



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.

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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
Principal: Mr Ryan Greer
Kildare Campus 5174 8111
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Reflection by David J Hore CSsR:

God's Dance of Love for All

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When studying subjects dedicated to The Most Holy Trinity during my seminary formation, I was introduced to the concept of *perichoresis*. This Greek word suggests: a cyclical movement or an interweaving of figures. Perhaps the simplest and most beautiful way of translating this Greek word is: 'dancing around'.

The early church understood *perichoresis* as a 'dance of love' and said: that's what the Trinity is like! The Trinity is a dynamic relationship of love, harmony and oneness in which there is mutual giving and receiving.

Sr Barbara Reid, OP says, "The point of this dance of love, however, is not the enjoyment of the divine dancers only. The dance is an open circle that invites all onto the dance floor, drawing them right into the midst of the energetic flow of divine delight. If some hesitate, preferring to sit on the sidelines, the Three-in-One circle back again and again, extending the invitation over and over to each and to all, changing the pace and the rhythm, so that even the clumsiest of us can learn the steps in the dance of divine love."

It would be much simpler if this dance of love was solely about the divine dancers and their relationship of mutual giving and receiving. But God's (the Trinity's) love is lavishly given, overflowing abundantly into creation. It would have also been simpler if God created the world and then 'walked away'. But God desired to draw creation into the dance of love (relationship). So, God sent the Son into the world to redeem and liberate us to live anew. God also sent the Spirit to sanctify us even if we continue to turn away from God's invitation into this relationship of love.

Similarly, life would be much simpler for us if we remained within safe and comfortable circles; to relate only with family, friends, and those of like mind. But being created in God's (the Trinity's) image and likeness of abundant 'pouring out', we too are to step out of the familiar and 'pour out' our lives for others in oneness, despite the differences and complexities of relationships.

Living fraternally as sisters and brothers within the life and communion of the Trinity, calls us to a greater awareness of others and a willingness to always remain outward looking towards them; ready to accept whatever the cost of participating in the outreaching, generous and unselfish love of God. There's no room for self-interest, selfishness, stinginess or an inward-looking mentality.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity helps us to encounter God as a loving community and it is yearning for love and for community that are the deepest desires of every human heart. Today we celebrate the mystery and closeness of God, who invites us into a dynamic and life-giving 'dance of love'; a dance that reaches out to include and embrace everyone in the human community.

| Sunday Mass Times | |
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| Saturday | 5:00pm Mass |
| Sunday | 9:30am & 5:00pm Mass |
| Weekday Mass Times | |
| Tuesday Jun 14 | 9:30am Mass |
| Wednesday June 15 | 11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass |
| Thursday June 16 | 9:30am Mass- St Gabriel's PS* |
| Friday June 17 | 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 **Patricia (Trish) Sweeney** will be celebrated on Thursday June 16 at 10:30am at St Michael's Church Traralgon. Our deepest sympathy to the Sweeney and Graham families for their loss. Parishioners are invited to join Trish's family and friends as we celebrate her life this Thursday.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Trish Sweeney, Danny O'Keefe, Tony Hutchinson, and Maria Angelica Cuevas and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Kathleen Fogarty-Cusack, Satiago Pozo, Anthony Tony Ryan, Rita Flynn, Joan Whitford, Greg Bermingham, Darren Wall, Patrick Deane, Michael Snee and Mikie McConnell.

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



PENTECOST SUNDAY: Congratulations to the Parish Pastoral Council, and the Pentecost Sunday team for organizing such a wonderful event for our parish. It was a great reflection of the spirit of Pentecost, particularly the rich diversity of our parish. Thank you to all the parishioners who came along and supported our morning tea, bringing food, stories and items to celebrate and share their culture and traditions with each other. A special thanks to the CWL team who worked tirelessly in the kitchen to make sure the event ran smoothly and that everyone was well fed and had a cup of tea in hand at all times. It was so nice to all be together again and we look forward to doing it again soon.

| THIS WEEK'S EVENTS: | |
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| Tuesday June 14 | |
| 1:30pm | Knights of the Southern Cross, Mary MacKillop Room |
| Wednesday June 15 | |
| 11:00am | Reconciliation St Michael's Church |
| Thursday June 16 | |
| 9:30am | Parish Mass, St Gabriel's Primary School |
| 10:30am | Requiem Mass for Patricia Sweeney, St Michael's Church |
| Saturday June 18 | |
| 9:30am | Diocesan Spirituality Retreat, Sion House, Warragul |

BAPTISMS: This weekend, we welcome for Baptism: **Ivy Marie Meall** and **Hudson John Meall**, children of Matthew and Holly. Congratulations to the Meall family from us all! The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday July 12 at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested in attending.

R.C.I.A.:

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) St Michael's Parish warmly invites anyone interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith to come along to an information night on July 21st in the Parish Centre at 7:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060, if you, or someone you know are interested.



CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates who received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit on Friday June 3rd. We were blessed to have Bishop Greg Bennett and many of our



parishioners join our celebration and support our young people on this next step in their faith journey. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide them as they become strong Disciples of Christ.

PLANNED GIVING UPDATE: Thank you to all those who have committed to our new planned giving program. Your generosity and support allows our parish to continue to renew and rebuild. For those who missed out, it is not too late to join, please contact the parish office for more information.

MICK'S KITCHEN NEWS: Mick's Kitchen has resumed its take-away service from the St Vincent de Paul Centre, on the corner of Kay St and Breed St. Take Away Meals are available for those in need on Thursday nights from 6pm – 7pm at no cost. Thank you to all our volunteers for their dedication and flexibility over the past few months as we have moved between the St Michael's School Hall and the Mary MacKillop Room. We are thankful to both the Mick's Kitchen Leaders and those at St Vincent de Paul for working tirelessly to get us back into the SVdP Centre as soon as possible.

SHINING A LIGHT

A WORKSHOP ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Violence can be:

- Physical
- Sexual
- Spiritual
- Financial
- Social
- Psychological
- Technology-based
- Verbal
- Emotional

Saturday
9 July 2022
10am – 1pm

MARY MACKILLOP HALL, SAINT MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
CORNER CHURCH AND KAY STREETS, TRARALGON, VICTORIA

RSVP by 5 July 2022 to 'St Michael's Parish Secretary'
sec@smpt.org.au or phone: 5174 2060 to register your name or group size

Catholic Social Services Victoria
...building a more just and compassionate society

All volunteers in our parish are strongly encouraged to come along to this free workshop. It has been well received in other parishes and will help us to better understand what to look for, and how to support those in our community experiencing domestic violence.

DIOCESE OF SALE SPIRITUALITY RETREAT: Especially for catechists, however open to all and everyone is warmly invited to attend. This is an opportunity to come together as the People of God in the diocese and to explore the deep wells that nourish our spiritual life. Discussions will include different types of spiritual experiences, defining and describing Aussie Spirituality and sharing our own spiritual experiences in prayer. Cost \$10 per person, lunch provided.

Teacher's Centre,
Sion House, Warragul
Saturday June 18
9:30am – 3:30pm

RSVP to
BarbaraD@sale.catholic.org.au



Refreshed & Renewed
ONLINE RETREAT WEEKEND - 28-30 JULY 2022
Register today at www.divinerenovation.org/refreshed-renewed

DIVINE RENOVATION: Refreshed & Renewed Online Retreat

Date: 28 – 30 July 2022 |
Registration: \$20

Do you sometimes feel like you're just trying to survive?

Catholics across Australasia want to answer the Church's call to mission. Yet with the demands of

parish work and a global pandemic, it's easy to feel discouraged and burnt out. That's why it's so important that we take the time to be re-energised and revived in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Together with Parousia, we invite you to the Refreshed & Renewed online retreat on 28-30 July featuring Dr. Edward Sri, Fr. James Mallon, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Steve Ray, and many more — where you will encounter Jesus through prayer, be re-energized by amazing talks, and experience the Holy Spirit renew your heart.

Register today at: www.divinerenovation.org/refreshed-renewed and be refreshed and renewed in your desire and energy to continue the work of evangelisation and mission!

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE OPEN DAY:

Acknowledging the Feast of the Sacred Heart

Saturday June 18, 2022

10:00am – 4:00pm

362 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Mary MacKillop Walking Tour @ 11am

Mass in the Chapel @ 1pm

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP: The Sisters of St Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. The pilgrimage will visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For more information, contact the parish office, or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth..." (John 16:13)

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know and live the truth. To prepare ourselves, we need to open our hearts to receive this gift before we can give it. Develop a daily prayer routine. Talk and listen to the Holy Spirit. *This is best done in silence, when we can hear His response.*

| Rosters for June 18 & 19 2022 | | | Corpus Christi Sunday, Year C | | |
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| | Lector | Commentator | MERT | Usher/Welcomer | Musicians |
| Saturday Jun 18 5:00pm | R Webber | D Smith | M Mathai | C Payne | Alison, Jeanne & Amanda |
| Sunday Jun 18 9:30am | S & S Reid | C McCabe | U Imhagwe | J & P Dal Pra | Charismatic Choir |
| Sunday Jun 18 5:00pm | E Harte | S Darby | J McLaughlin | M Noone | |
| Mick's Kitchen: | 16 th June McLaughlin Team | | 23 rd June Moretti Team | | |

Entrance Antiphon

*Blest be God the Father,
and the only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.*

First Reading

Prv 8:22-31

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A reading from the book of Proverbs

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works.

From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) *O Lord, our God,
how wonderful your name
in all the earth!*

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? **(R.)**
2. Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. **(R.)**
3. All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. **(R.)**

Next week's readings: Corpus Christi Sunday

1st Reading Gen 14:18-20

2nd Reading 1 Cor 11:23-26

Gospel Luke 9:11-17

Second Reading

Rom 5:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son,

and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Whatever the Father has is mine.

The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

