



## 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



The four-year journey of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will reach the second and final assembly from July 3 – 9, 2022. At the assembly, the 277 Council Members will consider the motions that have emerged from that national journey, with the goal of renewing the life and mission of the Church in Australia.

The voices of the faithful help all of us to understand something of the historical experience and the current reality of the Catholic Church in Australia. This gathered data also reveals some deeper hopes and questions, and diverse yearnings, that we are now challenged to consider together.

The Fifth Plenary Council seeks to foster a Christ-centred Church in Australia by focusing on the following themes through the Implementation phase of the Council: Reconciliation: Healing Wounds, Receiving Gifts

Choosing Repentance- Seeking Healing

Called by Christ- Sent Forth as Missionary Disciples

Witnessing to the the Equal Dignity of Women and Men

Communion in Grace: Sacrament to the World

Formation and Leadership for Mission and Ministry

At the Service of Communion, Participation and Mission: Governance

Integral Ecology and Conversion for the Sake of our Common Home

The framework for motions based on these ideas can be accessed at [www.cdsale.org.au](http://www.cdsale.org.au). Masses and sessions will be live-streamed each day and people are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members gathering in Sydney. Find the livestreaming schedule and the portal for sending messages at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

Please continue to pray for Bishop Greg Bennet, Fr Peter Slater VG, Fr Denis O'Bryan EV, Lize Privetera, Katherine Jelavic and Sr Mary Olofu who are the Council Members representing our Diocese.



Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Monday Jun 27	1:30pm Requiem Mass Elisa Bastianutto
Tuesday Jun 28	9:30am Mass
Wednesday June 29	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass
Thursday June 30	9:30am Liturgy of the Word- St Michael's Church*
Friday July 01	9:30am Mass

**\*For the next two weeks, during school holidays, we will return to our church on Thursday's at 9:30am. This week we will have Liturgy of the Word as Father Aju will be away.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently including Pamela Filo, Elisa Bastianutto and Patricia Campbell, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Kate O'Connor, Nell Murphy, Eliakutty Varkey, Elsie Ralls, Aleyamma Varghese, Daniel O'Donnell, Justin O'Brien and Charles Glaubitz.

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



**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.

*Thank you*

Thank you to Nithin and the amazing team at NewYork Cleaning, for our wonderfully bright and clean carpets. They spent a lot of time on Friday preparing and cleaning

the Church, and the difference is amazing! Thanks to our parishioners who jumped in and helped as well. We really appreciate you using your time and talent to support our Parish!



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday June 28	
10:00am	Catholic Women's League (CWL), Parish Centre
Wednesday June 29	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday June 30	
9:30am	Liturgy of the Word, St Michael's Church
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
<i>Save the Date: Saturday 09 July 10am – 1pm Shining a Light- A Workshop about Domestic Violence</i>	



**BAPTISMS:**

This weekend we welcome for Baptism: **Thomas Reilly Burgess**, son of Andrew and Lanka.

Congratulations 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 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.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Thank you to those who have come forward to join our cleaning roster. We are still in need of more people to join, 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. As our parish begins to open up again, we are in need of people to help grow and support our parish in a number of different ways. Please consider joining one of our many ministries and meeting other parishioners along the way. A special thank you to those who have stepped in when called upon to fill in as special ministers, readers and commentators when others are unwell or unavailable.

**PLENARY COUNCIL NEWS:**

The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia takes place from July 3-9. Masses and sessions will be live-streamed each day and people are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members gathering in Sydney. Find the livestreaming schedule and the portal for sending messages at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au). Please continue to pray for Bishop Greg Bennet, Fr Peter Slater VG, Fr Denis O'Bryan EV, Lize Privitera, Katherine Jelavic and Sr Mary Olofu who are the members from our Dioceses.

# 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.**



Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat: Held in Hope" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 1 August and concluding 29

August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 18 July 2022.



In October 2021, Pope Francis launched the Synod of Bishops 2021-2023, which has the theme: **"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission"**. He invites the entire Church to reflect on this theme for the Synod that

is decisive for the Church's life and mission: *"It is precisely this path of synodality (walking together) which God expects of the Church of the third millennium. Synodality starts with hearing from the whole People of God. A Church that teaches must be firstly a Church that listens."*

This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church's "renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through her experience which processes can help her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open herself to mission. *"This is what we are called to: unity, communion, and the fraternity born of the realisation that all of us are embraced by the one love of God. The Synod offers us the opportunity to become a listening Church and a Church of closeness."* (Pope Francis)

Over the past six months, the period of Diocesan consultation has offered you opportunities to engage in listening and dialogue, listening to one another and to the Holy Spirit, considering the questions asked of the entire Church by the Synod of Bishops Secretariat in the Vatican.

Each Diocese has now completed a Diocesan Synthesis based on the submissions received. These have now been tabled at the recent May gathering of the Australian Catholic Bishops. Further discussion and discernment with the Bishops will be taking place in the weeks ahead, prior to the preparation of a Continental /Australian Synthesis which is to be sent to the Synod of Bishops Secretariat. The syntheses from every continent and region will form the basis for the preparation of the *Instrumentum laboris* (working document) which will support the prayer, discernment and discussion during the Synod of Bishops in the Vatican in October 2023. Our Diocesan Synthesis has been published and is available on the Australian Catholic Bishops website. <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

**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 July 02 & 03 2022			14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Jun 25 5:00pm	A Taylor	B Purcell	W Imhagwe	A Ryan	
Sunday Jun 26 9:30am	U & E Imhagwe	M Wilkinson	G Imhagwe	A Sykes & M Blanchard	Filipino Choir
Sunday Jun 26 5:00pm	S Luscombe	M Noone	M McLaughlin	J McLaughlin	
Mick's Kitchen:	June 30 <sup>th</sup> Hemming Team		July 7 <sup>th</sup> Burns Team		

**Entrance Antiphon** :Ps 46:2

*All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!.*

**First Reading** 1 Kings 19:16 19-21

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?'

Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. cf. v.5

**(R.)** *You are my inheritance, O Lord.*

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize. **(R.)**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.  
**(R.)**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
4. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**



## Next weeks Readings

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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Isaiah 66:10-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Gal 6:14-18

Gospel Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

**Second Reading** Gal 5:1 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Lk 9:51-62

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'