



## 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 adults at risk:** 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 adults at risk 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  
Principal: Mr Ryan Greer  
Kildare Campus 5174 8111  
St Paul's Campus 5174 7355



### PENTECOST SUNDAY:

Come and join us for morning tea in the Mary MacKillop Hall next Sunday.

Share your culture and traditions any way you like and bring a plate to share!

### Reflection by Timothy Buckley CSsR: Mary's Shared Experience

This is the age of celebrity. To have a selfie taken with a famous person seems to be the ambition of half the population. After all, in every generation people have looked up to those who have made their grand mark in life.

Any association with them would become more significant if they were to have a conversation with us and share some confidential information. Then we would truly feel privileged. To some extent this instinct explains the cult of devotion to the saints in the history of the Church.

We recognise that those who have been faithful to the Lord's teaching and lived their lives close to him provide us with models for our imitation and, by association, they are able to share privileged information about him with us. Among the saints, Mary, the mother of Jesus, holds a unique place. Scripture scholars agree that the evangelist, Luke, had a close friendship with Mary. Luke tells us more about Mary than any of the other gospel writers.

Luke, both in his gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles, describes the Ascension, the event which marked the completion of Jesus' ministry on earth. In neither account is there mention that Mary was there, but in Acts, Luke goes on to tell us that when the apostles gathered back in Jerusalem and waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit, Mary was with them.

Luke refers to the fact that Jesus, after his Passion and over a period of 40 days, had shown himself to be alive on many occasions. Interestingly, all the resurrection stories are shrouded in mystery and the apostles will need the gift of the Spirit to help them put the jigsaw together. Their hopes were duly fulfilled at Pentecost when they were given the power to witness fearlessly to the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus.

We are all being called to be Christ's witnesses in our own time and place. It is not surprising that the Church came to the conclusion that Mary must have shared the experience of the Ascension. Later in the liturgical year, we celebrate her Assumption into heaven. Ultimately, this gives meaning to today's feast for all of us.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday May 31	9:30am Mass
Wednesday June 01	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass
Thursday June 02	9:30am Mass- St Gabriel's PS*
Friday June 03	9:30am No Mass^ 4:30pm Confirmation Mass^ 6:30pm Confirmation Mass^

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

^Mass on Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am will be cancelled due to Fr John Readman's funeral. Parishioners are encouraged to attend either of our Confirmation Masses Friday evening instead.

**FATHER JOHN READMAN:** It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Fr John Readman on Wednesday 25th of May 2022. May his soul rest in peace. The Funeral Mass will be held at St Agatha's Church, 129 Sladen St, Cranbourne commencing at 11:30 am on Friday 3rd June 2022. Following Mass, the cortege will proceed to Cranbourne Cemetery, 66 Sladen St Cranbourne for the burial. A memorial page where people can leave their condolence is available with the funeral details at: <https://www.davidwbull.com.au/fun.../fr-john-joseph-readman/>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently including Father John Readman, Mamerta Rico, Friedel Nightingale, Kevin Fitzsimon and Edith Tarabec, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Jozef and Jenny Cukier, Jack Brady, Noreen Waud, Vincent Bernard Vaz, Emil Swiety, John Zahra and Paul Denny. *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, Father John Speakman, James Whitty, Tony Tactor and Pasqualina Loprese, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



### St Michael's Parish Traralgon

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

#### Planned Giving Program 2022

Thank you to all those who have committed to our new planned giving program, it is very much appreciated. 115 of our previous 260 givers have pledged to give again. 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 plate, 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 signing a new pledge card, and simply putting 'same as before'.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
<b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 29<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>Tuesday May 31</b>	
10:00am	Catholic Women's League (CWL) Parish Centre
<b>Wednesday June 01</b>	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
5:30pm	Liturgy Team Meeting, Parish Centre
<b>Thursday June 02</b>	
9:30am	Parish Mass, St Gabriel's Primary School
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, St Michael's Church
12:30pm	Finance Council Meeting, Parish Centre
<b>Friday June 03</b>	
4:30pm & 6:30pm	Confirmation, St Michael's Church
<b>Saturday June 04</b>	
10:30am	A Day With the Holy Spirit, St Ita's Church, Drouin
<b>Sunday June 05</b>	
9:30am	Pentecost Multicultural Mass and Morning Tea

