

## 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.

### 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

## St Michael's Parish Traralgon

A Time To **RENEW** And **REBUILD**

### Planned Giving Program 2022

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their pledge cards for our new planned giving program. Our team will be available this weekend in case you have any questions or need a hand filling out your cards.

Your commitment to our Planned Giving Program allows you to share the blessings you have received, by investing in the mission of our church. It is the main financial support for our parish; it enables us to maintain and repair our church; supports our Ministries and Parish Groups; and allows us to plan and budget for the future. Your financial commitment to the 2022 Planned Giving Program will help us renew and restart our parish groups, refurbish our Parish Centre and build our new hall. Planned Giving and Stewardship are important parts of our faith, it allows us to respond to God's generosity by investing back into His mission through St Michael's Parish.

As we renew and rebuild our parish, we ask you to volunteer your time and skills to assist our building and maintenance team; to join our cleaning roster; to read or commentate at mass. We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans and Welcomers as well as parishioners to visit our sick, and take communion to the housebound. We have a wide variety of parish groups you can join and support including Family Groups, the Charismatic Prayer Group, Cells Groups, Catholic Women's League, Knights of the Southern Cross and Mick's Kitchen. You could also use your gifts to assist and enrich our youth ministry, music team, money counters, flower arrangers and garden maintenance groups.

“For it is  
in  
giving  
that  
we  
receive.”

- St Francis of Assisi

“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

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday May 10	9:30am Mass
Wednesday May 11	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass
Thursday May 12	9:30am Mass
Friday May 13	9:30am Mass

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently including Geoff Chapman, Bev Brown and John Cleaver and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Amanda and Simon O'Brien, Dot Mulquiney, Felix Sejdak, Debbie Fowles, Conceiacao Maria de Nascimento, Kaye Nailer, Merrilyn Lia, Ted McEntee and Sheila and Ted Caldwell.

*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 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, Trish Sweeney and Father John Speakman, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:** This 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. This weekend, we will have a leaving collection in support of the Diocesan Bursary Fund for the education of students for the priesthood at all Masses.



**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. All are welcome, entry is by donation which gives you a chance to win a lucky door prize. Don't forget to pop the date in your diary and bring some cash along on the day for other fundraising activities.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday May 10	
10:00am	CWL Planning Meeting, Parish Centre
1:00pm	Knights of the Southern Cross, Mary MacKillop Room
7:00pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting, St Michael's Church
Wednesday May 11	
1:00pm	Wednesday pm Cells group, Parish Centre
7:00pm	Confirmation Parent Information Meeting, St Michael's Church
Thursday May 12	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, St Michael's Church
Sunday May 15	
10:30am	Parish Morning Tea, Mary MacKillop School Hall
Saturday May 14 - Sunday May 15	
Planned Giving Program	

**BAPTISMS:**

This weekend, we welcome for Baptism: **Astrid Margaret Flannery** daughter of Sean and Alyce and **Jensen Simon Fenech** son of Jason and Casey. Congratulations to both families from us all!



The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held this **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 3<sup>rd</sup>. A parent information night will be held in the Church this **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**.

**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.

**A Prayer for our Mothers**

*Loving God, we thank you for all those who are our Mothers. Bless them so that they may always give life and nourishment to those they care for; may their strength and selfless love be great examples for us all.*

*May we, who receive the benefits and blessings of our Mothers, honour them always with profound love and respect. Amen.*

**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.

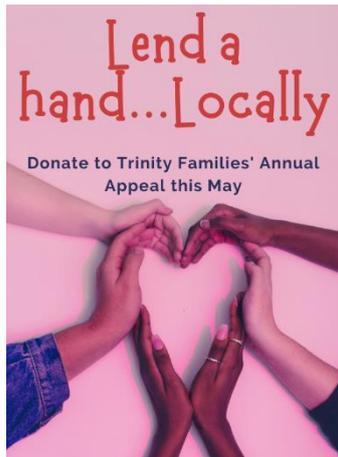
Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources at:  
[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit)



**TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL 2022: A Message From Bishop Greg**

I am delighted to launch the Diocese of Sale Trinity Families 2022 May Appeal. Trinity Families is the charitable arm of the Catholic Diocese of Sale and provides funding through grants to other charities working to provide services and programs for families within the boundaries of the Diocese. Since its inception (originally named Bishop's Family Foundation), Trinity Families has provided over \$2,000,000 in grants. For the past two years this Annual Appeal has been on hold due to the impact of COVID but Trinity Families, through sound management, has still been able to provide grants in 2020 and 2021. Your donation to the Trinity Families 2022 Appeal will assist with the ongoing support given by Trinity Families throughout the Diocese of Sale. I encourage you to give generously and pray for those who are providing the programs and services.

All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: TRARALGON SOUP VAN**

A number of new positions have become available for volunteers who can provide food and friendship to the homeless community in Traralgon as part of our soup van program. The primary aim of our soup van program is to offer food, social connection, and referral pathways out of homelessness and poverty, to people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness and disadvantage.

Are you well organised? Do you have a passion for supporting the vulnerable in the community? Then this role is for you!

A Working with Children's Check, proof of COVID-19 vaccination, Police Check and Food Safety Certificate are required before you commence, and are arranged and paid for by Vinnies.

If you are interested please email [soupvans@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:soupvans@svdp-vic.org.au)

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH:**

In 2016 the Catholic Bishops of Victoria released a statement committing themselves to the elimination of domestic and family violence in which they say: *Our goal must be a society where all people are safe in their home, families and close relationships; where violence and abuse are not acceptable; and where all relationships respect the equality and dignity of each person. This is part of the Gospel vision of love and respect. With domestic and family violence on the rise, we are called to work in ways to eliminate this type of violence.* The contents of this statement remain relevant as domestic and family violence incidents have increased since 2016. This month, you are invited to read the Bishops 2016 statement to learn more about a Catholic response to Domestic and Family violence. To read the statement, visit <http://www.faithsafe.org.au/images/catholic-kit-family-violence.pdf>

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:**

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."*  
 (Acts 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to.

Rosters for May 14 & 15, 2022		5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday May 14 5:00pm	B O'Brien	S Grout	A Ryan	
Sunday May 15 9:30am	E Babu & A Thomas	C McCabe		Charismatic Choir
Sunday May 15 5:00pm	E & M Joseph	M Hanratty		Diamente Family
<i>Mick's Kitchen:</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> May Moretti Team		19 <sup>th</sup> May Hemming Team	

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 32:5-6

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
alleluia!*

**First Reading** Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 99:1-3 5 Rv3

**(R.)** *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

Next weeks Readings 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Acts 14:21-27

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Apoc 21:1-5

Gospel John 13:31-35

**Second Reading** Rv 7:9 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;*

*I know my sheep, and mine know me.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*I give my sheep eternal life.*

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;  
I know them and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life;  
they will never be lost  
and no one will ever steal them from me.  
The Father who gave them to me is greater than  
anyone,  
and no one can steal from the Father.  
The Father and I are one.'

