

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.

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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:

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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

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PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION

Evil Doesn't Have the Last Word by David J Hore CSsR

Soon after a refugee family moved into their new home, they became victims of racial abuse. One morning, as Fariza left the house to walk her two young children to school, they were confronted by a rowdy mob waving placards, shouting obscenities, and smearing the house and front fence with hate-filled graffiti.

The encounter sent a wave of fear and panic through Fariza. Her frightened and confused children didn't understand what was happening. After all, this was supposed to be a new start for the family, free of the violence and mayhem from which they had fled.

As news of the despicable racial crime spread, the local community rallied in support of Fariza and her family. An elderly couple from the down the street arrived carrying paint, brushes and buckets and offered to remove the graffiti. Soapy water, sandpaper and paint soon obliterated the offensive words and images and a new friendship developed.

Throughout the day, a steady stream of concerned well-wishers and neighbours came by. One family brought food. A young couple gifted flowers and pot-plants. Teachers from the school arrived with toys for the children. Civic, police and faith leaders visited, offering support and assistance.

Fariza said, "The day ended so differently from the way it began." The community's bold and compassionate response, broke the power of hatred and evil. The locals took an ugly situation and made it beautiful. They transformed a situation of bigotry and exclusion into one of love and welcome.

The story of Jesus' Passion also ends very differently from the way it begins. As Jesus enters Jerusalem, there is praise and excitement as the people wave their branches and proclaim their blessings. But, it's not very long till praise turns to blood-thirsty shouts of "Crucify him!" Jesus is betrayed and deserted by many, even by some of his closest followers. He's treated like a common criminal; mocked, beaten and murdered on a cross.

Yet, #God takes an ugly, hopeless situation and transforms it. Jesus' Passion and death become the revelation of God's unconditional faithfulness, compassion and love. Jesus, the Suffering Servant, who is utterly faithful to God's purpose for him, resists and breaks through evil and reveals a God of intimacy and relationship, forever bonded to humanity by a new and everlasting covenant in Jesus.

Jesus' suffering and death for our sake changes and transforms. Our lives are not to be surrendered to the power and domination of 'today's rowdy mobs'. Rather, the 'good news' is that life is to be lived to the full, in communion with the Risen Christ, in the service of others, forever seeking to make a difference and transform society into a reflection of God's Kingdom.

#Passion/Palm Sunday spurs us to action, for we glimpse the victory of #love and life over hatred and death. Evil, injustice, violence and death don't have the last word. For the way things begin is not the way they will end.

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Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday	9:30am Easter Sunday Mass (No 5pm Mass this week)
Booking to attend Masses is no longer required.	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday April 12	9:30am Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday April 13	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass
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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Pierino Moretti and Anthony Derham and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Anna Sola, Joan Quigley, Mary Lang, Pier-Luigi (Lou) Biancon, Eileen Collis, Win Thompson, Bill McMahan, Jill O'Connor, Wendy Houlihan, Damian De Martin, Leonie Allman, Alan Douch, and Patrick (John) Henderson.

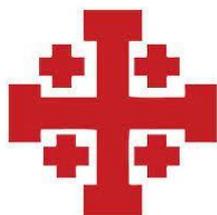
Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: including Maria Alessandrini, Conceicao Carvalho, Peter Dal Pra, Ann-Maree Daly, 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.



HOLY LAND COMMISARIAT:

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 15. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the ongoing global pandemic, it was again a difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. This year, the Holy Land will continue facing an income shortfall due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we again ask Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.



HOLY WEEK EVENTS:	
Tuesday April 12	
11:00am	Chrism Mass St Mary's Cathedral, Sale
6:00pm	Lenten Reconciliation St Michael's Church
Thursday April 14	
7:30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Michael's Church
Friday April 15	
9:30am	Stations of the Cross, St Michael's Church
3:00pm	Service of the Passion of the Lord, St Michael's Church
Saturday April 16	
7:30pm	Easter Vigil, St Michael's Church
9:15pm	Parish Supper, Mary MacKillop School Hall
Sunday April 17	
9:30am	Easter Sunday Mass, St Michael's Church

BAPTISMS:

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.



