



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.

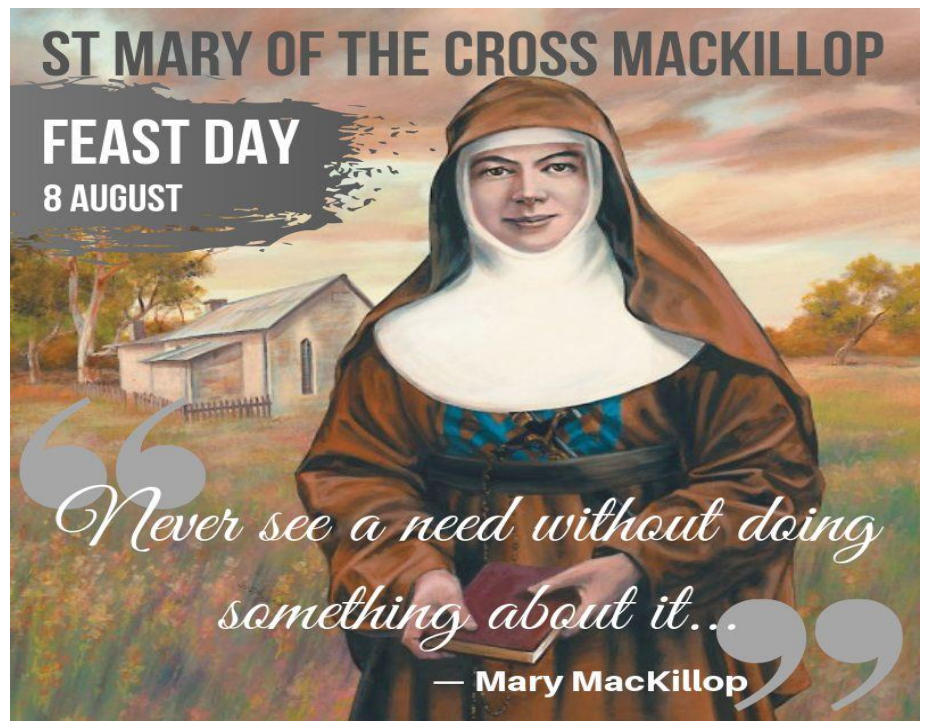
Our Schools:

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



Mary was born in Victoria to Scottish immigrants. She was the eldest of eight children and spent her early years working to support her family. At the age of 24 she dedicated her life to God and took on the name "Mary of the Cross".

Along with [Fr Julian Tenison-Woods](#), Mary opened a school in a disused stable in Penola, South Australia. Her vision was to provide education for underprivileged children. Many other women came to join her there, and Mary and Julian founded Australia's first religious order: the Sisters of St Joseph.

Mary and the Sisters were committed to serving the poor – to going to where the need was and living amongst those in need. This took Mary all over Australia to many rural areas.

Mary faced fierce opposition throughout her life, which at one point culminated in her being excommunicated. In the face of trial, Mary was a model of forgiveness, insisting no ill be spoken of those who wronged her, while also remaining resolute in her convictions.

Mary was remarkable as a strong female leader in 19th century Australia. Education in this country is what it is today thanks to her dedication and determination.

<https://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/who-we-are/mary-mackillops-story/>

Please join us for Mass on Monday August 8th at 9:30am to celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

| Sunday Mass Times | |
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| Saturday | 5:00pm Mass |
| Sunday | 9:30am & 5:00pm Mass |
| Weekday Mass Times | |
| Monday Aug 08 | 9:30am Mass- Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop |
| Tuesday Aug 09 | 9:30am Mass |
| Wednesday Aug 10 | 11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Adoration 12:00pm Mass |
| Thursday Aug 11 | 9:30am Mass @ St Gabriel's PS* |
| Friday Aug 12 | 9.30am Mass St Michael's PS |
| Sunday Aug 14 | 6:00pm Syro-Malabar (Indian language) 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 Bill Moran, Joan McLinden, Alan Murtagh, Margaret Dick, Anthony Mele, Anna Douglas, and Gail Percy, sister of Carolyn McCabe, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Rita Sweeney, Maria Melenhorst, Jim Flynn, Eileen Considine, Veronica Thomson, Vivienne Dessent, John Fahy, Joan O'Dwyer, Nancy DeZwart, Alwyn Hales, Sr Cathy Dean RSJ, Margot Donahoe and Carmel Little. *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.



DONATIONS: We are now able to take credit card donations using the Quest machine set up in the foyer. This will help support the Church but also help if you don't have any cash handy at Mass. You will see the system in the Kay St foyer, and it will be set at \$5 donations. All you need to do is tap the system with your credit card. If you would like to donate more than \$5 you can tap it as many times as you like. All donations will help support our wonderful Parish.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: August 15
We will hold a Syro-Malabar mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption and Indian Independence Day on **Sunday August 14 at 6pm** in the Church. Supper will be held in the Mary MacKillop Hall after Mass, all are welcome.

