



Third Sunday of Easter, Year C

May 01, 2022

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 Officer 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:

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

St Michael's Parish Traralgon

A time to RENEW and REBUILD Planned Giving Program 2022

This weekend, our Parish Finance Team will report at each of our masses on our current financial situation, the impact of COVID lockdowns and restrictions, and future challenges and goals as we prepare for a new Planned Giving Program. The Planned Giving Program is the main financial support for our parish and supports our pastoral programs, ministries, building maintenance and general running costs of our parish. Your pledge allows us to budget for these costs and plan for our future. Our new campaign is two years overdue and has been postponed multiple times. Please support the work of our parish, and help carry the load by responding with generosity and love. The team will be available over the next three weekends to answer any questions you may have about our planned giving program, including ways you can support our parish both financially, as well as with your time and talents. It has been a difficult and unprecedented two years for us all, and now it is time to renew and rebuild together.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" 1 Peter 4:10

Dear Parishioners,

As your Parish Priest, I am very much impressed by the practical commitment of the people of St Michael's parish to their faith. This is shown by faithful participation in the worship and prayer life of the parish, as well as the generous way support is given to those in both spiritual and material need. In this way you are witnessing the love of God for us and his importance to us to our Parish community. After a difficult time of pandemic and lockdowns we are back to normal of our Parish life. It is 'A Time to RENEW and REBUILD'. I understand this is the right time to have a new Planned Giving Program. It is vital for the future of our Parish. Without regular pledged income the Parish cannot operate effectively for the good of God's people. All this has only been able to happen because of your very generous financial support. So that this work of Jesus can continue in our parish over the next few years. I invite all Parishioners to take an active part in this New Planned Giving Program and to support it generously. May God bless you all.

Fr Aju Varghese

Parish Priest

| Sunday Mass Times | |
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| Saturday | 5:00pm Mass |
| Sunday | 9:30am & 5:00pm Mass |
| Weekday Mass Times | |
| Tuesday May 03 | 9:30am Mass |
| Wednesday May 04 | 11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass |
| Thursday May 05 | 9:30am Mass |
| Friday May 06 | 9:30am Mass |

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Bev Brown, John Cleaver and Margaret McColl and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Merrilyn Lia, Ted McEntee, Sheila and Ted Caldwell, Laurence John and Bob Williams.

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: including 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 McKerchar, 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, and Trish Sweeney, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. This reflects the reading from John (10:27-30) where Jesus is described as 'the Good Shepherd'.

It is also Vocation Sunday when we give thanks for all our priests, deacons and seminarians. We will have a leaving collection in support of the Diocesan Bursary Fund for the education of students for the priesthood at all Masses next weekend.



"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**. We look forward to seeing you there!

| THIS WEEK'S EVENTS: | |
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| Tuesday May 03 | |
| 1:30pm | Sacraments Team Meeting, Parish Centre |
| 6:00pm | Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Parish Centre |
| Wednesday May 04 | |
| 1:00pm | Wednesday pm Cells group, Parish Centre |
| 5:30pm | Liturgy Team Meeting, Parish Centre |
| Thursday May 05 | |
| 9:30am | St Gabriel's Whole School Mass, St Michael's Church |
| 10:30am | Charismatic Prayer Meeting, St Michael's Church |
| Friday May 06 | |
| 11:30am | St Michael's School Mass, St Michael's Church |
| Saturday May 07 – Sunday May 08 | |
| Planned Giving Program | |

BAPTISMS: The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 10 at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested in attending.



CONFIRMATION NEWS:

Enrolment forms are now available from the Parish office for Confirmation families. Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday June 3rd. A parent information night will be held in the Church Wednesday 11th May at 7pm.



PARISH MORNING TEA: The CWL will be hosting a morning tea in the Mary MacKillop School Hall after mass on **Sunday May 15** to raise funds for Caritas. It is a wonderful chance to catch up with other parishioners while supporting a really worthy cause. Don't forget to pop the date in your diary and bring some cash along on the day for the market stall and other fundraising activities.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS:

The Most Holy Family invites you to come spend a day with us to celebrate Our Lady of Compassion at St Brigid's Church Cowarr, on Saturday May 14. The day begins at 9am with Adoration and Confession, followed by Benediction, the Procession and Crowning of Our Lady's Statue, Holy Mass and closes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet from 3pm. Please contact Pat Crozier if you have any questions or would like some further information on 0400 218 417.

Our office will be closed on Wednesday May 4th as our team will be attending a Diocesan Staff Conference in Warragul.

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT:

National Prayer Pilgrimage for the Plenary Council.
People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the Second Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia in Sydney from 3-9 July.

We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us.

Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources at:
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit



TRINITY FAMILIES: Trinity Families is the Diocese of Sale's charitable fund which does magnificent work providing support for programs which aid families in need of welfare services. Programs funded include family counselling services, parenting programs, suicide prevention, respite care, drug and alcohol programs and emergency accommodation. Trinity Families could do much more if it had more financial resources and that is why we need you to respond positively to the annual appeal in our parishes during the month of May. More details will be available in the coming weeks.



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA For 75 years, the support of Christian refugees has been a major pillar of the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Today ACN is supporting displaced Catholic families by attending to basic needs such as food and medicine, but these families also hunger for the healing power of the sacraments and the pastoral support of the Church. As such, the help we provide is not only material. Our support of priests, sisters, and catechists all work to build up the faith and to offer help and consolation to those in desperate need. Can you give hope to Christian refugees today? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/refugees.



STEWARSHIP MATTERS:

"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:17)

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus and others. Discern how God is calling you to use your time in prayer, your talent in charitable works and your treasure to assist those who in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps



Gospel

Jn 21:1-9

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After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

| Rosters for May 07 & 08, 2022 | | | 4 th Sunday of Easter, Year C | |
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| | Lector | Commentator | Usher/Welcomer | Musicians |
| Saturday May 07 5:00pm | A Taylor | B Purcell | A Ryan | Jane & Simon |
| Sunday May 08 9:30am | C McLure/R Diaz | M Wilkinson | M Rigg & M Blanchard | Jane & Simon |
| Sunday May 08 5:00pm | S Luscombe | M Noone | C Hill | Jane & Simon |
| <i>Mick's Kitchen:</i> | 5 th May McLaughlin Team | | 12 th May Moretti Team | |

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 65:1-2

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

First Reading Acts 5:27-32 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:2 4-5 11-13 Rv2

(R.) *I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.*

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R.)**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rv 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living

things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;

He has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 21:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

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| Next weeks Readings | 4th Sunday of Easter |
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| 1st Reading | Acts 13:14 43-52 |
| 2nd Reading | Apoc 7:9 14-17 |
| Gospel | John 10:27-30 |