



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 vulnerable adults 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

Congratulations

Congratulations to our First Communion candidates Michael Alex, Alexander Alway-Peters, Estelle Archibald, Sienna Athanasiadis, Nickolas Hollingsworth, Luka Beange, Georgia Blythman, Tayler Bonnici, Javier Borg, Indi Bowen, Brodie Burnett, Noah Carney, Ceili Coulthard, Sian Coulthard, Ruby Darby, Quinlen Davidson, Samuel Dodman, Rowan Dunne, Mia Francolino, William Frankland, Harry Giblett, Nicolas Gilham, Jared Green, Hamish Harle, Audrey Heenan, Isla Hollands, Juliana Holmes, Darcy Hourigan, James Hunt, Ekhai Imhagwe, Jayden Joseph, Aaliyah Judilla, Angelica Jurial, Kumen Konyi, Harry Kurrle, Isabel Lavery, Taj Lawn, Dante Lourensz, Hannah Mack, Jesse Mainella, Lewis Manzo, Jack Marino, Miles Mathew, Oliver Mendez, Ella Monument, Rocco Moretti, Harry O'Neill, Levi Palmer, Ashton Pavich, Xavier Pettie, James Poursanidis, Benjamin Purcell, LilyRose Quinlan, Ariana Riseley, Anika Roscoe, Mikealy Ross, Lexi Shroeter, Peyton Shroeter, Grace Seeber, Hudson Smith, Christopher Soesanto, Autumn Switzer, Chloe Szarek, Lyla Tripodi, Jye Van Iwaarden, Alahni Watson, Mila Williamson, Oliver Wilson, Max Wilson, Devana Winnell, Dustin Wood, Harper Wurlod and Layla Young, who celebrated their First Holy Communion this week. Thank you to our Sacraments Team, Parish schools and families, as well as Father Francis, Father Ajin and Deacon Tony for their support and guidance for our First Communicants during this special time.

World Youth Day

This year, World Youth Day falls on the 21st of November. Pope Francis calls on young Christians to courageously bear witness to Jesus Christ, in the footsteps of St Paul. In his message to our young people, he pointed to the important role they play in the world, "...when a young person rises, it is as if the whole world rises as well." Pope Francis has urged young Christians to arise and help the world start afresh with their passion and enthusiasm. The celebration of World Youth Day reminds us that all young persons have their own distinctive gifts. It also invites us to reflect on what those gifts are and how they might share them in their church and world.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm (vaccination check required) 6:15pm (50, no vaccination check required)
Sunday	9:00am (vaccination check required) 10:30am (50, no vaccination check required) 5:00pm (vaccination check required)
Please arrive 15 minutes early to all Masses to enable your vaccination status to be sighted. Booking to attend Masses is no longer required. The door to the Church will be closed when we have reached our covid limited numbers.	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Nov 23	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Nov 24	11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Nov 25	9:30am Mass
Friday Nov 26	9:30am Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Kevin Jones, John Black, Sue Stewart (Dixon), Coleen Bergman, Eva Tanke and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Bruce Hunter, Giovanni Di Sisto, Monsignor Bill Caffrey, Francesco Albanese, Francesco Dompietro, Joan Turner, Bishop Jeremiah Coffey,
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 Mc Kerchar, 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.



FUNERAL MASS:
Requiem Mass will be held for Kevin Jones at 10:45am on Thursday November 25 at St Michael's Church Traralgon.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The CWL are holding their AGM next Wednesday the 24th of November at Dal Mondo's. Meet for a coffee or a cup of tea at 10am, followed by the AGM at 10:30 am, all are welcome.

PIETY STALL NEWS:
2022 Columban Calendars are now available from the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each.

MAINTENANCE TEAM MEETING: The next meeting of the Maintenance Team will be held next Wednesday the 24th of November in the Parish Centre at 730pm. New members are warmly invited, please advise the Parish Office of your attendance.

BAPTISMS:

This weekend we welcome for Baptism, Josephine May Micallef daughter of Mark and Jennifer. Congratulations from us all. The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Tuesday November 30 at 7:00pm in the Church.



Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested in attending.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS	
Tuesday November 23, 2021	
10:30am	CWL AGM, Dal Mondo's
7:00pm	Finance Team, Parish Centre
Wednesday November 24, 2021	
9:00am	Wednesday morning Prayer Group MMR
1:00pm	Wednesday afternoon Prayer Group, MMR
7:30pm	Maintenance Team, Parish Centre
Thursday November 25, 2021	
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. Please contact Susan Grout on 0412 671 308 or the Parish Office on 5174 2060, if you, or someone you know are interested.



