

## 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 0499 162 313 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 Aju, Lia Di Corleto, Watson Gomez, Jenifer Hanratty, Steve Kimani, Judi McLaughlin, Thomas Mathew, Amanda Reid, Jodie Ware, Michelle Charlton, and Doug Doherty.

### Our Schools:

**St Gabriel's School** 5174 5515

Principal: Mrs Michelle Charlton

**St Michael's School** 5174 3295

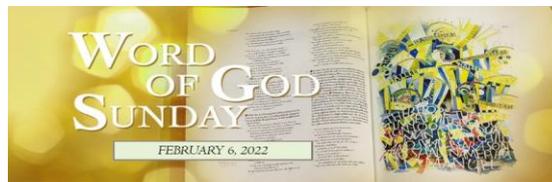
Principal: Mrs Jodie Ware

**Lavalla Catholic College** 5174 5272

Acting Principal: Mr Doug Doherty

Kildare Campus 5174 8111

St Paul's Campus 5174 7355



### SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

The reading from Isaiah is an autobiographical report of a visionary experience he had during a liturgical celebration held in the temple. The God of Israel is depicted as supreme among all other gods, since only the mightiest would be sitting on the throne of heaven. This is a bold idea for a nation in the throes of political unrest. Seraphim, supernatural beings similar to the Sphinx, are stationed in homage. The acclamation 'Holy! Holy! Holy!' is a way of expressing superlative. There is no god as holy as the God of Israel. The contrast between the holiness of God and Isaiah's own uncleanness causes Isaiah to cry out in despair. His lips are cleansed, because he will proclaim the word of the Lord.

The responsorial psalm is a prayer of thanksgiving. The psalmist is grateful because of God's faithfulness to covenant commitment. The psalm uses technical covenant language, loving kindness and truth. The praise of God proclaimed by the psalmist is witnessed by the rulers of the nations. The devotion of the psalmist will turn these kings to the God of the psalmist, and they too will cry out in a profession of faith: 'Great is the glory of the Lord!' The psalmist concludes this prayer on a note of confidence that this commitment (v.8) will endure forever. God is not only faithful to past promises, but will be faithful into the endless future.

The reading from Corinthians contains one of the earliest creedal statements. The authoritative nature of the gospel that Paul preaches is seen in the technical language that he uses. He hands over (paradídemi) to them, what he has received (paralambáne) from others. The creedal statement itself is quite succinct: Christ died; he was buried; he was raised; and he appeared. The first two components are facts that can be historically verified; the second two, while they did occur in history, are still statements of faith. This is the heart of the gospel. Everything else is interpretation or flows from these facts. Paul's final statement is telling. It makes no difference who preaches the gospel, so long as others hear it and believe.

Simon recognises Jesus' divine power in the miraculous catch of fish. He prostrates himself before Jesus and addresses him as Lord (kýrios), a title that combines the elements of power and authority. Simon and the others are filled with astonishment or fear to which Jesus responds in characteristic manner: 'Do not be afraid!' Jesus does not provide these fishermen a remarkable catch merely in order to cancel the frustration they experienced in an unsuccessful night of fishing. The miracle became an acted-out prophecy revealing both his own mysterious authority and the ministry to which they are being called. Jesus declares that a turning point in their lives has been reached. The commission states: From now on!

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
<b>Please arrive 15 minutes early to all Masses to enable your check in, you no longer need to show your vaccine certificate.</b> <b>Booking to attend Masses is no longer required.</b>	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Feb 08	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Feb 09	11:00am Adoration 11:00am Reconciliation 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Feb 10	9:30am Mass
Friday Feb 11	9:30am Mass

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently including Michael McCabe, John Gough, Joan Lamont, Shirley Alford and Bronwyn Janssen, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Pat Harrup, Bill Weller, John Ehigie, Terry Dixon and Elizabeth Russell. *Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK** including Maria Alessandrini, 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, 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, Roy Ward, Kelly Maher and Victoria Rohli, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



**FEAST DAY OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA: Tuesday February 08**  
St Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people who volunteer and work to eradicate this crime. **For more information and resources contact:** ACRATH - Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans



**BAPTISMS:**

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 8 at 7:00pm in the Church.

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



**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. Any parishioners who would like to attend the RCIA sessions are most welcome also. Please contact Susan Grout on 0412 671 308 or the Parish Office on 5174 2060, if you, or someone you know are interested.



