



# 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

### Come, let's walk together...

My laptop is right before me, and I seem to not know what to type. I want to pass this message across in a simple and inviting way, but I lack the right expressions, I guess. Yet I want to communicate something to you. Will you help me? It is all about my dream of Bible study sessions. I am still not making sense, I suppose, but I will try to write something anyway. Here we go...

I have this beautiful dream of every one of us coming together to study the word of God in a relaxed, exciting, inviting and reverential atmosphere—where everyone is able and happy to speak, ask questions, laugh, sing, share, pray, and listen to our loving God. Understanding Scripture, which Pope Francis calls a **love letter from God**, is very important for understanding, nurturing and sustaining our faith. One of the final acts of the risen Jesus before his ascension was to open the minds and hearts of the disciples to understand the Scriptures (Luke 24:45). This understanding, cum the recognition of the risen Jesus at the breaking of bread, transformed the once fearful and hopeless disciples into becoming instant fearless and joy-filled missionaries charging back to Jerusalem to relay their joyful hope. This is our call too. Understanding Scripture gives meaning to our belief, strengthens faith, amplifies hope, and revitalises enthusiasm for mission and discipleship, and above all, restores the joy of believing.

St Jerome is widely quoted as saying: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Pope Francis admonishes us saying: "Without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his church in this world would remain incomprehensible." Very true, isn't it? For this reason, Francis proposes setting aside "a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people."

The good news is that we already have a good background to Scriptures. We hear it proclaimed every day, and every Sunday. Some have other occasions (both privately and in groups) of studying the word. But the truth is, there is much more to what is proclaimed than is explained.

This is why I am inviting you to please come let's journey and learn together. It is going to be an interesting and joyful journey for us. The train is about to take off. **It is open to all.** Please come on board. Pope Francis "urges all of us to walk together, to journey with each other to create a more 'synodal' People of God that listen and accompany each other in faith and life."

Thanks to those who have already indicated interest. We will make a start (hopefully) on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.00pm in the church.** As we walk on, we share insight and inspiration with one another, and learn together. Therein lies the joy of being family. Isn't it?

*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 Tony King, Edward Johnston, Anna Osunbor, Sr Margaret Daly RSJ and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including John Ehigie, Lyn King, Angela & Salvatore Teuma, Bridget Deane and Richard Vinecombe.

*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, 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.



**MASS OFFERINGS:** Masses have been offered for Tony King, recently deceased, during this week.

**SATURDAY EVENING, AN EXTRA MASS:** Whilst our numbers at Mass are limited to 20 people, a further Mass will be offered on Saturday evenings at 6:15pm. Our first 6:15pm Mass on a Saturday evening will be on Saturday October 23, 2021.

Bookings for this Mass must be made through the Parish Office on 5174 2060.

Once the limit allowed at Mass is lifted, then this particular Mass will cease.



**BAPTISMS:** This weekend, we welcome for Baptism, Brooklyn Matthew Whitehead and Ava Maree Whitehead children of Shannon and Sarah. 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.



**FIRST COMMUNION 2021:** It's exciting, it's time for us to be preparing once again for a number of our youngsters to take another important step in their sacramental journeys and celebrate their First Holy Communion.

At this point in time, we are hoping to hold the First Communion Celebrations on Thursday November 18, and Friday November 19; we truly hope that covid restrictions don't force us to alter our plans.

If you know of anyone whose child is in this age bracket, could you please remind them that enrolments need to be handed to the Parish Office no later than **4:00pm on Tuesday October 19.**

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS	
<b>Tuesday October 19, 2021</b>	
9:30am	CPG Core Group, Church
<b>Thursday October 20, 2021</b>	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Church
7:00pm	R C I A, Parish Centre

**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.



**C W L WALKING GROUP:** The CWL Walking Group is planning to get together to enjoy their morning walk this coming Wednesday, October 20, at 10:00am (restrictions and weather permitting).

All parishioners are warmly invited to join in this healthy activity. The group meets at the statue of Our Lady of the Way outside the Parish Centre.

**MASS, SUNDAY OCTOBER 24, 2021 5:00PM** Mass will be offered for all our VCE students who are entering the Exam phase of their studies. May they all be blessed with clear minds, focused thinking and peaceful hearts.

**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**

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

*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)*

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

**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 as a member 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.

**FINANCE MATTERS: September 2021**

Planned Giving	(Church Account)	
Envelopes 05/09	\$ 0.00	(Lockdown)
Envelopes 12/09	\$ 1,735.00	
Envelopes 19/09	\$ 1,897.00	
Envelopes 26/09	\$ 558.00	
	\$ 4,190.00	
Credit Card	\$ 2,290.00	
Direct Debit	\$ 6,780.00	
<u>September Total Received</u>	<u>\$13,260.50</u>	

Loose Collections	(Presbytery Account)	
05/09	\$ 0.00	(Lockdown)
12/09	\$ 689.90	
19/09	\$ 945.50	
26/09	\$ 756.90	
	\$ 2,384.30	
<u>Electronic giving</u>	<u>\$ 740.00</u>	
<u>Sept Loose Collections</u>	<u>\$ 3,124.30</u>	

**Rosters for October 23 & 24, 2021 - 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Sat 5:00pm	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
<b>Lector</b>	R Foote T Larkin	S Reid S Reid	W Gomez	C Hill S Hill
<b>Commentator</b>	D Smith	C McCabe	L Van der Velden	E Hill
<b>Usher</b> (Covid Marshall)	A Henry	C McLure	B McNulty	B O'Brien
<b>Musicians</b>	Jane & Simon	Jane & Simon	Jane & Simon	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** Cf. Ps 16:6,8

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O  
God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

**First Reading** Is 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and  
have long life.*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with  
suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,  
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life  
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over  
he shall see the light and be content.

By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,  
taking their faults on himself.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

**(R.)** *Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love.  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Heb 4: 14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.*

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme  
high priest who has gone through to the highest  
heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have  
professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who  
was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but  
we have one who has been tempted in every way that  
we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident,  
then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall  
have mercy from him and find grace when we are in  
need of help.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mk 10:45

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Mk 10: 35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached  
Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do  
us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me  
to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one  
at your right hand and the other at your left in your  
glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus  
said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink,  
or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be  
baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them,  
'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with  
the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall  
be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my  
left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those  
to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel  
indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them  
to him and said to them: 'You know that among the  
pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and  
their great men make their authority felt. This is not  
to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to  
become great among you must be your servant, and  
anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave  
to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be  
served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom  
for many.'

Next week's Readings ~ October 24 2021  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6  
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52