prayers, and express a commitment to compassionate outreach for them throughout the world and here in Victoria. In Victoria, we have the largest number of Afghan-born people in Australia and have two 'world famous' places deeply enriched by Afghan culture: Dandenong and Shepparton. Afghans hold an important place in the hearts of Victorians, especially at this difficult time. We recognise the pain of family separation, and are deeply concerned for those who are living in safety in Australia while their homeland experiences such rapid and devastating changes. We know there is deep concern from the Afghan community in Victoria for their family members and friends who remain in Afghanistan. We join with them in this concern. While we recognise the limitations of the role that Australia can play in the context of this international crisis, and the complexity of the situation, we affirm that a just and compassionate response should guide our Government's decision making. Our country's involvement in the conflict should urge a just and compassionate response to the current situation now, and our policies should be person-focused, and adapt to the fundamentally changed situation. Families being able to be together safely should be a priority at this time. We hold particularly in our prayers the 5,100 Afghan refugees in the Australian community who are separated from family and loved ones because of the danger related to their own

personal situations that required them to leave their homes and families, and by the continuing Australian Government policy that precludes them from applying for humanitarian visas for their immediate family members to join them in safety in Australia. Wednesday 25 August 2021 (Continued overleaf ...) We ask that compassion and justice be the guide of Australian Government decisions going forward, as together Catholic organisations, hospitals, parishes, schools and communities across Victoria continue to support those in the Afghan community through this difficult time. We commit to pray for and welcome all new arrivals from Afghanistan during the coming months, as we remember how the Holy Family received welcome in Egypt when they sought safety.

Dated August 25, 2021 and signed by –
Most Rev Peter A Comensoli,
Archbishop of Melbourne
Most Rev Terence Curtin,
Auxilliary Bishop of Melbourne
Most Rev Martin Ashe,
Auxilliary Bishop of Melbourne
Most Rev Anthony Ireland,
Auxilliary Bishop of Melbourne
Most Rev Paul Bird,
Bishop of Ballarat
Most Rev Gregory Bennet
Bishop of Sale
Most Rev Shane Mackinlay,
Bishop of Sandhurst



Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	cancelled
Sunday	cancelled
PLEASE arrive 15 minutes early to Mass to record your attendance before Mass begins.	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tues Aug 31	cancelled
Weds Sept 01	cancelled
Thurs Sept 02	cancelled
Fri Sept 03	9:30am Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Marie Howard and Veronica Smith, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Damian Goodwin, Carmela Woodhouse, Kathleen Hodgson, Jim W Gilmour and Eva Lang. *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, 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: The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held as soon as possible when lockdown restrictions ease. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested to attend.



REQUIEM MASS for **Marie Therese Howard** was celebrated on Thursday August 26, 2021. Please remember Marie and her family and friends in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Huge thanks to our parishioners who have so enthusiastically delivered all but fifteen of the next batch of Planned Giving Envelopes. What fantastic enthusiasm, talk about seeing a need and doing something about it! If anyone would like to deliver the remaining 15 envelopes, it would be most appreciated.

THIS WEEKS MEETINGS have all been cancelled in accordance with our current Covid-19 restrictions.



PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION COLLECTION:

Sunday September 05 is Father's Day, and is also the designated weekend for our annual collection to assist the Priests Welfare Foundation of our Diocese.

This Fund supports the priests and deacons of our diocese in times of sickness and retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons and their wives in retirement, and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests, and deacons in time of sickness.

The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be over \$200,000.00.

Donations can be made by going to

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/preistswelfarefoundation>.

The foundation is most grateful and appreciative of your support for our priests and deacons, and especially in these difficult times. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Your donations may also be made through your parish. There will be envelopes available in the Church porch. Should we be fortunate enough to celebrate Mass that weekend, there will be leaving collections at each Mass.

PLENARY COUNCIL NEWS:

With just 5 weeks to go before the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, Bishop Greg has asked for the prayers of everyone in the Diocese as the representatives of our Diocese



undertake training and formation.

Our representative members are – Bishop Greg Bennet, Fr Peter Slater (VG), Fr Denis O'Bryan (EV), Mrs Katherine Jelavic and Mrs Lize Privetera.

Please keep our representatives and the whole Catholic community in Australia in your prayers as this Council approaches.

In this year of St Joseph, let us turn to him to intercede for us as we journey together.

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

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.



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.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

Bishop Greg has let us know of the following retirements:

Fr Peter Bickley will retire as of January 12, 2022, from his duties as Administrator of St Mary’s Cathedral and from other Diocesan appointments.

Fr Peter Kooloos will also retire as of January 12, 2022; he will continue to provide canonical advice to the Bishop’s Office and other bodies as required, and will retire from other Diocesan appointments.

Fr Bernie Krotwaar will retire as Parish Priest of Trafalgar as of August 30, 2021. Fr Bernie retires to address considerable health challenges.

We pray for Fr Peter Bickley, Fr Peter Kooloos and Fr Bernie, may they be blessed in their times of retirement.

Bishop Greg has also advised of the appointment of **Fr Bernard Buckley** as Administrator (Pro Tem) of St Joseph’s, Trafalgar from August 30, 2021 to January 12, 2022.

We ask God’s blessings on Fr Bernard as he takes up this new position.

WE CAN’T BE TOGETHER, BUT STILL WE CAN PRAY:

- We pray for the sick and retired priests and deacons of our Diocese: may we be generous in supporting them both financially and with prayer during this phase of their lives.
- We pray for all those throughout the world who serve God as priests, deacons and religious. May their works be richly blessed.
- We pray for all those throughout our world whose lives have been impacted by the corona virus in so many different ways. May God’s healing love find a place in the hearts of all.
- We pray for those whose lives have been upturned by political dissension, violence and denial of human rights, remembering especially our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan.
- We pray for the sick and housebound, and those who care for them; may they know the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We pray for all who have died, and for those who are left to mourn. Lord hold them tenderly in your abiding love.



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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY:

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the 29th of August. The Australian Bishops’ Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis’ invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si’ Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 6201 9845.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS
 “Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” JAMES 1:22
 It’s easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it!
 How do your actions reflect God’s word?
 Do you share your time in prayer with God?
 Do you use your talent to help those in need?
 Are you generous with your financial resources?
 If not, what are you waiting for?

Rosters for September 04 & 05 (hopefully) – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time				
	Sat 5:30pm	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
Lector	R Webber W Gomez	C McLure R Diaz	U Imhagwe E Imhagwe	M Hanratty Z Hanratty
Commentator	D Smith	Carolyn McCabe	Lien Van der Velden	S Darby
Usher (Covid Marshall)	Carole Payne	Bill Jacobs	B & E McNulty	J & M Hanratty
Musicians	Diamente family	Jane & Simon	Filipino Choir	Jane
Altar Servers	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
<i>Mick’s Kitchen</i> Sept 02 lockdown		Sept 09 Burns Team		

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:3 5

*Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.*

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you –
keep the commands of the Lord.*

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5 Rv1

**(R.) The just will live
in the presence of the Lord.**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **(R.)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**



Next week's Readings ~ September 05, 2021
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7
Second Reading: James 2:1-5
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Second Reading James 1:17-18 21-22 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation see John 6:63 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mark 7:1-8 14-15 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'