

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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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



Gospel Reflection: Walking together with Jesus by Damian Coleridge

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There's much discussion at the diocesan and national levels about mission renewal in keeping with what Pope Francis has said, "The joy of the church is to evangelise". In one way or another we're all involved in this mission, and as the pope has reminded us, 'mission has a centre and it has a face.'

It's about Jesus, about others, as it is in today's gospel, when Jesus sends out seventy-two followers to the towns and places he is to visit. From the first, when the harvest is mentioned, there's an urgency about this sending out. The labourers are few so what should we do? He will send workers if we ask, but what if this means you and I will have to offer ourselves?

As the gospel emphasizes, we'll only be able to do this if we depend on the Lord and each other, for Jesus encourages us to walk together, to be sustained by one another. As we go, we're left in no doubt about the challenges that await us, the lack of welcome, the opposition, but we're to stay focused on the job at hand and not be distracted by money, or possessions, or the exchange of pleasantries.

As we enter each household the peace we offer isn't simply a polite greeting, but a gift of God. Convey something of this peace and don't expect any feel-good factor in return; and if you're not accepted don't start worrying, but stay open to it, let this peace sustain you. We're to have confidence that whatever we need will be provided.

What else might we do? Offer some help, some healing, and know that 'the kingdom of God is very near to you' i.e., Jesus is alive, among us. Reach out to others and begin to discover this. And, if we're not welcome somewhere, draw attention to it by shaking the dust from our feet, or some other action, so we might all get a chance to re-consider. Once again, it's a reminder that for Jesus there is a sense of urgency in what he says: it's a moment of truth.

When the seventy-two return full of joy at what has happened, Jesus reminds them that victory over Satan, our great accuser, will happen, and is already happening and they'll be alright, which is to say we will be alright, because the 'sending out of them' means we're all involved in this. And it's not a question of what we might be able to do so much as what God is able to do through us.

The joy of the gospel is there in the psalm and the first reading from Isaiah, but now Jesus is alive, in our midst; and if he rises with the wounds on his body then it brings us to the cross, which is Paul's only boast in the second reading.

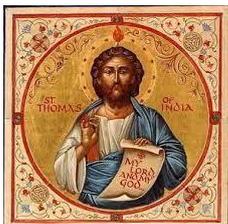
In him is revealed God's love for us, which we're sent out to give away: it's our mission.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Jul 05	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Jul 05	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Jul 06	9:30am Mass @ Church* 10:30am Mass @ Dalkeith
Friday July 07	9:30am Mass

***This week, as it is still school holiday time, we will have mass in our church on Thursday at 9:30am (instead of St Gabriel's Primary School).**

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 Angelo Bau, Adriano Vergas, 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 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 Speekman, James Whitty, Tony Tactor and Pasqualina Loprese, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



FEAST OF ST THOMAS: A Syro-Malabar Mass (in the local language, Malayalam) to celebrate the feast of St Thomas the Apostle will be held **this Sunday July 03 at 6pm** in the church. All are welcome to come and celebrate the feast day of the patron saint of India.

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.

OFFICE HOURS: For the next two weeks, our parish office will have shortened opening hours. The best way to contact us is via email at sec@smpt.org.au or leave a message on the answering machine, and one of us will get back to you as soon as possible. Urgent requests can be made to Father Aju on the parish mobile 0499 162 313.

From July 05 – July 15 the parish office will be open from 10am to 2pm Tuesday – Friday.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
July 3rd Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday	
Sunday Jul 03	
6:00pm	Syro-Malabar Mass, St Michael's Church
Wednesday Jul 06	
9:00am	Wednesday am Prayer Group, Parish Centre
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday Jul 07	
9:30am	Parish Mass, St Michael's Church
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
Saturday Jul 09	
10:00am	Shining a Light: A Workshop about Domestic Violence Mary MacKillop Hall

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

SHINING THE LIGHT

A WORKSHOP ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:
All volunteers in our parish are strongly encouraged to come along to this free workshop next Saturday July 09. The workshop will be held in the Mary MacKillop Hall at St Michael's Primary School, from 10am – 1pm. 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.



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.

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

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
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**The Harvest is
Plentiful,
but the labourers
are few**

**Get up! Stand up!
Show up!
Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander
Sunday
3 July 2022**



Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church.

This year is particularly important because of the need to reconnect due to the COVID 19 Pandemic and its impact on the ways in which we interacted and made contact with one another. For 2022 NATSICC is asking for everyone to come together, but also consider practical ways in which they can support Australia's First Peoples - not just for this special day, but every day. Our theme this year challenges us all into action- The Harvest is plentiful, but labourers are few. Get up! Stand up! Show up!

Today we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our Parish that we call home.

Artwork: Mumeri was created by Dr Lisa Buxton in August 2013 to celebrate the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's inaugural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mass held at St Mary's Cathedral. The theme for the Mass 'Holy Spirit in this Land' was captured in the artwork through the use of Aboriginal and Catholic symbolism.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...'" (Luke 10:2)

As Catholics we are all called to serve. However, many of us are unsure of what our charisms or gifts from the Holy Spirit are to help build God's Church. Through prayer we are able to discern how God is calling us. The next time your pastor or fellow parishioner asks you to join a committee, ask God first, if that is what He wants you to do with your gifts.

Rosters for July 09 & 10 2022			15 th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Jul 09 5:00pm	R Webber	D Smith	S Thomas	C Payne	Jane & Simon
Sunday Jul 10 9:30am	J Dal Pra & E Babu	M Tainsh		M Wilkinson & C McLure	Diamente Family
Sunday Jul 10 5:00pm	E & M Joseph	Volunteer	E Joseph	J Hanratty	Jane & Simon
Mick's Kitchen:		July 7 th Burns Team		July 14 th Van Berkel Team	

Entrance Antiphon cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God,
We have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading Isaiah 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you.

And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass.

To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7 16 Rv1

(R.) *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!
(R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

Second Reading Gal 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Col 3:15 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your peace will rest upon him.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

Next weeks Readings

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Deuteronomy 30:10-14

2nd Reading Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel Luke 10:25-37