

## 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 adults at risk:** 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, and Doug Doherty.

**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

### A NEW DAWN IN SIGHT...

When evening falls life and activities begin to quieten down. Soon, it is bed time; one after the other, everyone retires to the rooms and sleep comes at once. The sun has set; the day is over.

Yes, the sun sets; the sun also rises. It is an ongoing cycle. The first crow of the rooster announces that a new dawn is in view. Life once again begins to come back: parents prepare the kids for school, the animals come out of their sleeping abode, and the sun which had been hiding under the cover of darkness suddenly brightens up, smiling down at us from the heavens, and proclaiming: a new day has come—a day full of new promises, new challenges, new insight, with ever renewed strength. Praise the Lord, it's a new day. A fresh page for a fresh start.

Weeks ago, I announced to you that our beloved Bev was retiring after a well-deserved period of leadership in the parish office. With that announcement and the date fast approaching, I became a little worried. Who was going to take it on from Bev? All the while the Lord was saying to me: "Francis it is my church, it is my family, and I will provide a befitting hand to mount that office to stir things on." At the appointed time, the Lord did act. The Lord called on someone who loves the parish as much as Bev does. The response was: "here I am Lord..., I come to do your will," (Ps 40:7-8). Indeed, a new dawn is in sight.

This is the good news I bring you all today excitedly announcing a new dawn for the family of St Michael's parish—the appointment of a new Parish Secretary in the person of Catherine (Cath) Hill. I feel highly blessed to be the bearer of this great good news. I can see an upsurge of new life for our parish office, with freshness of ideas, renewed vitality, vigour, initiatives, and strength. This is the Lord's doing; it is wonderful in our sight (Ps 118:23). We bless the Lord for this. Cath comes into the office with the strength of her faith in God and love for the community. She has demonstrated great interest in and commitment to the parish in her role as admin/bookkeeper, her unflinching devotion in the finance committee and her unreserved dedication to the youth ministry. With Cath, there is continuity. Her compassionate spirit and particular flavour of "helping out" singles her out in the Mick's kitchen team. My favourite quote of her is: "how can I help?" Her distinctive qualities of gentleness, dedication, and softness in speech makes her specially created and uniquely prepared for this role at this point in time; not to mention her professionalism and keenness in delivering her job. As Bev said to me after her appointment: "Francis, we are so blessed to have her take up this role." I can't agree more with Bev. It is for the love of the parish that she has come forth. She begins on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. Please join me in welcoming our new Parish Secretary, Cath Hill.

*Fr Francis*

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
<p>Eased restrictions mean that we can again have 20 people at Mass.</p> <p><b>BOOKING TO ATTEND WEEKEND MASSES IS ESSENTIAL,</b></p> <p>but not required for weekday Masses.</p> <p><b>PLEASE arrive 15 minutes early to Mass to record your attendance before Mass begins</b></p>	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tues Oct 19	9:30am Mass
Weds Oct 20	11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass
Thurs Oct 21	9:30am Mass
Fri Oct 22	9:30am Mass

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently including Sr Margaret Daly RSJ, Cathy Mesaric, Shayne Barrett (Busselton), Sophia Theissing, Russell Patten, Peter O'Malley and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Bridget Deane, Richard Vincombe, Varkey Vettikkatil, Antonia Koedijk and Eddie Dekleva.

**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, Theresa Rosello (Phillipines), Kath Ryan, Jerry Templer, Damiano Tripodi, Julie Vaz, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, Sharon Veleff, George Walkan and Roy Ward and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



**REQUIEM MASS** for Cathy Mesaric will be offered on Tuesday October 12. Attendance is by invitation only. For livestreaming information, please go to [lvfs.com.au](http://lvfs.com.au).

**MASS OFFERINGS:** Masses have been offered for Richard Vincombe and Sr Margaret Daly during this week.

**PROPOSED BIBLE STUDY:** Fr Francis is looking to create an ongoing Bible Study with a scripture and tradition basis. He is planning for this group to meet fortnightly, with the sessions lasting for one hour. The time for the gathering will be decided when those who are interested can meet (either physically or via Zoom), and can decide on suitable time. Should you be interested in joining in this group, please give your name, email address and phone number to Bev in the office on 5174 2060 or by email to [sec@smpt.org.au](mailto:sec@smpt.org.au).



**BAPTISMS:** This weekend, we welcome for Baptism, Isabel Rose Hewat and Harrison John Hewat, children of Adam and Emily. Welcome to the Parish, from us all.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday October 26, 2021 at 7:00pm** in the Church.

Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested to attend.



**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** The CPG generally meet on Thursday mornings in the Church. Please check whether any gathering is possible in the coming week. 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 check whether any gathering is possible in the coming week. Please contact Susan Grout on 0412 671 308 or the Parish Office on 5174 2060, if you, or someone you know are interested.



**SALE OF LAND AT GLENGARRY:** The sale of the land and church building at Glengarry has now been finalized. The Contract of Sale was settled on September 17, 2021.

