



## 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

**Fr Francis Otobo** Parish Priest

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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



### CONGRATULATIONS FR FRANCIS!!

Our Parish is so deeply grateful that twenty years ago on October 27, 2001, our own Fr Francis was ordained a priest in the Cathedral of St Francis in Nigeria.

In his wildest imaginings I'm sure he never thought he'd end up in place called Traralgon in rural Australia.

Fr Francis, we are all so deeply grateful that God called you, not only to become a priest, but to come and minister to the faithful in Australia.

Though you've not really achieved a liking for vegemite yet; you might perhaps, in time.

Our heartfelt thanks go to your family and friends in Nigeria who have supported you in your priesthood. Deo Gratias!



### ATTENDING MASSES WITH OUR NEW COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Beginning on the weekend of November 06 & 07, our Mass times will be as follows –

Sat 5:00pm Mass for 80 people – vaccination check-in required

Sat 6:15pm Mass for 30 people – no vaccination check-in required

Sun 9:00am Mass for 80 people – vaccination check-in required

Sun 10:30am Mass for 30 people – no vaccination check-in required

Sun 5:00pm Mass for 80 people – vaccination check-in required

These Masses can only go ahead provided we have a Covid Marshall (Usher) present at each Mass. Booking will not be required to attend Mass, as soon as our covid numbers have been reached, the door to the Church will be closed. *If you arrive and the brass door is closed, then know that we have reached the maximum allowed to attend. You may attend Mass at another time, please.*

If you are unable to upload your vaccination certificate to your mobile phone, then please ensure you carry a copy of your vaccination certificate with you to each Mass; you will have to sign in, providing your name, contact detail and sign to verify your vaccination status.

Ushers will need to sight every attendee's vaccination certificate at those Masses where a vaccination check-in is required, so please arrive EARLY!!!

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm, 6:15pm
Sunday	9:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
<b>Please arrive 15 minutes early to all Masses to enable your attendance to be properly recorded.</b>	
<b>The doors to the church will be closed when our covid attendance number has been reached.</b>	
<b>To obtain a seat at Mass you must arrive early.</b>	
Weekday Mass Times	
All Saints Day	
Mon Nov 01	9:30am Mass 30 people 5:00pm Mass 30 people
All Souls Day	
Tues Nov 02	9:30am Mass 30 people 12:00pm Mass 30 people 5:00pm Mass 30 people
Weds Oct 27	11:00am Adoration 30 people 12:00pm Mass 30 people
Thurs Oct 28	9:30am Mass 30 people
Fri Oct 29	9:30am Mass 30 people

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently including Antoinette Gordyn and Antony and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Michael Flynn, Grace and Joseph Said, Archbishop Patrick O'Donnell, Juan Goicoa, Erminia Gned and Kelvin Said.

**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.



**MONS ALLMAN:** Please keep Monsignor Allman in your prayers, he is currently in Latrobe Regional Hospital.

**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 are still in need of 8 more people.

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.**

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend, we welcome for Baptism, Evelyn Grace Conway, daughter of Luke and Katie.

Welcome to the Parish, from us all.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Wednesday November 30, 2021**

at **7:00pm** in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested to attend.



**ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY MASSES:** Mass will be celebrated on **All Saints Day, Monday November 01 at 9:30am and 5:00pm**, and on **All Souls Day Tuesday November 02 at 9:30am 12:00pm and 5:30pm**. Thirty people are allowed to attend at each Mass. Please arrive early.

**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.

**Catechist classes** for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion students who do not attend St Gabriel's or St Michael's Primary Schools will be held on **Thursday November 04 and Thursday November 11 at 4:30pm.**

Hopefully the planned celebrations of First Communion will go ahead on November 18 and November 19.

<b>THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS</b> (in accordance with covid restrictions)	
<b>Tuesday November 02, 2021</b>	
9:30am	C P G Core Group Mary MacKillop Room
<b>Wednesday November 03, 2021</b>	
7:30pm	Volunteer Ushers Information evening, Church
<b>Thursday November 04, 2021</b>	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Church
4:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Catechist Class #1
7:00pm	Bible Study, Church
7:30pm	R C I A, Parish Centre

**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 Otopo, 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

**INVITATION TO CATECHIST RETREAT DAY:**

For all in the Diocese who are catechists, or involved in Children's Liturgy –

Saturday November 6, 2021 (time to be confirmed)

Synan Room, Sion House, Witton Street, Warragul

The presenter is Sr Mary Raeburn (Sister of Our Lady of Sion), who will speak on the theme "Life has times of orientation, disorientation and reorientation; The Psalms and My Life".

Please contact Barbara Durance by November 02 if you wish to attend – BarbaraD@sale.catholic.org.au, mobile 0414 965 079.

Lunch will be catered for, but something for morning tea will be appreciated.

NB – To attend you need to be double vaccinated.

**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.

**COVID SAFETY REMINDERS:**

- If you are feeling unwell, please do not come to Mass or to the Parish Office.
- It is necessary to wear a mask at all times at Mass.
- Remember social distancing when you are seating yourself, for your safety and the safety of others.

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS**

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

*"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices."* (Mark 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

<b>Rosters for November 06 &amp; 07, 2021 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>					
	<b>Sat 5:00pm</b>	<b>Sat 6:15pm</b>	<b>Sun 9:00am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b>	R Webber	Volunteers please	C McLure R Diaz	U Imhagwe E Imhagwe	M Hanratty Z Hanratty
<b>Commentator</b>	D Smith		C McCabe	L Van der Velden	S Darby
<b>Usher</b> (Covid Marshall)	C Payne		R Williams-Rankin	A Costa	C Hill
<b>Musicians</b>	Diamente Family		Jane & Simon	Filipino Choir	Jane & Simon
<b>Altar Servers</b>	To be advised		To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
<i>Mick's Kitchen</i>	Nov 04 Scholtes Team		Nov 11 McLaughlin/Hill Team		



**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 37:22-23

*Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!*

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

**(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be to the God that saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown love for his anointed. **(R)**

**Second Reading** Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation** John 14:23

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them,  
and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Mk 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

Next week's Readings ~ November 07  
32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16  
Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28  
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44