PARISH VOLUNTEERS:

In these times of COVID restrictions and doing the best we can to keep all members of our community safe, we have been advised by the Diocese of Sale that all who volunteer in the Parish must be double vaccinated against COVID-19. Please collect and complete a form from the church entry verifying your COVID vaccination status. We have also placed copies of our most recent code of conduct for all volunteers to read and complete. Once completed, please return both forms to the parish office.

ATTENDING MASSES WITH OUR LATEST COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Our church is now open without restrictions or capacity limits for fully vaccinated attendees. This will apply to all our masses apart from the Sunday 10:30am mass where vaccination check in is not required, but numbers are limited to 50 people. As restrictions are easing and numbers are increasing, we will no longer be holding a mass at 6:15pm Saturday night.

From next week, our Masses will be held as follows:
 Sat 5:00pm No limits, vaccination check-in required
 Sun 9:00am No limits, vaccination check-in required
 Sun 10:30am 50 people, no vaccination check-in required
 Sun 5:00pm No limits, vaccination check-in required

Face masks are no longer required, however are highly recommended if you are unable to physically distance or are with people who are vulnerable to COVID-19.

MASS OFFERINGS:

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, this Friday, November 19 2021. Bookings are essential for catering purposes. 5156 6580, or info@theabbey.org.au

SAVE THE DATE:

As the Advent season approaches and our Parish begins to open up again, we would like you to join us for the following celebrations:

- **Monday 6th December 2021**
Prayers at the Crib @ 7:30pm
- **Friday 17th December 2021**
Parish Dinner

Please put these dates in your calendar, further information will be announced in the coming weeks.

SYNOD 2021-2023 LET'S WALK TOGETHER:



Pope Francis invites the entire church on the way of synodality, in walking together as a pilgrim people. In our Diocese of Sale, we have experienced acting this synodal journey of walking with each other when we joined the conversations for the

Plenary and the 2019 Diocesan Assembly. We have seen how we can be united in working together to build up our community and we have witnessed ideas emerging from conversations that are grounded in prayer. Despite the lockdowns and the great difficulties brought upon us by COVID, fruits have already emerged from our efforts and will continue to do so in the future.

Find out more <https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of-bishops>

WALKING TOGETHER DIOCESAN WORKSHOP:

Walk together as a Church with the Holy Spirit. The purpose of the Synod is 'to plant dreams', to 'journey together' following the course of the Church in the third millennium with a truly synodal mentality.

Join the Diocesan *Gaudium et Spes* Plenary Team as we show you the resources for the Diocesan Consultation phase of the Synod journey. Choose a workshop to attend:
Wednesday November 24 7:30pm – 9:00pm
Or Thursday November 25 11:00am – 12:30pm
Bookings essential <https://www.trybooking.com/BVOYB>
A zoom link will be emailed to you upon booking

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

Feast of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B
"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" JOHN 18:36

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

	Sat 5:00pm	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
Lector	R Foote T Larkin	S Reid S Reid	W Gomez	E Joseph
Commentator	S Luscombe	C McCabe	Volunteer	C Hill
Usher (Covid Marshall)	C Payne Volunteer	A & S Reid	2 x Volunteers	B O'Brien
Musicians		Jane & Simon	Jane & Simon	Jane & Simon
Altar Servers	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised

Mick's Kitchen

Nov 25 Hemming Team

Dec 02 Burns Team

Entrance Antiphon Jer 29:11, 12, 14

*How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

First Reading Daniel 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man. He came to the one of great
age and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became
his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall
never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 92:1-2 5 R v1.

(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. (R)
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R)
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. (R)



Second Reading Rv 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of
kings, priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from
the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves
us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and
made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and
Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and
ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds;
everyone will see him, even those who pierced him,
and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This
is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega'
says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to
come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:36

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of
David our Father;
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.
Alleluia!*

Gospel John 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus
replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have
others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am
I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests
who have handed you over to me: what have you
done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this
world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men
would have fought to prevent my being surrendered
to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So
you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it'
answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this,
I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the
truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my
voice.'

Next week's Readings ~ November 28

First Sunday of Advent Year C

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

*The start of a new liturgical year, beginning with the first Sunday of
Advent, also marks the transition from one lectionary cycle (A, B or C)
to the next. These cycles are a result of the Second Vatican Council,
which ordered a change in the Sunday readings at Mass so that
Catholics would become more familiar with the text of the Bible. As
a result, we now have a three-year cycle of readings built around
readings from the three synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke.
Year C uses the Gospel according to Luke.*

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