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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

11 September 2022

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.

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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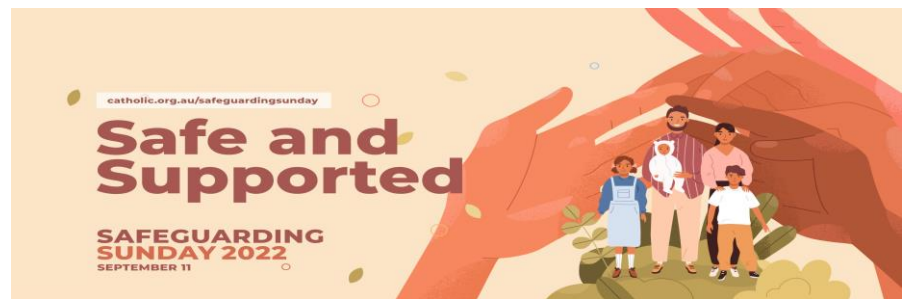
Baptisms: Six weeks notice required

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



Today is Safeguarding Sunday, which comes at the end of Child Protection Week, whose theme this year is: **Every child, in every community, needs a fair go and a chance to grow up safe and supported.** What makes you feel safe and supported in your community, school or at home?

Safeguarding Sunday invites us to ask whether the relationships within our Church express respect for people, and especially adults at risk or vulnerable people, who are precious in God's sight. When we think of safeguarding it is right to think that in the past, abuse and official tolerance of it could happen only because there were no safeguards against it.

In recent years and in most of our Catholic parishes and schools we can say fairly confidently that children get a fair go. We need to keep working at it. But we need also to ensure that in all the daily relationships where there is a difference in power, people can feel safe. These relationships include those of priests with parishioners, managers with employees, and volunteers with those whom they help. In all of these relationships those with less power must be safeguarded. That is what safeguarding Sunday is about. It gives Christ's mission flesh and bone in day to day life.

Our commitment to safeguarding of both children and adults at risk.

- We commit to a shared responsibility for creating an environment that is safe for all. We recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
- We commit to abide by the Parish Code of Conduct on safeguarding and any other guidelines unique to a particular ministry.
- We commit to listen to the voices of both children and adults at risk and to do what we can to address their wishes or seek support from the Parish Safeguarding Officer.
- We commit to promoting an open culture where people are encouraged to share concerns with the Parish Safeguarding Officer.
- We commit to act without delay to report incidents of harm and abuse directly to the Police and to the Parish Safeguarding Officer.
- We commit to attending on-going safeguarding training, if we are volunteers.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Sep 13	9:30am Liturgy
Wednesday Sep 14	11:00am Reconciliation
	11:00am Exposition
	12:00pm Mass
Thursday Sep 15	9:30am Liturgy*
Friday Sep 16	11:30am Whole School Mass St Michael's PS**

*Thursday morning liturgy will return to St Michael's church this Thursday, and during the school holidays.

**All parishioners are welcome to attend St Michael's Primary School Whole School Mass on Friday at 11:30am

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including John Timmers, Kay Ruane and Ramon Mil Ico Sr, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Rita McEntee, Clare Lalor, Kathleen Murphy, Giuseppe Agostino, John Power, Catherine Nellie Power, Maria Di Sisto, Aileen Dixon, Brian Cross, Teodora Limsi and Enecia Vergas. *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, Jerry Templer, Damiano Tripodi, Julie Vaz, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, Sharon Veleff, George Walkan, Roy Ward, Victoria Rohli, Father John Speekman, James Whitty, Tony Tactor and Pasqualina Loprese, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Thank you to everyone who has already collected their planned giving envelopes. There are still some that have been left behind, so if you are yet to receive your planned giving envelopes, please collect them from the church this weekend, or contact the parish office to arrange another alternative.



