

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: Lia Di Corleto, Chairperson, Fr Aju, Steve Kimani, Greg Imhagwe, Watson Gomez, Jenifer Hanratty, 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



INVITATION TO MARK'S ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE:

Everyone is invited to join Mark Hughes as he is officially ordained as a deacon of our Diocese. Mark was an integral and much loved member of our parish community during his time in the Seminary. Most parishioners will remember him as a passionate and enthusiastic supporter of our youth ministry and charismatic group and it would be wonderful if we could support him on this next step in his journey. Mass will be held at St Agatha's Cranbourne at 11am on Saturday 12th of March, followed by morning tea. If enough parishioners are interested, we will organize a bus so we can travel down together to support Mark. Please let the office know as soon as possible if you would like to attend, both for travel arrangements and catering purposes. All are welcome.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALE

*With praise and thanksgiving to God,
we cordially invite you to the*

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

of
MR MARK HUGHES

by the

MOST REV. GREGORY BENNET, DD

Bishop of Sale

SATURDAY, 12 MARCH 2022, 11AM

ST AGATHA'S CHURCH

129 Sladen St, Cranbourne 3977, VIC



PPC NEWS:

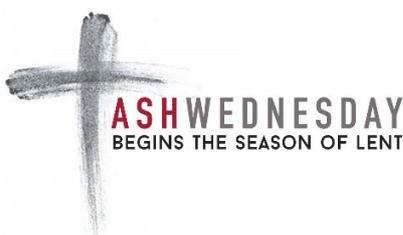
We are happy to announce the recent election of Lia Di Corleto as the new chairperson of our Parish Pastoral Council, along with Steve Kimani as our new deputy chairperson. Congratulations to you both and thank you for stepping up to take on these roles, and your continued support of our parish. A huge thank you goes out to our departing chair Greg Imhagwe and deputy chair Jen Hanratty whose ongoing leadership and pastoral care of our community has been greatly appreciated by us all.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Booking to attend Masses is no longer required.	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Mar 01	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Mar 02	11:00am Adoration 11:00am Reconciliation 12:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday Mar 03	9:30am Mass
Friday Mar 04	9:30am Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Antonio Panozzo-Tile, Joseph Lapuh, and Pietrangelo DiCiero.

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 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, Roy Ward, Kelly Maher, Victoria Rohli and Tony Tactor, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



Ash Wednesday Mass: Wednesday March 2nd 12pm & 6pm

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent @ 7pm in the Church

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Following on from the easing of restrictions last Friday, further restrictions have been eased from 11:59pm Friday February 25th. Face coverings are no longer mandatory within places of worship or workplaces, and you no longer need to check in using the QR code or the sign in sheet. This applies to both the church and the parish office. However it is still recommended that you wear one where social distancing is not possible or you are with vulnerable people. We ask you to continue using the hand sanitiser located at the entrances to both the church and parish office, and to maintain social distancing wherever possible. As always, if you are feeling unwell please keep our parish community safe and stay at home.

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for Baptism, Lenny Michael Cummins, son of Adam and Sonia, and Killian Brian Longin, son of Matthew and Bernadette. Congratulations from us all.



The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 8 at 7:00pm in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested in attending.

RECONCILIATION: Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Michael's Church on the 29th, 30th and 31st of March 2022, for Grade 3 students and above. An information session will be held on Wednesday March 9th for parents of children interested in taking part in the sacrament of first reconciliation in 2022. The meeting will be held in the Church at 7pm, all who are interested are encouraged to attend. Enrolment forms and further information can be collected from the parish office or by contacting Jen on 5174 2060 or via email at sacraments@smpt.org.au

R.C.I.A.:

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) The Parish is delighted to announce that Laura Andreou, Alyssa Bell and Kyle Alcock, are journeying towards reception in the Church this coming Easter. Next Sunday they will attend the Rite of Election in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale. Please keep them and their families in your prayers, as they make this wondrous journey of faith accompanied by our RCIA team.



BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN:

(RCIC- Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) A course of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children will be offered in the parish for children of school age who have not been baptised. An important preparation meeting will be held on Wednesday March 16th for parents and children, and the Baptism celebrated on Sunday March 20th. Please contact the parish office on 5174 2060 for further details and to enrol your child.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Wednesday March 02, Ash Wednesday	
9:00am	Wednesday am Prayer Group, Parish Centre
12:00pm	Ash Wednesday Mass, St Michael's Church
12:30pm	Wednesday pm Prayer Group, Parish Centre
6:00pm	Ash Wednesday Mass, St Michael's Church
Thursday March 03	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Meeting, St Michael's Church
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre
Friday March 04	
10:30am	World Day of Prayer, Lutheran Church, Kay St
7:00pm	Stations of the Cross, St Michael's Church

SYNOD 2021-2023 LET'S WALK TOGETHER:



The Big Questions: How do we journey together? How might we do it better?

Have your say by March 13, 2022!
<https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay>

Don't miss out on this opportunity to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? The deadline for online submissions in the local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality is Sunday, March 13. Find out more and share your contribution at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



PROJECT COMPASSION: Lent is once again the time where we ask all to support Project Compassion. In an effort to continue to support the very many worthy causes run by Project Compassion, it is suggested that the best way to do that this year is by going to their website and making your donation there. Project Compassion boxes are available, if you would like one, please come to the Parish Office and we can provide you with one. More news next week, watch this space.

ONLINE LENTEN SERIES- EMMAUS SPIRITUALITY MISSION

Restoring freshness in the time of Lent by Michael Elligate, presented by Emmaus Spirituality Ministry. This online program will be held on Thursdays during Lent (March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th 31st and April 7th) where you can choose between a morning or afternoon session, 10:30am or 7:30pm. Facilitated by Theresa Denny & Geraldine Naismith, email salespirituality1@gmail.com for bookings, or theresa.m.denny@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like a face-to-face group made available which Theresa would be happy to facilitate. Cost is \$25 per session, all are welcome so don't let cost prevent you from participating. You are also invited to pay for others to participate who may be in financial need. Emmaus is a joint ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Sale and Jesuits and Ignatian Spirituality Australia.

Quote of the Day on Synodality:

Jesus asks you to accept him in the daily reality that you live; in the Church of today, as it is; in those who are close to you every day; in the reality of those in need. in the problems of your family, in your parents, in your children, in grandparents, in welcoming God there. It takes humility to encounter God, to let ourselves be encountered by him.

Pope Francis: Angelus address 30th January
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2022/documents/20220130-angelus.html>

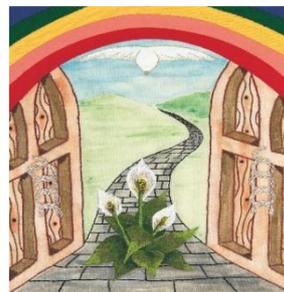
“Pope Francis encourages us to actually hear what one another is saying and then realize that we have to come to some kind of a consensus to move forward. To be a missionary church is not just to preach at people and proclaim the good news but also to encounter them and encounter Christ by doing so.

Pope Francis’ vision for the church is not that it’s a community of the perfect; it’s pilgrim people on the way. It’s very much the Second Vatican Council’s vision of the church.”

Bishop John Stowe in US Catholic
<https://uscatholic.org/articles/202201/catholics-must-take-discipleship-seriously-says-bishop-stowe/>

Can all parishioners who have blessed palms and olive branches from last year's Palm Sunday Mass please return them to the parish office in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 4th March



We will celebrate the World Day of Prayer 2022 on Friday March 04 with an ecumenical prayer service at the Lutheran Church, at 249 Kay Street at 10:30am. All are invited and welcome to attend. Please see Nanette Phelan if you have any questions or require any further information.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” (Luke 6:43)
 Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

Rosters for March 5 th & 6 th 2022		First Sunday of Lent, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Mar 05 5:00pm	A Taylor	M Noone	C Payne	Diamente Family
Sunday Mar 06 9:30am	J Dal Pra	S Grout	D Bau & C McLure	Filipino Choir
Sunday Mar 06 5:00pm	M & Z Hanratty	T Denny	J McLaughlin	
<i>Mick's Kitchen:</i>	3 rd March- Burns Team		10 th March- Van Berkel Team	

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 17:19-20

*The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.*

First Reading Sir 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 15:54-58

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

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Next weeks Readings:

First Sunday in Lent Year C

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13