R.C.I.A.:

(Rite of Christian Initiation in Adults)

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. We will have supper in the Mary MacKillop school hall after next Saturday night's Easter Vigil to welcome them to the Parish. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a plate to share.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:

The Charismatic Prayer Group will not be meeting on Holy Thursday, but will resume their weekly gatherings on Thursday April 21 at 10:30am in the Church. All are warmly invited to attend.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL):

Will be holding a morning tea in the Mary MacKillop School Hall after Mass on Sunday May 15 to raise funds for Caritas Australia. It is a great chance to catch up with each other while supporting a worthy cause.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS REQUIRED:

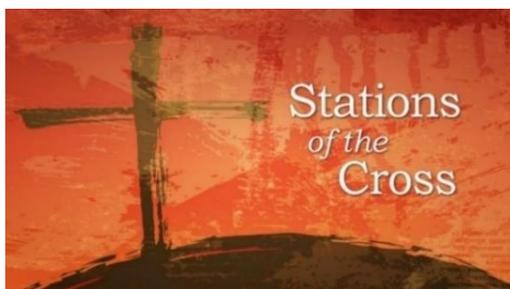
Now that our Masses are back to pre-covid Mass times, Fr Aju has asked that we recommence our roster for Special Ministers of the Eucharist. If you would like to support our parish by participating in this very special ministry, please let the Parish Office know. Volunteers are reminded that they must have a current Working With Children check, signed a current Parish Code of Conduct form, and be double vaccinated for COVID-19. Thank you to those who have already put their name down, as well as those volunteering their time and talents to clean, organise and maintain our church, rosters and other parish events.



Holy Week 2022

Tuesday April 12	9:30am Liturgy of the Word 6:00pm Lenten Reconciliation
Wednesday April 13	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass
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

Please join us for supper in the Mary MacKillop Hall after the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday April 16



Good Friday
April 15 @
9:30am in
the Church

CHRISM MASS

Join Bishop Greg Bennet and the Clergy of our Diocese at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale on Tuesday, 12th April 2022 at 11.00am.

At the annual Chrism Mass, Bishop Greg is joined by the priests, deacons and people of our Diocese as he blesses the Three Holy Oils (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Holy Chrism) which will be used by parishes for the celebration of the Sacraments. Our clergy will also renew their commitment to their ministry for the Church.



YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CELEBRATION

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS: "I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, do you remain quiet because you believe people will think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises.



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you, even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from the Parish Office, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

"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 **1st 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!



Rosters for April 14 – April 17, 2022

Holy Week

	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	MERT	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Thu Apr 14 - 7:30pm Holy Thursday	E & M Joseph	M Noone			A Sykes/A Ryan	Jane & Simon
Fri Apr 15 - 3:00pm Good Friday	U & E Imhagwe	K Roy	C Payne		B McNulty/A Ryan	Jane & Simon
Sat Apr 16 - 7:30pm Easter Vigil	RCIA	RCIA		M Mathai	C Payne	Jane & Simon
Sun Apr 17 - 9:30am Easter Sunday	W & J Gomez	M Tainsh		W Gomez	A Sykes	Jane & Simon

Mick's Kitchen:

14th April Burns Team

21st April Van Berkel Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

*Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the
children ran to meet him; in their hands they
carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried
out:*

** Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant
mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher,
ancient doors.*

*Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of
glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.*

** Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant
mercy!.*

First Reading Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not
be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I
may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me
with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to
listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn
away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my
cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover
my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched
by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) *My God, my God, why have you abandoned
me?*

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him
on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to
his equality with God but emptied himself to assume
the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and
being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to
accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which
is above all other names so that all beings in the
heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend
the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue
should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of
God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless
glory!*

*Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.*

*Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!*

Gospel

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke 22:14 – 23:56

