



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

CELEBRATE LAUDATO SI' WEEK AUSTRALIA: 16 -24th May 2022

This week is the celebration of Laudato Si' Week in Australia. Running from May 16 to 24, it is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. It is celebrated a week earlier in Australia compared to the rest of the world so as not to coincide with National Reconciliation Week.

From the Encyclical: "The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together...for we know that things can change." *Laudato Si'* n 13

For Reflection: "Behold, I make things new!" *Revelation, 21:5*

The essence of our Easter season was proclaimed joyfully in this weekend's Eucharist. The invitation from Pope Francis in the week ahead is to integrate the affirmations and challenges of the encyclical *Laudato Si'* and the *Laudato Si' Action Platform* that was launched last year. Whether you are an artist or an activist, economist or educator, parishioner or parent, student or seeker, the encyclical and *Action Platform* provide a realistic yet hope-filled invitation 'for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet' (LS n 14). Pope Francis' emphasis on dialogue and discernment, inclusivity and intellectual rigor models a heartfelt desire to engage with all: 'I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home' (LS n 3). *Laudato Si'* is not simply a manifesto on climate change. It offers a new vision of the world as glorious as the vision in Revelation of 'a new heaven and a new earth' (Rev 21:1). *Laudato Si'* Week calls us to be Easter people, acknowledging the dark places in ourselves, our families, neighbourhoods, nation, and wider world, while praying and planning for a more peaceful and interconnected world. Inspired by the Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development, the Australian Bishops' Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace invites families, parishes dioceses, educational institutions, the healthcare sector, businesses and religious orders on a seven-year journey toward integral ecology. This requires an integrated approach. Therefore we commend prayer, reflection, study, dialogue and action across Laudato Si' Week. "All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents." (LS n 14).



Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday May 17	9:30am Mass
Wednesday May 18	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass
Thursday May 19	9:30am Mass- St Gabriel's PS*
Friday May 20	9:30am Mass

**All parishioners are warmly invited to join in our Thursday morning mass at St Gabriel's Primary School at 9:30am*

REQUIEM MASS for **Kevin Fitzsimon** will be celebrated on **Monday May 23 at 11:30am** at St Michael's Traralgon.

Our deepest sympathy to Nola and the Fitzsimon family for their recent loss. We will remember Kevin for his dedication and passion for his family, his community and his parish, particularly the music ministry. Parishioners are invited to join his family and friends as we celebrate his life together next Monday.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Kevin Fitzsimon, Edith Tarabec and Geoff Chapman and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Amanda and Simon O'Brien, Dot Mulquiney, Felix Sejdak, Debbie Fowles, Conceiacao Maria de Nascimento and Kaye Nailer *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, 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 Spekman, James Whitty and Tony Tactor, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



PARISH MORNING TEA: The CWL will be hosting a morning tea in the Mary MacKillop School Hall after mass this **Sunday May 15** at 10:30am, to raise funds for Caritas. All are welcome, entry is by donation which gives you a chance to win a lucky door prize. All funds raised on the day will go to the Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal. It is a wonderful chance to catch up with other parishioners while supporting a really worthy cause. Come along after Mass on Sunday and bring some cash on the day for other fundraising activities.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Saturday May 14	
9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, St Brigid's Cowarr
Sunday May 15	
10:30am	Parish Morning Tea, hosted by CWL, Mary MacKillop School Hall
Tuesday May 17	
6:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Centre
Thursday May 19	
9:30am	Parish Mass, St Gabriel's Primary School
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, St Michael's Church

BAPTISMS: The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday June 07 at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested in attending.



CONFIRMATION NEWS: Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday June 3rd. If you were unable to attend the parent information night or are yet to hand in your child's enrolment forms, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Next weekend will be the commitment mass for our confirmation candidates.

PENTECOST SUNDAY:

On Sunday June 05, we will celebrate Pentecost with a multi-cultural Mass, followed by a multi-cultural celebration in the Mary MacKillop Hall. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity of our parish by sharing our heritage and cultures. Pop the date in your calendar, more information will be available soon.

