

## 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

### Gospel Reflection: Instruments of God's Work By Sophie Clements

In "Walking in a Relaxed Manner", Sister Joyce Rupp described how despite months of training and preparation, she never anticipated how difficult her 825 km walk on the Camino would be. She was often at the mercy of the weather and challenged by the rugged terrain.

At many points of the journey, she felt tired, discouraged and frustrated. Nevertheless, she was supported and inspired by the goodwill, prayers and support of fellow pilgrims and other ordinary people she met on the Camino. Everyone from those who ran the "albergues" (pilgrim hostels) to the residents of the villages they passed through extended extraordinary kindness, care and concern towards herself and her fellow pilgrims. She learnt to meet every experience with a deep awareness of divine accompaniment, and in unity with her fellow pilgrims.

This spirit of courage and faith is reflected in today's gospel where Jesus asks his disciples to enter by the narrow gate. He advises his disciples to avoid taking an easy option. This was not misguided advice to seek out pain, for the clue about good discipleship lies in another phrase in today's gospel: that the last shall be first and the first last.

In Jesus's time, those who were preferred last by society were those of little consequence: people on the margins, those without power and status in society, women, children etc. Despite their station in life, Jesus regards them with love. There are many instances of him reaching out to touch, heal and bless those who society spurned. Indeed, Jesus does not reject or exclude them but regards them as being first in God's kingdom.

There is an additional dimension of God's love for the vulnerable. He also embraces the broken parts of each of us; parts which we might dismiss or be ashamed of. Instead of feeling diminished by our sometimes painful circumstances, we are invited to trust in his love for us. He is tender with our failings and frailties. We are invited to walk life's sometimes excruciating path in the awareness that he shares our burden intimately and is even able to transform us through it.

St Thomas Aquinas's teaching: "Gratia non tollit naturam, sed perficit" – grace does not destroy nature, but perfects it, holds tremendous insight. Grace builds on and fulfils nature; for God who is never outdone in generosity, takes the humble offering of our life and weaves it into the fabric of his plan for redemption.

Spanish cellist Pablo Casals, already a renowned musician in 1913, bought a 180-year-old cello made by luthier Matteo Goffriller who was not widely known at the time. He chose this instrument as it had been tempered by years of playing. It spoke in a warm, rich voice. He often said he used his cello to speak for the soul of his country.

In God's hands, all of us, no matter our station, can be his instruments: to proclaim the riches of his mercy, providence and unending love.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Aug 23	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Aug 24	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass 2.00pm Funeral Prayers Alba Cabbai
Thursday Aug 25	9:30am Mass @ St Gabriel's PS*
Friday Aug 26	9.30am Mass in the Church

**\*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 Alba Cabbai, David Dorward, David Noon and John Hutchinson, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Gillian Blackman, John Harte, Nessie Dal Pra, and Veronica Smith. *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, 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.



**NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH:**

- Micks Kitchen is back at Vinnies serving takeaways to around 60 people. They are planning to go back into the dining room on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- School Masses are back in full swing after a long break. The children are quickly learning how to sit still for Mass and starting to remember the prayers again.
- Syro-Malabar mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption and Indian Independence Day on Sunday was well represented with around 100 people attending.
- On the 10th of August, the lay pastoral ministers of our diocese spent a day at the Sion House in Warragul with the aim of networking, formation and sharing ideas. The theme was "Go Make a Difference". Thanks, Ansje Sykes and Theresa Denny for attending.
- Bev have been a great help in the office assisting with the planned giving program.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday August 23	
6:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Centre
Wednesday August 24	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday August 25	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre
Friday August 25	
12.00pm	Finance Meeting, Parish Centre
Sunday August 28	
10:30am	Father's Day Parish Morning Tea, Mary MacKillop Hall

**BAPTISMS:**

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup> 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 our weekly meetings on Thursday's in the Parish Centre at 7:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060, if you, or someone you know are interested.



