

## 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



**PROJECT COMPASSION  
2022**



This weekend marks the fifth Sunday of Lent, and the fifth week of Caritas' annual fundraiser, Project Compassion. Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people living in some of the most vulnerable communities across the world. The theme for this year's Project Compassion is 'For all Future Generations', a reminder that the good that we do today extends far beyond the present, and impacts the lives of vulnerable communities for generations to come.



**Shaniella 23**, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities – and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food. With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from the Church foyer, or the Parish office.

**You can also donate by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413**

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
<b>Booking to attend Masses is no longer required.</b>	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday April 05	9:30am Mass
Wednesday April 06	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass
Thursday April 07	9:30am Mass
Friday April 08	9:30am Mass

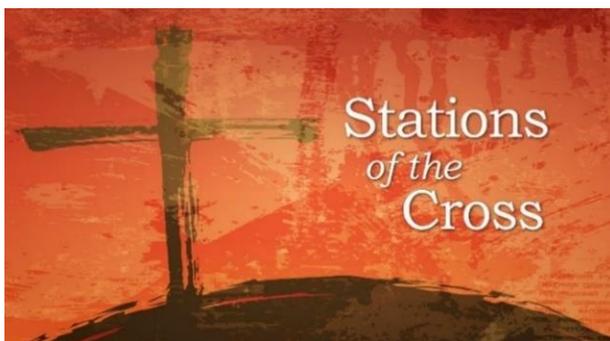
**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently including Cosimo Prestipino, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Bill McMahon, Jill O'Connor, Wendy Houlihan, Damian De Martin, Leonie Allman, Alan Douch, Patrick (John) Henderson, Arch Graham and Denis O'Brien. *Lord, let your 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, Kath Ryan, Jerry Templer, Damiano Tripodi, Julie Vaz, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, Sharon Veleff, George Walkan, Roy Ward, Kelly Maher, Victoria Rohli, Tony Tactor and Anne Turra, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



**THANK YOU:** Thank you to our wonderful parishioners who organized and supported the continuous Rosary and afternoon of prayer for Peace in the World. Thanks also to the multiple parishioners who offered up their spare beds for the presbytery, Father is very grateful and very happy with his new bed.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** The CWL walking group has moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month. Their next walk will be Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, meeting at 10am at our Lady of the Way Grotto, next to the church. People of all ages and fitness levels are warmly welcome.



**Fridays during Lent @ 7pm in the Church**

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
<b>Tuesday April 05</b>	
10:00am	CWL Walking Group, Meet at Our Lady of the Way Grotto
7:30pm	Tenebrae Service, St Michael's Church
<b>Wednesday April 06</b>	
7:00pm	Ecumenical Prayer in time of trouble St Mary's Newborough
<b>Thursday April 07</b>	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Meeting, St Michael's Church
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre
<b>Friday April 08</b>	
7:00pm	Stations of the Cross, St Michael's Church

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend, we welcome for Baptism :-

**Jensen Simon Fenech**, son of Jason and Casey, **Archie Tony Adams**, son of Cameron and Sophie and **Evelyn Angela Barbagallo**, daughter of Daniel and Emma.



Congratulations to the families, from us all!

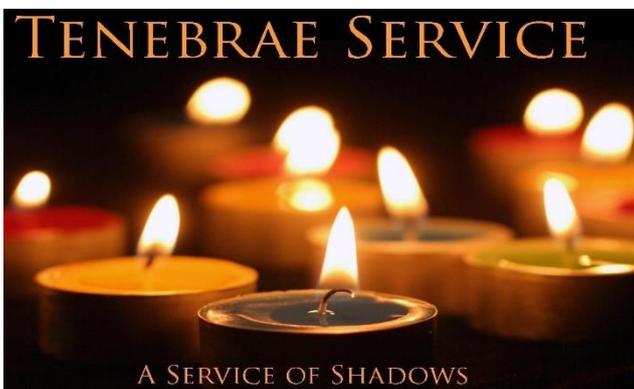
The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 19 at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested in attending.

**RECONCILIATION:** Congratulations to all the children who celebrated their first reconciliation this week, including Archie Aitken, Kaitlyn Boers, Niah Borg, Nicolette Chihota, Dermot Clarke, Archie Coulthard, Linesa Dehiwatte, Thomas Denyer, Emma Dodman, Oliver Frankland, Savannah Frendo, Arielle Greening, Lucas Groves, Hailey Lourensz, Emerson Hayes, Miley Jones, Matilda Kelly, Solomon Konyi, Marietta Kornet, Estelle Marino, Benjamin Marino, Rylee Martin, Christian Mavhunu, Zaine McDougall, Olivia McIntyre, Claire McQuillen, Henry Mendez, Christian Miller, Evelyn Miller, Dante Montano, Jaxon Nachorny, Ari O'Brien, Violet Quinlan, Hayden Rawson, Archer Riess, Bethany Ritchie, Sophia Robinson, Harper Rode, Angus Ross, Ella Rossiter, Erjon Jhudiel San Diego, Levi Stanistreet, Henry Stanistreet, Hallie Strickland, Isabella Suter, Xander Szkwarek, Ruby Veneman, Blake Warne, Blayke Weller, Addison Whelan, Sophie Williamson, Joel Wilson, Olivia Wisewould and Mia Young. Well done! Thanks to their families and our Sacrament Team for all their hard work and support.

**R.C.I.A.:** Please remember to keep Laura Andreou, Alyssa Bell and Kyle Alcock, their families and the RCIA team in your prayers as they continue their journeys to Easter.



