



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

St Paul's Campus 5174 7355



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2022

On Sunday we celebrate the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

The theme this year is **"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15).**

It is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord – in the words of the Bible – has "filled with days". **Let us celebrate it together!** Pope Francis asks the young amongst us to "seek out those elderly persons who feel most alone, at home or in residences where they live. Let us make sure that no one feels alone on this day. Expecting a visit can transform those days when we think we have nothing to look forward to; from an initial encounter, a new friendship can emerge. Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of mercy in our time!"

To the older person the pope asks this: "Cultivate your interior life through the assiduous reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. In addition to our relationship with God, we should also cultivate our relationships with others: first of all by showing affectionate concern for our families, our children and grandchildren, but also for the poor and those who suffer, by drawing near to them with practical assistance and our prayers."

This week let us celebrate grandparents and the elderly in prayer.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents and the elderly.

May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.

Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, for the great embrace of life without end.

Amen

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Jul 26	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Jul 27	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Jul 28	9:30am Mass @ St Gabriel's PS*
Friday July 29	9:30am Mass

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Brian Hayes, Francis (Frank) Falzon and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Des MacManus, Luz Goicoa, Barbara Durea, Angelina Agostino, Leopold Fernando, Tasma Sharp, Bob Wolfe, John Archibald, Father John Allen and Judy Sullivan.

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



PLANNED GIVING

UPDATE: The office staff and finance team are busy processing all the pledge cards that have been handed in and will update you soon. 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.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

(Luke 11:9)

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday Jul 26	
10.00am	CWL Meeting Parish Centre
Wednesday Jul 27	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday Jul 28	
9:30am	Parish Mass, St Gabriel's Primary School
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm	RCIA Information Evening, Parish Centre

BAPTISMS:

This weekend we welcome for Baptism: **Lucy Jane Abbott**, daughter of Phillip and Mary, **Tilda Frances Ashdown**, daughter of Jason and Sarah, and **Phoebe Gwen Aarons**, daughter of Benjamin and Emily.



Congratulations from us all!

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday August 9th 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 28th in the Parish Centre at 7:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060, if you, or someone you know are interested.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – ASK, SEARCH, KNOCK: Jesus says in the gospel, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.'

The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for.

Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.

PARISH NEWS: Do you have any good news you would like to share with the parish community?

Special birthdays, anniversaries, news/updates from any parish groups? We would love to hear from you via email – sec@smpt.org.au

FATHERS DAY CELEBRATION: Sunday 28th August 9.30am

Mass with morning tea in the Mackillop Hall after Mass. A great opportunity to continue building our Parish community as well as appreciating all the special fathers in our Parish. Everyone welcome.



NEWS FROM THE PLENARY COUNCIL: A time of renewal and hope. The Plenary Council that concluded last week showed how change could be achieved through careful listening. The bishops and lay delegates were able to hear each other's concerns, hopes and aspirations as they sought to address ways to renew and revitalise the Church in Australia. A greater emphasis was placed on the participation of women, who make up half of all Catholics in Australia. The bishops said they would work towards a "renewal" that would result in more women being involved in decision-making roles within parishes and dioceses. Of particular note is the implementation of a Diaconate for women. They also resolved to improve their relationship with Indigenous Australians and refugees; promote responsible stewardship of resources; increased transparency; more focus on education as a means of evangelisation and greater emphasis on social service. Of particular interest to many will be the request to the Bishop's Commission for Liturgy to prepare a new English translation of the Roman Missal that is both faithful to the original text and sensitive to the call for language that communicates clearly and includes all in the assembly. The concluding document states:

"We carry forth into the world the seeds of fresh possibilities, sown in a hidden yet abundant way by the great Sower of everything, who makes these seeds flourish in unexpected places for the sake of the Kingdom (Matt. 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, Luke 8:4-15). We bear a rich heritage: the many ways in which the Catholic community has enhanced life in Australia through its care for the sick and marginalised, its commitment to education, and its advocacy for social justice, especially the needs of refugees and asylum seekers."

"We commit ourselves to seek and serve the human flourishing of all Australians, and to care for Earth, our common home, by cherishing, preserving, and healing the land."

This has been an enormous opportunity to revitalise the Church in Australia. Let's pray we can build on these outcomes for the betterment of the Church and the world we live in.



MINISTRY CORNER

Did you know that you can volunteer for any of our parish ministries? Do you know that we need all our parishioners to help run our parish smoothly? Each week will be highlighting a different ministry to learn about and if you are interested in volunteering please call the parish office. We need you.

This week's ministry – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS



"The term "Eucharistic Minister", or more properly a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM), denotes a **lay person who assists the priest in administering the elements of Holy Communion, the consecrated bread**

and wine. They may also take the sacrament to those who are ill, or otherwise unable to attend the church service."

Is this something you could help with at weekend Masses? You are put on a monthly roster and if unavailable you can easily swap with another volunteer. Training is provided and Working with children check required.



THE DIOCESE OF BROOME: urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org

OVERSEAS MISSIONS: Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these Mission opportunities abroad. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. Palms Australia, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

Rosters for July 30 & 31 2022		18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C			
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Jul 30 5:00pm	A Taylor	B Purcell	M Mathai	A Ryan	Jane & Simon
Sunday Jul 31 9:30am	M Hansen / K Roy	C McCabe		Reid Family	Jane & Simon
Sunday Jul 31 5:00pm	S Hill	E Hill	V Vaz	C Hill	Jane & Simon
Mick's Kitchen:	28 th July McLaughlin Team		4 th August St Michaels PS Staff		

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 67:6-7 36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people

First Reading Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

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

(R.) *Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R)

Second Reading Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him.

What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