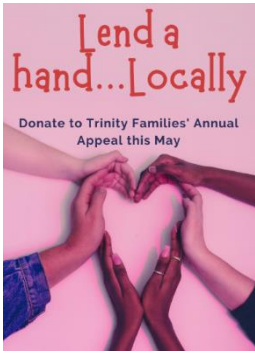


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**A Time To RENEW And REBUILD
Planned Giving Program 2022**

Thank you for all of your support over the past few weeks as we renew and rebuild our parish through our new Planned Giving Program. We really appreciate all those who have continued their financial support and those who are taking part in the program for the first time. We look forward to rebuilding our parish groups and ministries together and will hold training sessions in the coming weeks to organize our new rosters, and provide further information where required. Also, a big thank you to our finance team and planned giving committee for all their time and effort to put the program together.

It is not too late to join our Planned Giving Program, you can contact the parish office for more information, leave your pledge card in the collection bowls at Mass this weekend, or directly to the parish office.



TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL 2022:

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 community grants. For the past two

years this Annual Appeal has been on hold due to the impact of COVID but Trinity Families has continued to provide money and support to those in need. Your donation to the Trinity Families 2022 Appeal will assist with the ongoing support given by Trinity Families throughout the Diocese of Sale. Please give generously and pray for those who are providing the programs and services in our communities.

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH:

Light on Domestic and Family Violence Workshops: Sr Nicole Rotaru is running a series of workshops throughout the Diocese to deepen our understanding of "the issues and the role that we play in responding to domestic and family violence. The three main things are being informed, equipped and courageous." Workshops are open to everyone in the Diocese.

May 2022 dates and booking details are:

Heart Region - Sale: Friday May 27, 10am to 1pm.

St Mary's Sale gathering space.

Bookings: Margaret Shirreffs, shirreffsmargaret70@gmail.com

For help or advice, please call **SAFESTEPS 1800 015 188** or **RESPECT 1800 737 732**. In an emergency call 000.



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.

If you are interested please email soupvans@svdp-vic.org.au

POSITION AVAILABLE- DIOCESE OF SALE:

Diocesan Facilities Co-ordinator (Part Time 4 Days per f/n)

The Bishop of Sale is seeking to appoint a Facilities Coordinator on a part time basis of 4 days per fortnight (0.4 FTE) to assist Parishes in the management of Parish Church facilities. The Facilities Coordinator has responsibility for working with Parishes to ensure the maintenance of Church buildings and other Parish facilities, ensure compliance with essential safety, have a process to identify hazards, and compliance with Occupation Health and Safety in the maintenance of Church properties. Ideally the successful candidate would have experience in the building industry, engineering, or project management.

Applications: A Position Description, Application Form, and other relevant information is available. Please email dos@sale.catholic.org.au to receive this pack.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK: Global events held in-person, online, or a combination of the two will be hosted each day. The events will cover Catholic teaching on biodiversity, responding to the cry of the poor, divestment, education, and eco-spirituality. Australian events include a free online screening of the movie **Regenerating Australia** hosted by Caritas EarthCare. Tuesday May 17, 2022. 6.00pm to 8.00pm. BOOKINGS essential. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=896473&> On Wednesday May 25, Judith Keller hosts **Breathing In, Breathing Out**, 1 hour and 10 minutes of prayer and contemplation. Starts at **7.30AM**. Please register before Sunday May 22 at kellsull@ozemail.com.au.

For the full list of global events and information head to <https://laudatosiweek.org/allevnts/>

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: Last Sunday we gave thanks to our priests, deacons and seminarians as we celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday. Thank you to our parishioners who supported our leaving collection last weekend. We raised \$530 which will be given to the Diocesan Bursary Fund for the education of students for the priesthood.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes strength and courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbour" when he may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone that doesn't look like me.

Rosters for May 21 & 22, 2022		6 th Sunday of Easter, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday May 21 5:00pm	R Webber	D Smith	A Ryan	
Sunday May 22 9:30am	S & S Reid	C McCabe	J & P Dal Pra	Charismatic Choir
Sunday May 22 5:00pm	E Harte	S Darby	M Noone	Diamente Family
<i>Mick's Kitchen:</i>	19 th May Hemming Team		26 th May Burns Team	

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 97:1-2

*O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

First Reading Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 99:1-3 5 Rv3

(R.) *I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

Next weeks Readings 6th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading Acts 15:1-2 22-29

2nd Reading Rev 21:10-14

Gospel John 14:23-29

Second Reading

Rv 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