The altar from the church has been relocated to St Brigid's Catholic Church, 15 High Street, Healesville. St Brigid's is part of the Parish of St Patrick's, Lilydale.

The Stations of the Cross, the statues and the presidential chair will be relocated to the Catholic Church in Tynong, as soon as they are out of lockdown and able to come and collect them.

Thanks to the Glengarry and Traralgon community members who were so helpful in cleaning the Church and maintaining the grounds whilst the property was on the market.

*All professions and trades are called to assist this mission.*



*Get Ready to Fly!*



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**SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER AND OUR PARISH:**

As we continue with limited Mass numbers and very few parish gatherings, please remember each other in prayer, and by keeping in touch by phone or email or sms. It's a tough time for everyone, and the smallest contact can make a huge difference in the day of someone in isolation.

Our thanks to those who continue to maintain their planned giving pledges, your support is so very necessary and so gratefully received.

*Please remember our priests at this time, by keeping them firmly in our prayers and also by remembering their financial needs. Our priests are financially supported by our weekly 'first collections'.*

*Parishioners are asked to make 'first collection' donations by electronic transfer to St Michael's Parish Traralgon Presbytery Account, BSB 083 879 Account Number 48906 6098. Please use as the Reference 1C followed by your name (eg, 1C Mary Citizen).*

**If you are wanting to request a Mass Offering, then please place your donation in an envelope, and clearly mark:-**

1. The name of the person(s) for whom you wish to offer the Mass.
2. Whether it's a death anniversary, or recent death.
3. Your name, contact number and email.

The envelopes can be 'posted' through the mail slot beside the front door of the Parish Office.

Please look out for those in our community who are the most vulnerable and could be in need of our support. Let the Office know if you are aware of anyone in need.

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS**

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

*"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)*

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

**CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND NEWS:** The Catholic Development Fund has advised us of a change to their practices relating to direct debit payments.

When a payment falls due on a public holiday or weekend day, the funds will now be transferred on the prior business day. (eg, if a deduction is due on a Sunday, it will now be debited on the previous Friday (instead of the following Monday).

 <b>CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE</b>  <b>UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY</b>	<p><b>Catholic Theological College</b>  <i>free online Open Day Information Session "Minor Thesis and Higher Degrees by Research"</i>  <b>Wednesday 13 October at 7pm</b>                  This session will outline how to get started.</p> <p>Book via our website:  <a href="https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/open-days/">https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/open-days/</a></p>
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**CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH:** October is Catholic Mission Month in our Church.

This year Catholic Mission is honouring its commitments to Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar, and Ghana. Covid restrictions have impacted severely on these communities, and the ability to extend practical help.

As difficult as Covid has made life here in St Michael's, the effects on the Good Shepherd Sisters has been immense. So we are asked to prayerfully consider how we can support the works of Catholic Mission and their endeavours in all their projects in 2021.

The easiest way for us to make donations is to go to the Catholic Mission Website,

[www.catholicmission.org.au/about-catholic-mission/about-us](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/about-catholic-mission/about-us) then click on the Donate button at the top right hand of their home page. You can say that you're donating on behalf of St Michael's Parish, Traralgon; our Parish ID when making a donation is **128231**.

EFT donations can also be made - Account Name, *Catholic Mission Donation Account* BSB 062 000, Account No. 13634076, Parish Reference *Sale/128231*. Please forward a remittance advice to [melbourne.admin@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:melbourne.admin@catholicmission.org.au) to advise them of your donation.

Catholic Mission has been supporting the priests brothers and sisters in the missions since 1879, and are an integral part of the mission work of the church.

**Rosters for October 16 & 17, 2021 - 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	<b>Sat 5:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 9:00am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b>	A Taylor	T Denny	J Panozzo-Tile	E Joseph
<b>Commentator</b>	D Smith	C McCabe	M Tainsh	S Luscombe
<b>Usher</b> (Covid Marshall)	C Payne	A / S Reid	M / B Kennedy	J / M McLaughlin
<b>Musicians</b>	Alison & Amanda	Charismatic Choir	Diamente Family	Jane & Simon
<b>Altar Servers</b>	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised

*Mick's Kitchen*

Oct 28 Van Berkel Team

Nov 04 Scholtes Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Ps 129:3-4

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord,  
who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.*

**First Reading** Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

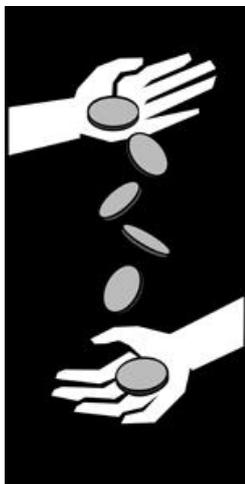
*In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.*

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for  
compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and  
beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her  
to the light, since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me, at her  
hands riches not to be numbered.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

**(R.)** *Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!*

1. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?  
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R.)**
3. Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**



Next week's Readings ~ October 17 2021  
29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11  
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16  
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

**Second Reading**

Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 5:3

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Mk 10: 17-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. . 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'