

## 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



### Reflection by Gerard Hall SM: Gifts of Bread and Wine

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Today's readings introduce us to the mysterious High Priest, Melchizedek, who has an encounter with Abraham, the better-known Israelite figure. Abraham, as we know, became the founding father of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. However, it is Melchizedek who prefigures Jesus' actions at the Last Supper by giving Abraham gifts of bread and wine. This is brought to further light in today's Psalm which acknowledges Melchizedek as "a priest forever" thereby foreshadowing Jesus' royal priesthood demonstrated through his sacrifice at Calvary.

Although our celebration of Corpus Christi – literally, the Body of Christ – has these wonderful connections to the world well prior to God's special covenant with the Jewish people, the focus of our feast is on Jesus of Nazareth, who was both faithful Jew and centre-point of our Christian faith. Christians keep this focus on Jesus our High Priest and Saviour alive especially through the prayerful celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist does not just keep alive for us the memory of Christ's actions at the Last Supper and the sacrifice of his earthly body for us but the Eucharist re-enacts the reality of God's saving presence among us in the here-and-now. In a particular way, the Eucharist is linked to the Exodus-event of Israel's liberation from slavery by the Egyptians. God continues to shelter us from all life's trials and tribulations and to shower us with gifts for the road ahead.

Pope Francis tells us the Eucharist is "not a prize for the perfect, but nourishment for the weak!" In saying this he is not suggesting we should attend the Eucharist without thoughtfulness, prayer and presence of mind; but he is also reminding all of us that we come to the Eucharist as sinners in search of God's healing grace and mercy. Pope Francis also provides guidelines for how the Eucharist should make a real difference in our lives and relationships with others – whether rich, poor, young, old, neighbour or stranger. He suggests the Eucharist should lead us to "see the face of Christ" in the poor, sick and marginalised people of our world. The Eucharist is also especially connected to our experience of being "forgiven sinners", empowering us to reach out in forgiveness of others, to heal broken hearts, and to overcome division. The pope notes the Church's very identity and mission flow from the Eucharist enabling us to become "other Christs" through loving service and compassion for others.

The Anglo-Catholic poet TS Eliot says Christ is "the still point of the turning world". It is especially through our celebration of the Eucharist that our distracted, busy, turning worlds are stilled by the overpowering, silent mystery that camouflages the saving, liberating, loving presence of Christ in the broken bread and sweetened wine.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Jun 21	9:30am Mass
Wednesday June 22	11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Liturgy of the Word
Thursday June 23	9:30am Mass- St Gabriel's PS*
Friday June 24	9:30am Mass

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

Father Aju will be attending a Professional Development Day in Warragul next Wednesday June 22 and will be unavailable for reconciliation or mass. Liturgy of the Word will continue in its place at 12pm.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently including Pamela Filo, Elisa Bastianutto, Patricia Campbell, Trish Sweeney, Danny O'Keefe, Tony Hutchinson, and Maria Angelica Cuevas and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Elsie Ralls, Aleyamma Varghese, Daniel O'Donnell, Justin O'Brien, Charles Glaubitz, Kathleen Fogarty-Cusack, Satiago Pozo and Anthony Tony Ryan. *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.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Thank you to those who have come forward to join our cleaning team. We are still in need of more people to join our roster, either as an individual or a team. Training will be provided where required, and we can pop you on a team of others or you can create your own. A meeting will be held in the Parish Centre next Friday morning at 10:15am for all those who are interested. Please come along and meet the team, as we organize rosters and roles. If you are unable to attend but keen to join, just let the parish office know.

**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.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday June 21	
6:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Centre
Wednesday June 22	
Father Aju away	
Thursday June 23	
9:30am	Parish Mass, St Gabriel's Primary School
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
7:00pm	Risk Management Team, Parish Centre
Friday June 24	
10:15am	Cleaning Team Meeting, Parish Centre
<i>Save the Date: Saturday 09 July 10am – 1pm Shining a Light- A Workshop about Domestic Violence</i>	



**BAPTISMS:**

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 21<sup>st</sup> in the Parish Centre at 7:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060, if you, or someone you know are interested.



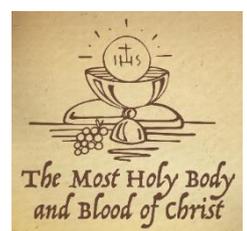
*"A heartfelt and big 'thankyou' to the ladies who arrange the flowers for us each week. Your lovely displays, each Sunday, give me a great deal of pleasure. I am sure I speak for many when I say your time and efforts truly add to our prayer life and reflection. Thank you so much. Blessings." Marg Noone.*

Marg is right, we are very grateful to the talented ladies who use their creativity and skills to ensure beautiful flower arrangements magically appear on the altar and around our church each weekend. They do a wonderful job and we are blessed and grateful to have them. Thank you for using your time and talents to make our parish a better place.

We must always bear in mind that the Eucharist is not something we do. It is not our own commemoration of what Jesus said and did. No. It is precisely an act of Christ!

It is Christ who acts there, who is on the altar. It is a gift of Christ, who makes himself present and gathers us around him, to nourish us with his Word and with his life.

*(General Audience Pope Francis 12 Feb 2014)*



# SHINING A LIGHT

A WORKSHOP ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



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



All volunteers in our parish are strongly encouraged to come along to this free workshop on **July 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**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](http://www.divinerenovation.org/refreshed-renewed) and be refreshed and renewed in your desire and energy to continue the work of evangelisation and mission!

**SECOND ASSEMBLY OF 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 5<sup>th</sup> Plenary Council. 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. Please keep in your prayers our members, Bishop Greg Bennet, Fr Peter Slater VG, Fr Denis O'Bryan EV, Lize Privitera, Katherine Jelavic and Sr Mary Olofu, who have been preparing in several ways including, listening and discerning. There are 30 motions across eight missions which will form the backbone of their reflection, discussion and decisions at the Second Assembly due to take place from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The framework for motions can be accessed at [www.cdsale.org.au](http://www.cdsale.org.au).



**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](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au)

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:**

*"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." (Luke 9:17)*  
The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when we share what we have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! God blesses all the gifts we offer and makes them wondrous.

Rosters for June 25 & 26 2022			13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
<b>Saturday Jun 25 5:00pm</b>	R Foote & T Larkin	J Fleming	M Mathai	B O'Brien	
<b>Sunday Jun 26 9:30am</b>	T Denny & A Thomas	M Tainsh	U Imhagwe	D Bau & W Banks-Smith	Diamente Family
<b>Sunday Jun 26 5:00pm</b>	C Hill	E Hill	J McLaughlin	V Vaz	
Mick's Kitchen:	June 23 <sup>rd</sup> Moretti Team		June 30 <sup>th</sup> Hemming Team		

**Entrance Antiphon** :Cf Ps 80:17

*He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.*

**First Reading** Gen 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

*Melchizedek brought bread and wine.*

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth,  
and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

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

**(R.)** *You are a priest for ever,  
in the line of Melchizedek*

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master:  
'Sit on my right:  
I will put your foes beneath your feet.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord will send from Zion  
your sceptre of power:  
rule in the midst of all your foes. **(R.)**
3. A prince from the day of your birth  
on the holy mountains;  
from the womb before the daybreak  
I begot you. **(R.)**
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.  
'You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.' **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

1 Cor 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.*

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

Lk 9:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*They all ate and were filled.*

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets

## Next weeks Readings

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1<sup>st</sup> Reading 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Gal 5:1, 13-18

Gospel Luke 9:51-62