

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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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

Principal: Mr Ryan Greer

Kildare Campus 5174 8111

St Paul's Campus 5174 7355

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2022



It seems that we don't have time to listen anymore. We are often rushed trying to keep up with today's fast-paced world and we are bombarded with information. We are constantly on the go and constantly busy trying to catch up with the demands of everyday life. May 22 is World Communications Day. A day to reflect on how we communicate. The theme this year is *Listening with the ear of the heart*.

Learning to listen with your heart is an art form that can enrich every relationship. It means listening to what the other person says and trying to understand their point of view, feelings, and concerns. It also means not just waiting for your turn to speak again but actively listening while they speak. Paying attention is one thing and deeply listening is another. Being present in the moment means paying attention to what's happening around you, in your body, heart and mind.

In families this kind of active listening can help you become more aware of what's going on for your child when they talk to you—and it can make a huge difference in how much they trust you as a parent. When we listen deeply, we must first make ourselves receptive to the voice of another. This means that our minds and hearts are free of prejudice, judgment, and mental reservation and allow ourselves to be open and receptive to what is being said.

Listening with the ear of your heart means tuning into what is being said and allowing yourself to hear beyond the words; it means having empathy for what someone else may be trying to convey through their body language or tone. This type of listening builds trust, and enables any relationship to grow. Everyone has a deep desire to be heard and understood so listening with the ear of the heart is not only more rewarding it helps us really understand and respond with meaning and love.

As Pope Francis puts it: "The most important task in pastoral activity is the *apostolate of the ear* – to listen before speaking. Freely giving some of our own time to listen to people is the first act of charity." And as the Apostle James exhorts: "Let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak".

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday May 24	9:30am Mass
Wednesday May 25	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass
Thursday May 26	9:30am Mass- St Gabriel's PS*
Friday May 27	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 this **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 on Monday.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Friedel Nightingale, Kevin Fitzsimon and Edith Tarabec, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Noreen Waud, Vincent Bernard Vaz, Emil Swiety, John Zahra, Paul Denny and Amanda and Simon O'Brien.

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 Speakman, James Whitty and Tony Tactor, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



PARISH MORNING TEA: The Catholic Women's League hosted a lovely morning tea last Sunday to raise money for Caritas Australia's Ukraine Appeal. Thank you to the CWL Ladies for all their hard work and time they put into organizing and running the event. It gave parishioners a chance to catch up over a cup of tea and cake whilst raising money for a good cause. It was a great day filled with delicious food, prizes and stall items and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks also to the parishioners who went along and supported the event, \$543.05 was raised.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Wednesday May 25	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
5:30pm	Liturgy Team Meeting, Parish Centre
Thursday May 26	
9:30am	Parish Mass, St Gabriel's Primary School
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, St Michael's Church
Friday May 27	
5:30pm	Diocesan Leadership Team Mass, St Michael's Church
Save the Date!	
Sunday June 05	Pentecost Multicultural Mass and Morning Tea

BAPTISMS: This weekend, we welcome for Baptism: **Layla Antonia Fazioli**, daughter of Adrian and Danielle, and **Archer Phillip Chapman**, son of Steven and Nicole. Congratulations to both families from us all!

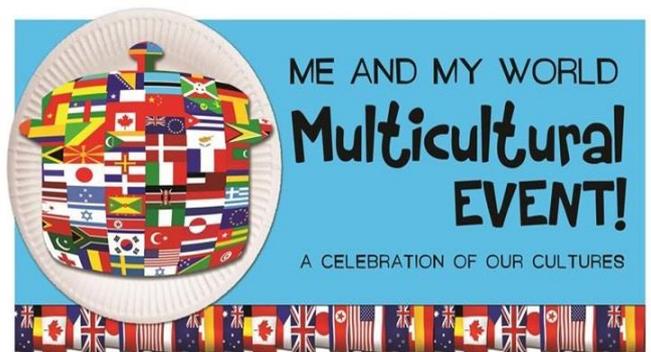


The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday June 07 at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested in attending.

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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY: On Sunday June 05, we will celebrate Pentecost with a multi-cultural Mass at 9:30am, 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. Come along and share your stories, dress up and bring a plate to share. Come and join us!!

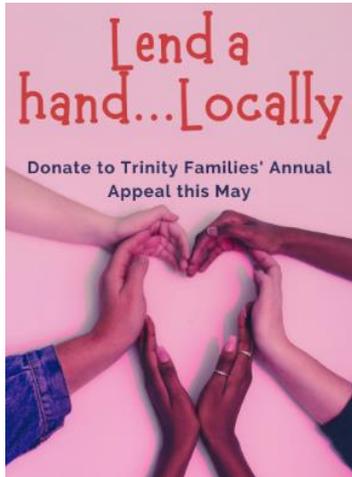


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A Time To **RENEW** And **REBUILD**

Planned Giving Program 2022

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 drop it to the parish office. If you would like to continue with your previous planned giving arrangement, you still need to let us know by filling out a new pledge card, and simply putting 'same as before'. Thank you to all those who have committed to our new program, it is very much appreciated.



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. 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.

We will also have a leaving collection next weekend to help raise funds for the Trinity Families Appeal 2022.

A DAY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT: Following the exhortation of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and upon the blessing of our local ordinary, Bishop Greg, the leadership of the Sale Diocese Charismatic Groups invites us all to an extraordinary experience of the Current of Grace as we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church (Pentecost). As the Lord promised "you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5; see also Acts 2:1-4). This promise, Peter says, is for every one of us (Acts 2:39). This gathering affords us another great opportunity for a fresh encounter/renewal of intimacy with the Spirit. Friends, this will be an experience you wouldn't want to miss and you will never forget. God bless you as we come together to celebrate a new beginning in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Date: Saturday, 04 June 2022.
Venue: St Ita's Drouin.
Time: 10.30am start to 4.00pm
Mass to be celebrated at 2.30pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE: Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) met on Tuesday May 17, led by our new chairperson Lia DiCorleto. We are currently considering our PPC guidelines with a particular focus on reviewing PPC membership and lengths of service within the group, in the hope to encourage fresh faces to the council. Further to this, we discussed how wonderful it has been to see members of our community reconnect after a somewhat tumultuous two years. We hope to continue to strengthen these relationships and are considering ways in which we can recruit to roles of ministry within our parish. To celebrate Pentecost and the amazing multiculturalism we have in our parish, we welcome you all to attend a Morning Tea on Sunday 5th June after 9.30am mass. This year we encourage you to come dressed in your native dress/attire and please bring a small plate to share.



LAUDATO SI' WEEK: (16-24 May) 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. You can participate through prayer, action and reflection with the new resources created by the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, available from www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au. 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. 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.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27)
 Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.

Rosters for May 28 & 29, 2022			The Ascension of the Lord		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday May 28 5:00pm	R Foote & T Larkin	J Fleming	M Mathai	A Ryan	
Sunday May 29 9:30am	K Roy & J Dal Pra	M Tainsh	S Hemming	J & P Dal Pra	Jane & Simon
Sunday May 29 5:00pm	C Hill	E Hill		M Noone	Jane & Simon
<i>Mick's Kitchen:</i>		26 th May Burns Team	2 nd June Van Berkel Team		

First Reading Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Rv 22: 12-14. 16-17.20

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.'

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning. The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come; all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.

The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.

I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 17: 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

May they be joined as one.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one.

Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me. I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you love me.

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.'

Next weeks Readings The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading Acts 1: 1-11

2nd Reading Eph 1: 17-23

Gospel Luke 24: 46-53