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS REQUIRED:** Now that our Masses are back to pre-covid Mass times, Fr Aju has asked that we recommence our roster for Special Ministers of the Eucharist. If you would like to support our parish by participating in this very special ministry, please let the Parish Office know, along with your email address and mobile number. Volunteers are reminded that they must have a current Working With Children check, signed a current Parish Code of Conduct form, and be double vaccinated for COVID-19.



**Tenebrae - Ecumenical Service of Shadows:  
Tuesday April 05 at 7:30pm  
St Michael's Catholic Church, Traralgon  
All are invited and warmly welcome**



<b>Easter 2022: St Michael's Traralgon</b>	
Tuesday Apr 05	7:30pm Tenebrae Service
Friday Apr 08	7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Sunday April 10	9:30am Palm Sunday 5:00pm Palm Sunday
Tuesday April 12	6:00pm Reconciliation
Thursday April 14	7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday April 15	9:30am Stations of the Cross 3:00pm The Passion of the Lord
Saturday April 16	9:30am RCIA Ephphatha Rite 7:30pm Easter Vigil
Sunday April 17	9:30am Easter Sunday Mass

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:**

*"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (Philippians 3:8)*

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.



**"LET'S WALK TOGETHER" A Celebration of our Diocese!**

As the first phase of the Synodal Process, 'Listening and Discernment in the Local Churches', concludes, a Diocesan Pre-Synodal celebration has been called by

Bishop Greg Bennet, inviting people from parishes, schools and agencies throughout the Diocese to join him and the clergy for a Liturgy of the Word, followed by afternoon tea.

You are invited to join this celebration on the **1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 at 2.00pm at St Kieran's Church, Lloyd St, Moe**. Please contact the parish office by April 26 to register your interest in attending. Bookings are necessary for catering purposes. We look forward to seeing you there!

**CHRISM MASS:** Join Bishop Greg Bennet and the Clergy of our Diocese at St Mary's Cathedral Sale, on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00am** as they bless the three Holy oils and renew their commitment to their ministry for the church.

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER IN TIME OF TROUBLE:** The Diocese warmly invites all to attend an evening of prayer on **Wednesday April 06 at 7:00pm** in St Mary's Church, 50 Monash Road, Newborough. Please join in these prayers for Ukraine and the people of NSW and Qld devastated by flood. All Enquires to St Kieran's Parish Office, 5127 1057.

**LATROBE YOUTH SPACE INC:**

A local organization that aims to help entertain, educate and engage local youth so they can gain a sense of their own purpose and belonging. Programs include wellbeing, health, arts, music, culture, sports, job skills and environmental sustainability. They are currently looking for volunteers to assist with Arts & Crafts, Gardening Projects, Cooking Skills, Carpentry & Mechanical Skills, Driving and more.



If you enjoy working with young people and are passionate about connecting with others, please contact Gina Symonds on 0484 777 972 or email at [hello@latrobeyouthspace.org.au](mailto:hello@latrobeyouthspace.org.au). Spaces are also available for young people who would like to join in these activities, and transport can be arranged if required. Contact Gina if you are interested and check out their website [latrobeyouthspace.org.au](http://latrobeyouthspace.org.au) for information on current programs.

<b>Rosters for April 09 – April 15, 2022</b>		<b>Holy Week</b>		
	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Usher/Welcomer</b>	<b>Musicians</b>
<b>Saturday Apr 09 5:00pm</b>	B O'Brien	A Taylor	C Payne	Jane & Simon
<b>Sunday Apr 10 9:30am</b>	E Babu & A Thomas	M Wilkinson	J & P Dal Pra	Jane & Simon
<b>Sunday Apr 10 5:00pm</b>	E & M Joseph	J Fleming	M Noone	Jane & Simon
<b>Thursday Apr 14 7:30pm</b>	E & M Joseph	M Noone	A Sykes	Jane & Simon
<b>Friday Apr 15 3:00pm</b>	U & E Imhagwe	K Roy	B McNulty	Jane & Simon
<i>Mick's Kitchen:</i>		7 <sup>th</sup> April Hemming Team	14 <sup>th</sup> April Burns Team	

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is  
faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

**First Reading** Is 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea, a path in the great  
waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a  
powerful army, which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about  
what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to  
light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in  
the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals  
and ostriches, because I am putting water in the  
wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen  
people drink.

The people I have formed for myself will sing my  
praises.

**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**

Phil 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in  
order to gain him.*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the  
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.  
For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I  
look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can  
have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no  
longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the  
perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only  
the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and  
is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know  
Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share  
his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death.  
That is the way I can hope to take my place in the  
resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become  
perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running,  
trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus  
captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far  
from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is  
that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is  
still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize  
to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ  
Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation** Joel 2:12-13

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless  
glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless  
glory!*

**Gospel** John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he  
appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people  
came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along  
who had been caught committing adultery; and  
making her stand there in full view of everybody, they  
said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the  
very act of committing adultery, and Moses has  
ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to  
death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked  
him this as a test, looking for something to use  
against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing  
on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with  
their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one  
of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw  
a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the  
ground again. When they heard this they went away  
one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was  
left alone with the woman, who remained standing  
there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are  
they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she  
replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go  
away, and don't sin any more.'

**Next Weeks Readings:**

Palm Sunday	Sunday April 14
1st Reading:	Isaiah 50:4-7
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:	Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel:	Lk 22:14 - 23:56