



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

SAVE THE DATE
PRIESTLY ORDINATION &
THANKSGIVING MASS

REV. MARK HUGHES

15th October 2022
11:00am
St. Mary's Cathedral,
Foster Street, Sale

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16th October 2022
10:45 am
St. Agatha's Church
Sladen Street, Cranbourne

A prayer for Father's

Gracious God,

Bless fathers and all father figures with such love and faithfulness that children flourish and grow in uprightness and joy. Bless those who long to be fathers and those for who this day is difficult. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Join us for morning tea after the 9.30am Mass in the Mary MacKillop Hall, St Michael's Primary School. All welcome.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Aug 30	9:30am Liturgy
Wednesday Aug 31	11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Liturgy
Thursday Sep 01	9:30am Fathers Day Mass in the Church with St Gabriel's PS
Friday Sep 02	9.30am Liturgy

****All parishioners are very welcome to attend the school Mass on Thursday.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Alba Cabbai, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Damian Goodwin, Bert Ireland, Marie Howard, Gillian Blackman, and John Harte. *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, Victoria Rohli, Father John Speekman, James Whitty and Tony Tactor, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 28TH SUNDAY:



This year's Social Justice Statement, **Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse**, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence

and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.' We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action. If the content of the Statement raises issues or concerns for you, please refer to the Getting Help page in the Statement for a list of support channels, or speak to a trusted friend, your GP, your parish priest or parish pastoral worker. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 62019845.



CHRISTMAS FAMILY PICNIC: Sunday 4th December. 9.30am Mass with byo picnic in the St Michaels school grounds lots of fun planned. More information to come.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday August 30	
10.00am	CWL Meeting, Parish Centre
7:00pm	Mick's Kitchen Team Leaders Meeting, St Vincent de Paul Centre
Thursday September 01	
9:30am	St Gabriel's Father's Day Mass, St Michael's Church
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre
Sunday September 04	
Father's Day	

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for Baptism

Meadow Ava Lynn, daughter of Michael and Annabelle, **Amalia Maybel Prezioso**, daughter of Jamie and Jessica, and **Caitlin Mary Glasson**, daughter of Dylan and Catherine.



Congratulations from us all!

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday September 13th 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.

R.C.I.C.: Our RCIC program started last 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. Please welcome them to our Parish. **Children will be Baptised on Sunday 4th September at 11am.**



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT

- A great meeting with our PPC members with 8 members in person and 7 attending via Zoom.
- Theresa Denny from the Liturgy Team was invited to lead prayer and Spiritual Discernment. The theme was "Be Still and know that I am God"
- Great reports from our schools that are all thriving. Lots of enrolments for next year and building works happening.
- Finance report planned giving update and lots of discussion about the new Hall project. PPC is excited for this project to start.
- More work on building our ministries back up and engaging volunteers to help with the running of the parish.
- Morning tea organised for Father's Day celebration and planning started for a Christmas Family fun day.



This year, the Diocese of Sale celebrates **Safeguarding Sunday** on September 11. There has been a lot of activity leading up to it over the last few months involving both Parishes and Schools in relation to Child Safety Week (which runs from 4 to 11 September). You are invited to view the Bishop's video, and winning entries of children for the Child Safety competition who have expressed, 'What makes them feel safe and supported?' The Main Child Safety Week page on the Diocese website is <https://www.cdsale.org.au/child-safety-week>

This week's ministry – SACRISTANS:

Anyone can be a Sacristan – you need to arrive early to Mass and open up the Church and assist Father in setting up the Church for Mass. You will help pack up and lock the Church after Mass. It's a very important ministry that helps Father a lot. Training provided. Can you volunteer to go on a roster?



SACRISTAN

Working with children checks required.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: 4 SEPTEMBER 2022. FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:

This Fund supports the priests, including those from overseas, and deacons of our diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting eight priests and three deacons and their wives in retirement and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests, and deacons in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be over \$200,000. You may find out more about one of our retired priests, Fr Bernie Krotwaar, on It will show also on the front page of www.cdsale.org.au under news featuring Fr Bernie's photo. The Foundation is most grateful and appreciative of your support for our priests and deacons. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Your donations may also be made through your local parish.

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. Please remember to pick them up to save the parish postage costs. Thank you for your support.

OFFICE CLOSED:

On Tuesday 30th August the parish office will be closed. It will reopen on Wednesday 31st August.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

FR AJU ON HOLIDAYS:

We wish Fr Aju a very safe and relaxed trip home to India after nearly 3 years since he has been home. He will be away from August 29th – 25th September.



CHAPEL: For those using the Chapel, please remember to lock the door when you are leaving.



LETTER FROM BISHOP GREG:

A PLENARY COUNCIL FOR A MISSION AND CHRIST CENTRED CHURCH: Feel free to take a printed copy of the Bishop's letter in the foyer of the Church or from the parish office.

LATEST MEDJUGORJE MESSAGE, AUGUST 25, 2022

"Dear children! God permits me to be with you and to lead you on the way of peace, so that through personal peace, you build peace in the world. I am with you and intercede for you before my Son Jesus, that He may give you a strong faith and hope in a better future, which I desire to build up with you. You be courageous and do not be afraid, because God is with you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33)
 When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

Rosters for September 03 & 04 2022				23 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	MERT	Welcomers	Musicians
Saturday Sep 03 5:00pm	B O'Brien & A Taylor	J Fleming	Volunteer		Volunteer	Jane & Simon
Sunday Sep 04 9:30am	U & E Imhagwe	M Wilkinson	Volunteer		Volunteer	Filipino Choir
Sunday Sep 04 5:00pm	B Purcell	S Darby	Volunteer		Volunteer	Jane & Simon
Mick's Kitchen:		Sept 1 st Van Berkel Team		Sept 8 th McLaughlin Team		

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:3,5

*Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.*

First Reading Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 67:4-7 10-11 Rv11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home, Prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:1 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Next weeks Readings

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Wisdom 9:13-18

2nd Reading Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel Luke 14:25-33