We will also celebrate the Assumption of Mary, with a special Mass here at St Michael's Church on **Monday August 15 at 9:30am**. Parishioners are invited to attend, and help students from St Gabriel's celebrate this special day.

| THIS WEEK'S EVENTS: | |
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| Monday August 08 | |
| 9:30am | Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Mass @ St Michael's Church |
| Tuesday August 09 | |
| 7:00pm | Baptism Preparation Meeting, St Michael's Church |
| Wednesday August 10 | |
| 11:00am | Reconciliation, St Michael's Church |
| Thursday August 11 | |
| 10:30am | Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room |
| 7:30pm | RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre |
| Sunday August 14 | |
| 6:00pm | Syro-Malabar Mass, St Michael's Church |

BAPTISMS: 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 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.



Have you ever thought about Baptising your school aged child? Are you wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith? We are offering the RCIC – Rite of Christian Initiation for Children this term for school age children. 1 parent must be Catholic and journey with the child.

We are holding 2 compulsory workshops in the Church :
August 21st: 9.30am Mass followed by a session 11am–12pm
August 28th: 9.30am Mass followed by a session 11am – 12pm
Children will be Baptised on Sunday 4th September at 11am.
If you are interested or have any questions, please call the Parish Office on 51742060 or email sec@smpt.org.au

FATHERS DAY CELEBRATION: Sunday 28th August 9.30am
Morning tea in the MacKillop Hall 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Robyn Marxen celebrates her 80th Birthday on Monday August 8th. Happy Birthday from us all Robyn.



THE CELEBRATION PHASE OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL IS OVER.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

The Plenary Council has three phases: preparation, which took place over more than three years; celebration, which included the two

assemblies and the nine months between them; and implementation, which started after the second assembly and will unfold in coming years. At the second assembly, the following motion passed: That the Plenary Council adopt the following steps for ensuring the effectiveness and accountability of the Implementation phase, to take place over a period of five years:

- a. the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council will be responsible for establishing terms of review for the Plenary Council's implementation;
- b. a roundtable body such as that proposed in Decree 7, Article 2, will be responsible for co-ordinating the review;
- c. interim reports will be published in 2023 and 2025; and
- d. the final review report will be published five years after the Second Assembly, in 2027.

Much of the work of implementation will take place at the local level, including at diocesan synods that are expected to take place within five years of the conclusion of the Plenary Council's celebration.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK- August 7-14:

As Catholics, we believe that God has a plan for our lives. He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to consecrated life or to live as generous single people. National Vocations Awareness Week is an annual celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

*"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."
(Luke 12:34)*

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

MINISTRYCORNER

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 – COMMENTATOR

The Commentator reads the introduction and the prayers of the faithful during Mass. The microphone and printed prayers will be waiting for you to read. All you need to do is turn the microphone on and read when required with a loud clear voice.

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.



CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL 2022

We invite you to join us once again in our mission to help strengthen families and communities by taking part in the Catholic Care appeal 2022. CatholicCare offers counselling and mental health programs, affordable housing, specialised supports for children and teens, pastoral care, support for separating families, refugee and asylum seeker help, employment help, crisis help, homelessness and advocacy support, and a variety of courses helping to strengthen relationships and wellbeing.

Ways in which we can donate to CatholicCare are :-

1. Online Donation www.catholiccarevic.org.au (include the name and town of our Parish in the comments section).
 2. Phone – call 9287 5513 and speak to a member of the fundraising team.
 3. Bank transfer – transfer funds directly to the CatholicCare bank account – Account name, CatholicCare: BSB 083 347: Acc no. 171 551 421: Ref SundayAppeal(your surname).
- All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. CatholicCare will issue tax deductible donation receipts to all who provide their details.

We will have a leaving collection this weekend after each mass, please give generously.

| Rosters for Aug 13 & 14 2022 | | 20 th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C | | | |
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| | Lector | Commentator | MERT | Usher/Welcomer | Musicians |
| Saturday Aug 13 5:00pm | R Webber | D Smith | J McLaughlin | C Payne | Jane & Simon |
| Sunday Aug 14 9:30am | C McLure & R Diaz | M Tainsh | V Vaz | P & J Dal Pra | Diamente Family |
| Sunday Aug 14 5:00pm | E & M Joseph | S Darby | S Hemming | J Hanratty | Jane & Simon |
| Mick's Kitchen: | Aug 11 th Hemming Team | | Aug 18 th Burns Team | | |

Entrance Antiphon Ps 83:10-11

*Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

First Reading Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

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

(R.) *Happy the people the Lord
has chosen to be his own.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Be watchful and ready: You know not when the
Son of Man is coming.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12: 35-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



Next weeks Readings:
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
2nd Reading: Heb 12:1-4
Gospel: Luke 12:29-53