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend, we welcome for Baptism: **Dorothea Taylor Au**, daughter of Patrick and Ashlee, and **Hudson Stephen Taylor**, son of Nicholas and Emily. 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:** Bishop Greg Bennet will join us to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation next Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm and 6:30pm. Please keep our candidates, their families and our sacramental team in your prayers at this time. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend and join in the celebration.



**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Next **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!!

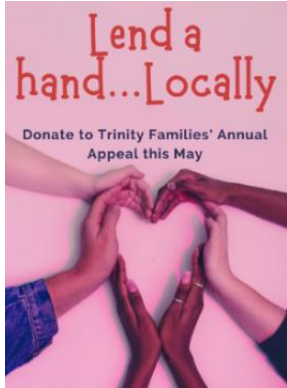
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH:**

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> 10am – 1pm**

**Shining a Light: A Workshop About Domestic Violence**

**Mary MacKillop Hall, St Michael’s Traralgon**

St Michael’s Parish, in conjunction with Catholic Social Services Victoria, invite all parishioners and volunteers to come along and learn more about the signs and types of abuse, and how to support those going through it. More details to come, please pop the date in your calendar.



**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 have a leaving collection this weekend to help raise funds for the Trinity Families Appeal 2022.**

**A DAY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT:** All are invited 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. This will be an experience you wouldn't want to miss and you will never forget.

**Date: Saturday, 04 June 2022.**

**Venue: St Ita’s Drouin.**

**Time: 10.30am start to 4.00pm**

**Mass to be celebrated at 2.30pm**

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:**

*“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelations 22:13)*

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.



**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION**

**WEEK: May 27 – June 03**

The 2022 theme, **Be Brave. Make Change.** asks all Australians to be brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can make change for the benefit of all Australians. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to

learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to see how we can all take action towards achieving reconciliation in Australia.

*Almighty and loving God,  
you who created ALL people in your image.  
Lead us to seek your compassion as we listen to the stories of  
our past.  
You gave your only Son, Jesus, who died and rose again  
so that sins will be forgiven.  
We place before you the pain and anguish of dispossession  
of land, language, lore, culture, and family kinship that  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have  
experienced.  
We live in faith that all people will rise  
from the depths of despair and hopelessness.  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families have endured the  
pain and loss of loved ones,  
through the separation of children from their families.  
We are sorry and ask God’s forgiveness.  
Touch the hearts of the broken, homeless, and inflicted and  
heal their spirits.  
In your mercy and compassion walk with us  
as we continue our journey of healing  
to create a future that is just and equitable.  
Lord, you are our hope.  
Amen.*

Aboriginal and Islander Commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia, (NATSIEC) 2003.



Rosters for June 04 & 05 2022			Pentecost Sunday		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Jun 04 5:00pm	A Taylor	B Purcell		A Ryan	Jane & Simon
Sunday Jun 05 9:30am	U & E Imhagwe	M Wilkinson		C McLure & M Blanchard	Filipino Choir
Sunday Jun 05 5:00pm	S Luscombe	M Noone		J & M McLaughlin	Jane & Simon
<i>Mick’s Kitchen:</i>		2 <sup>nd</sup> June Van Berkel Team		9 <sup>th</sup> June Scholtes Team	



**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 97:1-2

*Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.*

**First Reading** Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

**(R.)** *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Go and teach all people my gospel.*

*I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.



Next weeks Readings	Pentecost Sunday
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Acts 2:1-11
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Rom 8:8-17
Gospel	John 14:15-16 23-26