



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

CELEBRATING MASS AMIDST CHANGING COVID RESTRICTIONS:

It is with great joy we note easing of some of the Covid restrictions which are, for now, a part of our lives is coming about.

In order to best support all members of our Parish, our Mass celebrations will again change.

Should the RoadMap out of Lockdown proceed as expected, then the altered restrictions will allow Mass celebrations for 80 people who are fully vaccinated; Mass celebrations for those who are of unknown vaccination can be held for 20 people.

For the Parish to be able to celebrate Mass, we will need to have Covid Marshalls at each Mass celebration, and 'normal' covid hygiene practices still apply.

This means that we are in need of two Ushers (or Covid Marshalls) at each Mass to enable our Parish to remain open.

After meeting with the Parish Team we decided that:-

Beginning on the weekend of Saturday November 06 and Sunday November 07, we are aiming to hold Masses as follows:-

Saturday 5:00pm Mass for 80 people – vaccination check-in required
 Saturday 6:15pm Mass for 20 people - no vaccination check-in required
 Sunday 9:00am Mass for 80 people – vaccination check-in required
 Sunday 10:30am Mass for 20 people - no vaccination check-in required
 Sunday 5:00pm Mass for 80 people – vaccination check-in required status.
 These Mass times will be reviewed and communicated to you.

Parishioners are asked to ensure that they have their vaccination status with them when attending a Mass where vaccination check-in is required. For those who not have a mobile phone, please sign in providing your name, contact detail and sign to verify your vaccination status.

Those who carry out ministries in our Parish are greatly appreciated. Our current situation means that those who volunteer at the Masses for 80 will also need to be double vaccinated. Volunteers who are un-vaccinated (or whose vaccination status is unknown) may be rostered on for their ministry at the Masses for 20.

Bookings will be essential for the 6:15pm Mass on Saturdays and also the 10:30am Mass on Sundays.

Let us continue to treat each other, and especially those who are generously acting as Ushers / Covid Marshalls, undertaking other ministries and our staff with great respect and gentle care.

May we all be richly blessed with wisdom, understanding and steadfast faith as we journey together.

Fr Francis

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm, 6:15pm
Sunday	9:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
Please arrive 15 minutes early to all Masses to enable your attendance to be properly recorded. Booking to attend Weekend Masses is essential	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tues Oct 26	9:30am Mass
Weds Oct 27	11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass
Thurs Oct 28	9:30am Mass
Fri Oct 29	9:30am Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Antoinette Gordyn, Antony, Tony King, Edward Johnston and Anna Osunbor, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Juan Goicoa, Erminia Gned, Kelvin Said, John Ehigie, Lyn King, and Angela & Salvatore Teuma.

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.



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.

USHERS: As we restructure the number of Masses being held each weekend, we are now in need of another ten or twelve parishioners who are happy to act as Ushers / Welcomers (Covid Marshalls). This Ministry is absolutely necessary for us to continue to remain open.

We will hold a meeting of all who are on the Ushers Rosters and all who could join this ministry on **Wednesday November 03 at 7:30pm in the Church.**

RISK MANAGEMENT TEAM: Our Risk Management Team will gather to meet on **Thursday October 28 at 7:30pm** in the Parish Centre.

BAPTISMS: This weekend, we welcome for Baptism, Miles Erminio D'Alessandro, son of Simone and Nicholas. 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: Please keep the children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Communion in November, their families and the Sacramental Team Members firmly in your prayers over the coming weeks. Hopefully the planned celebrations of First Communion will go ahead on November 18 and November 19.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS	
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Tuesday October 26, 2021	
9:30am	C P G Core Group Mary MacKillop Room
7:00pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting, Church
Thursday October 28, 201	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Church
7:00pm	R C I A, Parish Centre
7:30pm	Risk Management Team

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.



SYNOD OF BISHOPS: Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme – 'For A Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission'. The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>.



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.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONVERSATION:

Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland and **Bishop Greg Bennet**, our Bishop invite clergy and lay people from both Dioceses to join them for an Advent Conversation – a seasonal study of Luke, titled "Prepare the way of the Lord: Ecumenical Reflections on the Advent Readings in Year C".

The Conversation will be led by two Biblical Scholars

- from the University of Divinity, Melbourne The Rev'd Dr Robert Derrenbacher, Frank Woods Associate Professor in New Testament, Trinity College Theological School, and
- The Rev'd Francis Otobo, Lecturer in Biblical Studies, Yarra Theological Union and our Parish Priest.

There will be time for those present to participate.

The Conversation will take place at The Abbey, Raymond Island RSV November 19 2021. Booking essential for catering purposes. 5156 6580, or info@theabbey.org.au

WALTER SILVESTER MEMORIAL LECTURE:

Tuesday October 26, 2021 5:30 – 7:00pm

Many parishioners would be familiar with the name Fr. Walter Silvester sac, who ministered from Pallotti College Retreat Centre, Millgrove. Fr. Wally died 16 years ago, and every year since there has been a 1 ½ hour free Public Lecture at the Australian Catholic University in his honour.

On Tuesday, 26th October 2021 at 5:30 – 7pm (AEDT), you are cordially invited to the 'on-line' Public Lecture being presented by Jason Kelly, a Mutthi Mutthi/Wamba Wamba man, and Fr. Frank Brennan, SJ AO. The Topic is: 'Truth, Treaty and Transformation'. It promises to be a very informative evening!!

No Registration required. Click on the Link: <https://acu.zoom.us/j/84877950748>

CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH: October is Catholic Mission Month in our Church.

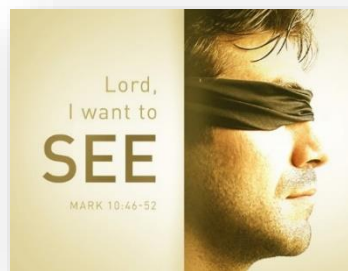
This year Catholic Mission is honouring its commitments to Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar, and Ghana. Covid restrictions have impacted severely on these communities, and the ability to extend practical help.

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 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 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.



STEWARDSHIP MATTERS
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (Mark 10:52)
 Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

Rosters for October 30 & 31, 2021 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time				
	Sat 5:00pm	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
Lector	C DiCorleto	M Hansen AM Thomas	J Dal Pra N Gils	E Babu
Commentator	S Grout	M Wilkinson		J Fleming
Usher (Covid Marshall)	A Ryan	A Sykes	V Vaz	J / M Hanratty
Musicians	Jane & Simon	Jane & Simon	Jane & Simon	Jane & Simon
Altar Servers	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
<i>Mick's Kitchen</i>	Oct 28 Van Berkel Team		Nov 04 Scholtes Team	

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 104:3-4

*Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.*

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of
them: the blind and the lame, women with child,
women in labour: a great company returning here.

They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead
them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by
a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-
born son.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125 R v3

(R.) *The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and
is appointed to act for men in their relations with God,
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can
sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain
because he too lives in the limitations of weakness.
That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself
as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on
himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was.
Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high
priest, but he had it from the one who said to him:
You are my son, today I have become your father, and
in another text: You are a priest of the order of
Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away
with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 10: 46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large
crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a
blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When
he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to
shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on
me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to
keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of
David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call
him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,'
they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off
his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus
spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?'
'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me
see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved
you.' And immediately his sight returned and he
followed him along the road.

Next week's Readings ~ October 31 2021
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

