



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



After a very long hiatus we believe it's time to start the youth ministry back up. Our young people are an important part of our parish and we would like to continue supporting them in their faith. **We have a few things in mind that we would like to start but we need assistance – can you help?**

We need volunteers to run the following:

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – This has always been a successful program during our 9.30am Mass for preschoolers/ primary school aged children. This is run by parents/ parishioners on a school term roster and it's a great way for our youngest parishioners to learn about Jesus. We need 4 teams of 2 adults to run this ministry so each team would be rostered on one Sunday per month.

YOUTH MASS – Sunday October 23rd at 5pm followed by supper in the Mary Mackillop Hall next door. We are looking for readers, altar servers, musicians, money collectors, welcomers and also help with supper in the Hall.

YOUTH COUNCIL – we are looking to start our youth council back up to hear a voice from our young adults. We are seeking expressions of interest from any 16yo – 25yo that is interested in joining the council. Please email a letter with the reasons you would like to join to Jen Hanratty – sacraments@smpt.org.au

YOUTH MUSIC – Can you provide music for our young people, at Youth Masses or help our keen young singers start a choir?

PRAYER – Please pray for the Youth ministry, pray for parishioners to be inspired to support the Youth Ministry in whatever way they can and pray for all young people in our parish that they find a deeper love for God and place in our parish community.

For more information for any of the above and to volunteer your time please contact Jen Hanratty on 51742060 or sacraments@smpt.org.au

LET NO ONE DESPISE YOU FOR YOUR YOUTH,
BUT SET THE BELIEVERS AN EXAMPLE IN SPEECH,
IN CONDUCT IN LOVE, IN FAITH, IN PURITY.

1 TIMOTHY 4:12



Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Sep 20	9:30am Liturgy 10:45am Mass @ Margery Cole
Wednesday Sep 21	11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Liturgy
Thursday Sep 22	9:30am Liturgy
Friday Sep 23	9:30am Liturgy

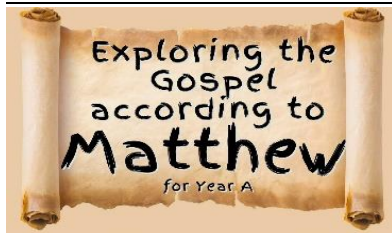
PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Queen Elizabeth II, Helen Carrington, John Timmers, Thomas Hodson, Clare Lalor and Kay Ruane, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Ray Still, Eddy Van der Velden, Mary Cooney, Rita McEntee, Kathleen Murphy and Giuseppe Agostino. *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, Ivvy 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.



FR AJU ON HOLIDAYS: In his absence, we are grateful to the ongoing support and guidance of Deacon Tony, Father Peter, Father Daniel and Father Vincent.

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW:



You are invited to an evening over Zoom with Fr Chris Monaghan, while he takes us through the Gospel of Matthew to prepare us for Year A.

Date : Monday 7th November 2022.

Time 7.30pm -9pm.

Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSYD>

Email: smorley@sale.catholic.org.au/ 03 5622 6677

Contact the office if you would like to attend this as a group at the Parish Centre.



Our Parish is celebrating two very important birthdays this week. We wish Father Peter and Carmel a very Happy Birthday and wish them all the best for their special day, and the year ahead! May God bless them always and we thank them for all the wonderful ways they support our parish.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday September 20	
10.45am	Mass at Margery Cole
Wednesday September 21	
NO Reconciliation	
Thursday September 22- National Day of Mourning PUBLIC HOLIDAY- OFFICE CLOSED	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre
Friday September 23 PUBLIC HOLIDAY- OFFICE CLOSED	

BAPTISMS: The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday October 11th 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.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS: We will start taking enrolments for First Communion celebrations in the first few weeks of Term 4 for grade 4 and above. Celebration will take place in our parish on Saturday 19th November and Sunday 20th November at all 3 Masses. Please keep the families in your prayers.

OFFICE CLOSED: Office staff have a training session on Tuesday 20th Sept from 11am – 1pm so the office will be closed. Due to the public holidays on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd the Parish Office will also be closed. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



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

We are looking to livestream parts of the above event at the Parish Centre and we would love you to join us in conversation and learning. If you would like to participate as a parish group, please contact the parish office to register your interest.



Soup Van

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: TRARALGON SOUP VAN

A number of new positions have become available for volunteers who can provide food and friendship to the homeless community in Traralgon as part of our soup van program. The primary aim of our soup van program is to offer food, social connection, and referral pathways out of homelessness and poverty, to people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness and disadvantage.

Are you well organised? Do you have a passion for supporting the vulnerable in the community? Then this role is for you!

A Working with Children's Check, proof of COVID-19 vaccination, Police Check and Food Safety Certificate are required before you commence, and are arranged and paid for by Vinnies.

If you are interested please email soupvans@svdp-vic.org.au

PRAYING THE ROSARY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

The East Gippsland Parish Community invites you to a Rosary prayer event via Zoom during October. The Rosary takes us on a spiritual journey along with Mary in contemplation with her son Jesus. Rosary will be prayed online each evening from 7pm – 7.30pm commencing 1st October through to 31st October. It is a free event but you do need to register interest.

Email Michelle – stm.michelleg@gmail.com to receive a link to join. Or phone St Mary's Parish Centre 03 5152 2942.



SAVE THE DATE: PARISH CHRISTMAS

FAMILY FUN DAY: Sunday December 4th 9.30am Mass followed with a picnic in the school grounds. Bring your children, grandchildren and celebrate the year, the parish and each other.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." (Luke 16:13)

Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

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:

Nursing home visitation:

We have many parishioners in nursing homes that would love a visit. Do you have a spare hour a week to spend some time with someone who is lonely?

Matthew 25:36 says: "For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me."

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.



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'. The Salesian way also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. 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

Rosters for September 24 & 25 2022			26 th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Sep 24 5:00pm	R Foote & T Larkin	M Noone		A Membrey	Diamente Family
Sunday Sep 25 9:30am	T Denny & E Babu	C McCabe		D Bau & W Banks-Smith	
Sunday Sep 25 5:00pm	S Hill	C Hill	J McLaughlin	M Noone	
Mick's Kitchen:		Sep 22 nd Hemming Team		Sep 29 th Scholtes Team	

Entrance Antiphon

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.*

First Reading Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4 12-13 17 19 R Lk 15:18

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **(R.)**
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Tim 2:1-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Next weeks Readings:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Amos 6:1 4-7

2nd Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel Luke 16:19-31