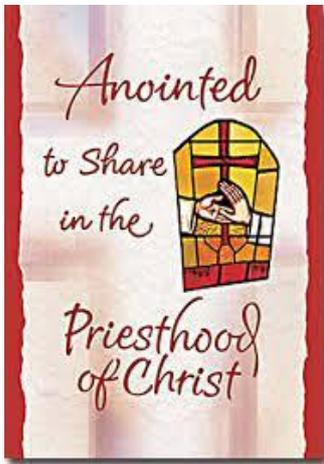
Our RCIC program has started this weekend and we are very excited to welcome the young children who are taking a step in their faith Journey. We pray for them and their families as they answer to God's call. Sessions will be in the Church after 9.30am Mass this Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup> after 9.30am Mass. Please welcome them to our Parish. **Children will be Baptised on Sunday 4th September at 11am.**

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** for parishioners that are wanting to give by cash, planned giving envelopes are available for collection at the front of the Church. These will be available for the next 2 weekends. Please remember to pick them up to save the parish postage costs. Thank you for your support.

**TAP TAP TAP!!!**

It's great to see so many parishioners tapping the new Quest payment system. There is one in the Kay St entry of the Church during the weekend Masses and during the week it will be in the office. In the next few weeks, we hope to have them in both entries. It's a great way to support of parish especially if you do not have any loose coins. Thank you for always supporting our Parish!





**PRIESTLY ORDINATION FOR**

**MARK HUGHES:** We are very excited to invite you all to Mark's Priestly Ordination. Mark has been a special part of St Michaels Parish community and we are blessed to have him in our Diocese. Please save the date.

Date : Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
 Place: St Mary's Cathedral Sale  
 Time : 11am  
 More details to come soon.

**MINISTRYCORNER**

Did you know that you can volunteer for any of our parish ministries? 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.



**FATHERS DAY CELEBRATION: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am**

Morning tea in the Mary MacKillop Hall, St Michael's Primary School after 9:30am Mass. A great opportunity to continue building our Parish community and to show our appreciation for all the special fathers and grandfathers in our Parish. Bring along your children, grandchildren, parents and grandparents so we can celebrate the important men in our lives and all that they do for our families. Everyone is welcome! Please bring a plate of morning tea to share.



**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE - September 4<sup>TH</sup> 2022**

This Fund supports the priests and deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons in retirement and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests, and deacons in time of sickness. Envelopes are available in the Church for the Special Collection to be taken up Father's Day (September 4) to assist the work of the Priests Welfare Foundation of the Diocese of Sale. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible. If you require a receipt for taxation purposes, please put your name and address clearly on the special envelope and a receipt will be issued in due course.



**DIOCESE OF BROOME: Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist in working with the local Church, in various Aboriginal communities. There is a variety of important voluntary tasks in **administration, building and vehicle maintenance, gardening, hospitality, general 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 a small weekly allowance. Contact Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060  
 Email: [volunteers@broomediocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomediocese.org)  
 Web: [www.broomediocese.org](http://www.broomediocese.org)

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:**

*"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." (Luke 13:30)*

Our standards in society are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "what have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

Rosters for Aug 27 & 28 2022			22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Welcomers	Musicians
<b>Saturday Aug 27 5:00pm</b>	R Foote & T Larkin	J Fleming	M Saunders	B O'Brien	
<b>Sunday Aug 28 9:30am</b>	T Denny & E Babu	C McCabe	U Imhagwe	D Bau & W Banks-Smith	Jane & Simon
<b>Sunday Aug 28 5:00pm</b>	E & M Joseph	Volunteer	M Mathai	M Noone	Jane & Simon
<b>Mick's Kitchen:</b>			Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> Scholtes Team Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> Van Berkel Team		

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 85:1-3

*Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all  
the day long.*

**First Reading** Is 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

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

**(R.)** *Go out to all the world  
and tell the Good News.*

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**
2. Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the way, the truth, and the life,  
says the Lord;*

*no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Lk 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

**Next weeks Readings**

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Sirach 3:17-20 28-29

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Heb 12:18-19 22-24

Gospel Luke 14:1 7-14