



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.

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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.

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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

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108th
**World Day of
Migrants and
Refugees**
Sunday 25 September 2022

Message from Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Chairman Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry

Dear Friends,

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2022 is BUILDING THE FUTURE WITH MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES. When Christians think of the future, it is not simply about the near future but also about our eternal future. In His Death and Resurrection, Jesus has begun THE journey with us. It is the pilgrimage from unfolding the Kingdom of God in the here and now (the "already") to the total embracing of the entire universe under his forgiving mercy and love (the "not yet"). In his message, Pope Francis insists that this universal future is to be taken with the conscious accompaniment of our migrants and refugees. How can we build a future with Jesus without them? There is so much for us to respond in embracing God's future on our journey. There is "personal conversion and the transformation of reality". We must never "lose heart". "No one must be excluded ... especially those living on the existential peripheries". Migrants and refugees, too often on the peripheries of life, are never to be seen as "invaders or destroyers". They are always "a source of enrichment". They come to us "bringing their gifts". So many are Catholics who "can energize the ecclesial life of the communities." In Australia, a country built on migrants and refugees, we can still overlook the newer Australians to our midst. The Pope insists that "if we want to cooperate with our heavenly Father in building the future, let us go together with our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees". This is such an important teaching of Pope Francis that we can all well do to reflect more intently on this special day.

Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn. Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow. Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries. Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 9 May 2022, Pope Francis

| Sunday Mass Times | |
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| Saturday | 5:00pm Mass |
| Sunday | 9:30am & 5:00pm Mass |
| Weekday Mass Times | |
| Tuesday Sep 27 | 9:30am Mass |
| Wednesday Sep 28 | 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Liturgy |
| Thursday Sep 29 | 9:30am Liturgy |
| Friday Sep 30 | 9:30am Liturgy |

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Queen Elizabeth II, Helen Carrington, John Timmers and Thomas Hodson, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Lulu Aragon, Bob Bullivant, Br Jose Vettikatil, Ray Still, Eddy Van der Velden, Mary Cooney, Dangal De Los Angeles and Nellie Coleman. *Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

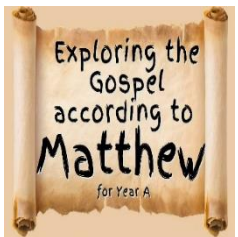
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: including Peter Dal Pra, Ann-Maree Daly, Gary Donchi, Bill Edgar, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Jacqui Granville, Barbara Greaves, Ellen Hammond, Jenny Hansch, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah Mckerchar, 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.



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. Father Aju will be back for Tuesday morning Mass before heading off to the Diocesan Clergy Retreat until Friday. We look forward to him returning for next weekend's masses.



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.



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.

| THIS WEEK'S EVENTS: | |
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| Tuesday September 27 | |
| 10.00am | CWL Meeting, Parish Centre |
| Wednesday September 28 | |
| | NO Reconciliation |
| Thursday September 29 | |
| 10:30am | Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room |
| 7:30pm | RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre |

BAPTISMS:

This weekend, we welcome for Baptism **Brady Walter Burge**, son of Michael and Natalie. Congratulations from us all and welcome to our Parish!



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.



OUR PATRON SAINT- FEAST OF ST MICHAEL THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29:

Very little is known about St Michael other than what we know from scriptures, which

themselves are sparse: In Daniel, St. Michael is mentioned twice. The first time as one who helped Daniel, and the second time he is mentioned with regard to the end times of the world when he will stand for the "children of thy people." His next mention comes in the Epistle of St. Jude, where St. Michael is said to guard the tombs of Moses and Eve and has contended with Satan over the body of Moses. The final mention is in Revelation, where St. Michael and his angels, do battle with the dragon. There are other scriptures where St. Michael is implied, but not mentioned by name, such as the angel; who defends the gate to Paradise, who defends against Balaam, and "who routed the army of Sennacherib." Today, St. Michael is invoked for protection, especially from lethal enemies. Patron of grocers, soldiers, doctors, mariners, paratroopers, police, and sickness.

Saint Michael,

defend us in the turmoil of our lives; protect us against all evil; that our lives may reflect only the glory of God.

Amen

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.



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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY – This program during our 9.30am Mass for preschoolers/primary school aged children is run by parents/parishioners on a school term roster. It is 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 want to start our youth council back up. We are seeking expressions of interest from any 16yo – 25yo. 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? CONTACT PARISH OFFICE FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

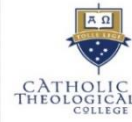
Did you know that you can volunteer for any of our parish ministries? No prior knowledge is required, and training and support is provided. We need more volunteers to support the different ministries in our church. It is a great way to help your parish and get to know your fellow parishioners. Please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

This week's ministry: MUSIC

Can you sing? Play an instrument? Lead a group of musicians? Music is an important part of our Mass and we currently have quite a few openings on our roster. A current Working with Children check is required.



"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the Lord with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm" (Psalm 98:4-5).



2022 Knox Public Lecture: Wednesday 12th October at 7.30pm

"50 Years of Theological Education in Context: Then, Now, What Next?" Bookings and Info: ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture

Enquiries: Email sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Ph 9412 3333

Venue: Celtic Hall, Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." (Luke 16:25-26)

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.



Daylight saving time 2022 in Victoria will begin at 2:00am on Sunday October 02. A reminder that we will need to turn our clocks forward an hour next Sunday morning.

| Rosters for October 01 & 02 2022 | | | 27 th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C | | |
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| | Lector | Commentator | MERT | Usher/Welcomer | Musicians |
| Saturday Oct 01 5:00pm | B O'Brien & A Taylor | S Grout | J McLaughlin | Volunteer | |
| Sunday Oct 02 9:30am | J Dal Pra & A Thomas | M Wilkinson | S Thomas | B McNulty | Filipino Choir |
| Sunday Sep 25 5:00pm | S Luscombe | S Darby | E Joseph | C Hill | |
| Mick's Kitchen: | Sep 29 th Scholtes Team | | Oct 06 th Van Berkel Team | | |

Entrance Antiphon Dn 3:31 29 30 43 42

*All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your
mercy.*

First Reading Amos 6:1 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

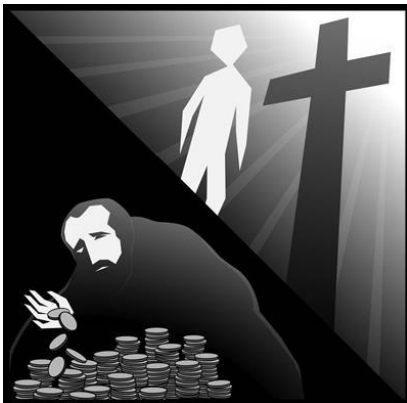
The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10 Rv2**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

**Next weeks Readings****27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4
2nd Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel Luke 17:5-9

Second Reading 1 Tim 6:11-16

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'"