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
<b>Tuesday February 08, 2022</b>	
7:00pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting, St Michael's Church
<b>Wednesday February 09, 2022</b>	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
<b>Thursday February 10, 2022</b>	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Meeting, St Michael's Church
<b>Thursday February 10, 2022</b>	
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre

**MARY MACKILLOP ROOM:**

Our Mary MacKillop room is currently unavailable due to rain damage it has suffered in the recent storms. We are currently in the process of cleaning it up, however it will be unavailable for parish use for the next month or so at least. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we are still unable to use the St Michael's school hall or school grounds for parish events and car parking either. Meetings will need to be held in the Parish Centre, so please ring the office to book in a time and space, and to discuss the needs of your group/event.

The toilets near the school hall are also unavailable at this stage as they are on school grounds and subject to COVID restrictions. In order to protect staff and students, all Diocesan schools have been closed to parishioners and members of the community. This impacts all schools and parishes, not just ours and we thank Jodie and her team at St Michael's for their patience and support as we all try to navigate the rules and our new normal. During mass times, there is a toilet available for parishioners to use behind the Mary MacKillop Room, next to the chapel.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:**

St Michael's Charismatic Prayer Meetings will start up again for 2022, this Thursday at 10:30am in the church. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

For more information contact Cathy on 0432 588 195

**SYNOD 2021-2023 LET'S WALK TOGETHER:**



**Our Common Mission:** Walking together enables us all to accept our mission to share the Good News. Do we take this mission seriously? What stops us from being active in mission?

**Have your say by February 27, 2022!**



<https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay>

or use the QR code

Find out more

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

Written submissions can also be dropped into the Parish Office which can be included as part of the collective Parish response. Diocesan workshops are being held in the coming weeks to discuss the themes and questions posed by the Synod, please see information below for more details...

**Synod 2021-2023 Walking Together  
Diocesan Conversations**

**for Clergy, Parishioners, Plenary teams, School staff and Catholic agencies**

Join the Diocesan *Gaudium et Spes* Plenary Team as we have a conversation on some of the questions posed by the Synod. We want to hear from you – so take this opportunity to share your experiences and your thoughts on how we can be more like the Church that Jesus calls us to be.

- Download the Coffee Conversation guide from <https://tinyurl.com/Coffee-Conversation> and join our conversation

**Join one or more conversations**

**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 us!**



**Conversation on Communion**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 730pm

**Conversation on Participation**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 130pm

**Conversation on Mission**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 730pm

Please register at

<https://www.trybooking.com/BFXJB>

A Zoom meeting link will be emailed to you upon booking, or you can contact the parish office on 5174 2060 for the meeting link.



**Quote of the Day on Synodality:**

*"I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."*

(*Evangelii Gaudium*, 'The Joy of the Gospel' #49)

We are missionary disciples (*Evangelii Gaudium* 119-121; 48-49). To encounter Jesus is to be sent forth to proclaim him joyfully: "We have found the Messiah!" (Jn 1:41). This is evangelisation: sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in my life. Pope Francis makes the point that evangelisation is not to be left to the "professionals" while the rest of us are passive recipients. Through baptism every Christian is challenged to be actively engaged in evangelisation, and there is a certain urgency about this calling. (EG 120)

*Indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love.* (EG 120)

Think of St Paul. After his encounter with Jesus he

"immediately proclaimed Jesus" (Acts 9:20).

**"So, what are we waiting for?"** asks Pope Francis (EG 120).



The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:**

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)*

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

Rosters for February 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> 2022		Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Feb 12 5:00pm	B O'Brien	B Purcell	A Henry & C Payne	Jane & Simon
Sunday Feb 12 9:30am	M Hansen & K Roy	M Wilkinson	D Bau & W Banks-Smith	
Sunday Feb 13 5:00pm	E & M Joseph	J Fleming	M Noone & B McNulty	
<i>Mick's Kitchen:</i>	17 <sup>th</sup> February- Moretti Team		24 <sup>th</sup> February- Hemming Team	

**Entrance Antiphon** Ps 94:6-7

*O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.*

**First Reading** Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Here am I! Send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 137:1-5 7-8 Rv1

**(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I

preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

**Gospel Acclamation** Luke 1:38

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Come follow me, says the Lord,*

*and I will make you fishers of my people.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Next weeks Readings:

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C*

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:12, 16:20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26