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 EVENTS:	
Sunday September 11	
Safeguarding Sunday	
Tuesday September 13	
7:00pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting, St Michael's Church
Wednesday September 14	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday September 15	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
12:00pm	Valley Region Pastoral Group, Parish Centre
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre
Friday September 16	
11:30	Whole School Mass St Michael's PS, St Michael's Church

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for Baptism:

Haines Navy MacGregor, son of Jason and Lisa, **Sailah Emily Dalglish**, daughter of Michael and Erin and **Mila Wendy Meisenhelter** and **Cleo Leigh Meisenhelter**, daughters of Kahl and Simone. Congratulations from us all and welcome to our Parish!



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.

FR AJU ON HOLIDAYS: Father Aju has arrived safely in India and is enjoying some time with his family and friend. We hope he enjoys his time away and look forward to hearing all about his adventures when he returns to us on the 25th September. In his absence, we are grateful to the support and guidance of Deacon Tony, Father Peter, Father Daniel and Father Vincent.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Priests Welfare Fund last weekend. Our leaving collection raised \$930 which will help support our sick and retired priests and deacons of our diocese.

If you missed last weekend's collection, it is not too late. You can still make your donation by using the QR code above or via the website www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation. **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.



MOTHERS WORKSHOP: ST AGATHA'S PARISH CRANBOURNE

All mothers, mother figures, grandmothers are invited to attend the upcoming Workshop/Retreat at St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne from Friday evening September 16 to Sunday morning September 18, concluding with Mass at 10:45am. The Workshop is an opportunity for women to reconcile with themselves, with others and with God. For more information go to stagathas.org.au/news-and-events.



MINISTRYCORNER

Did you know that you can volunteer for any of our parish ministries? No prior knowledge is required and training and support is provided. We need more volunteers to support the different ministries in our church. It is a great way to help your parish and get to know your fellow parishioners. Please contact the parish office for more information.

This week's ministry: *Mick's Kitchen*

This service was started in 2016 as an outreach response from parishioners who saw a need in our community for people to be able to access a fresh, home cooked meal without cost, in a safe and welcoming environment. We have been running a take-away service for the last two years, but are looking forward to reopening the dining room on Thursday October 6. More volunteers are needed both in the kitchen, in the dining room and welcoming clients upon arrival. If you have some spare time on a Thursday evening, there is a job to suit everyone. It is a great way to give back and support our local community. A current Working With Children check is required, no other experience necessary.

20-22 OCTOBER 2022 **evangelise** ENCOUNTER DISCIPLESHIP MISSION

The Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry warmly invite you to register for the national Evangelise Online Conference. The conference will run from 5pm October 20 to 5pm October 22. Registration is \$25 per person, or \$20 per person if booking as a group. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship, and mission in the world. There is a range of great presentations and discussions and more information can be found at www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au If you would like to participate as a parish group, please contact the parish office to register your interest.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES- ENGLISH TEACHERS, YOUTH WORKERS & YOUTH MINISTERS:

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with disadvantaged young people. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2023 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Australia and the Solomon Islands. We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. Our aim is not to 'help' but to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be. Cagliero volunteers commit themselves to working in the 'Salesian way'. This means that young people are the central focus in all work. The Salesian way also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. The experience as a Cagliero volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliero volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do! For more information, or to send us an inquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliero.org.au/> Applications close October 31st, 2022. Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project Email: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"Everything I have is yours." (Luke 15:31)

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

Rosters for September 17 & 18 2022			25 th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Sep 17 5:00pm	S & S Reid	A Taylor	S Hemming	L Kennedy	Alison, Jeanne & Amanda
Sunday Sep 18 9:30am	M Hansen & K Roy	C McCabe	W Gomez	M Wilkinson	Charismatic Choir
Sunday Sep 18 5:00pm	E Harte	M Noone		Volunteer	
Mick's Kitchen:		Sep 15 th St Michael's PS Team		Sep 25 th Hemming Team	

Entrance Antiphon Cf Sir 36:18

*Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.*

First Reading Ex 32:7-11 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4 12-13 17 19 R Lk 15:18**(R.) I will rise and go to my father**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**

2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Tim 1:12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted
to us.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 15:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

Next weeks Readings

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Amos 8:4-7

2nd Reading 1 Timothy 2:1--8

Gospel Luke 16:1-13