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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

09 October 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.

### 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

### Scripture Commentary

by Dianne Bergant CSA



*The first reading* for today is a narrative about healing, gratitude, conversion and worship. Israel had many regulations governing leprosy (cf. Leviticus 13-14). Washing was part of the rite of reincorporation into the community, but it was not itself a remedy for the illness, as is the case here. Miraculously the waters of the Jordan transformed Naaman's flesh into that of a child. When Naaman realised that he had been cured, his indebtedness prompted him to return to Elisha and offer a gift in thanksgiving. Having experienced the power of Elisha's God, he proclaims that there is no other God. This story champions monotheism and universalism. It demonstrates God's love and concern for all.

*The psalm* praises God as king over all. God is first depicted as a triumphant warrior, whose right hand and outstretched arm have brought victory. The divine warrior is the one who conquers the primordial forces of chaos. This psalm focuses on Israel's salvation by God. This victory is really vindication meted out in order to rectify a previous injustice. It follows God's recall of the covenant promises made to the house of Israel. The psalm also features the relationship between God's saving action and the promises that God made. It is because of the promise made to the ancestors that the divine warrior stepped in and triumphed over Israel's enemies.

Paul exhorts *Timothy* to remember the heart of the gospel that Paul has preached: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead; he is a descendant of David. The first statement of the testimony is the very basis of Christian faith. The fact that he came from the line of David shows that he fulfilled all of the expectations and promises that were associated with that royal family. This is the gospel to which Paul committed himself and for which he was now suffering imprisonment. The agony and indignity that Paul bears are seen by him as a share in the 'birthpangs of the messiah', that necessary suffering that would precede the birth of the reign of God.

*In the gospel*, Jesus recalls the story of a foreigner who suffered the pain and indignities of leprosy. Those suffering from leprosy in this story recognise Jesus, stand at a distance, and cry out to him by name. Only one man returns to thank him, and he is a Samaritan. He is not surprised that Jesus healed him. Nor is he the only one who had faith. They all believed that Jesus had the power to heal them and they all went off to show themselves to the priests. What makes this man unique is his gratitude. Jesus commends the man for his faith. Once again the last (a Samaritan) will be first (held up as an example).

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Oct 11	9:30am Mass 11:30am Funeral- Tony Tactor
Wednesday Oct 12	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Oct 13	9:30am Mass @ St Gabriel's PS
Friday Oct 14	9:30am Mass St Michael's PS 10:30am Liturgy @ BUPA

**Parishioners are welcome to join students at St Gabriel's to celebrate mass on Thursday at 9:30am, and St Michael's students on Friday at 9:30am.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently including Tony Tactor, Margaret Richmond and Nicholas Lis, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Raefaelle Loprese, Bridget Deane, Sr Margaret Daly RSJ, Sophia Theissling, Russell Patten, Peter O'Malley, Cathy Mesaric, Varkey Vettikattil and Margaret Cahill. *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 Pasqualina Loprese, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



The Theotokos by Terry Phelan



**THE ICON WRITING GROUP OF ST MICHAEL:**

A small group meets every two weeks to 'write' icons. Members are welcome from all Christian traditions. They learn the Byzantine Orthodox tradition and the writing of Sacred Icons using the egg tempera technique on gesso over linen on a natural timber board. Typically, the holy figures depicted in our icons are those of Christ, the Theotokos (Mother

of God), and the Saints. The process is one of learning about the person or subject and meditating on their life and example. The sacred icon is a point of encounter between God and humanity. It is a window into heaven and reveals some of the glory that is to be. No prior artistic training or skills are required. If you would like to know more about the group and the work it is doing please ring Mike Hansen: 0417 243 703.



Blessing of the Icons, 2019

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday October 11	
7:00pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting, St Michael's Church
Wednesday October 12	
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11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday October 13	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre
Friday October 14	
9:30am	St Michael's PS Foundation Mass, St Michael's Church

**BAPTISMS:**

This weekend we welcome for Baptism, **Oak Malcolm Kurrle**, son of Josh and Deceah and **Percy Max Kurrle**, son of Liam and Kim. Congratulations and welcome to our Parish!



The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held next **Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> 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:** We are now taking enrolments for First Communion celebrations. Enrolment forms are available from the Parish Office and both St Michael's and St Gabriel's primary schools. Celebration will take place in our parish on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at all 3 Masses. An information night for children and their parents will be held in the Church on Wednesday October 19 at 6pm.

**SYRO-MALABAR MASS & ROSARY:** This Sunday we will celebrate the month of Mary with Rosary following a 6pm Mass in Malayalam. All are invited and welcome to attend. We will share supper in the Mary MacKillop Hall afterwards.



We have a very special parishioner celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this week. Happy Birthday Tom from us all!

**LOST:** A pair of black ladies reading glasses were lost after mass last Saturday. If anyone has found them or has picked them up by mistake can they please let the office know.

**Our office will be closed on Wednesday October 12 as our staff will be attending a training day in Warragul.**

You are cordially invited to the Ordination to the Priesthood of Mark Hughes:  
Where: St Mary's Cathedral Sale  
When: Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am  
RSVP: [trybooking.com/CBQWQ](http://trybooking.com/CBQWQ)

**OCTOBER EVENTS:**

- October 09:** Syro-Malabar Mass and Rosary at 6pm
- October 15:** Mark's Ordination, St Mary's Cathedral Sale, 11am
- October 20 – 22:** National Evangelisation Online Conference
- October 23:** Youth Mass, St Michael's Church at 5pm
- October 28:** Walking Rosary, Mary MacKillop Hall 730pm



**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 1<sup>st</sup> October through to 31<sup>st</sup> October. It is a free event but you do need to register interest. Email Michelle – [stm.michelleg@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michelleg@gmail.com) to receive a link to join. Or phone St Mary's Parish Centre 03 5152 2942.

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**evangelise**

[www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au](http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au)

We are interested in organising a parish group to participate in the online 'Evangelise' conference by livestreaming parts of the conference at the parish centre. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the parish office for more information. The conference is being facilitated by the Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship and mission in the world. The conference will feature a range of informative and engaging presentations on topics such as liturgy, marriage and family, discipleship, formation and prayer. For more information go to [www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au](http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au) or contact the parish office.

**EXPLORING THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW:**

**Monday November 07, 730pm – 9pm via Zoom.** You are invited to an evening with Fr Chris Monaghan, while he takes us through the Gospel of Matthew to prepare us for Year A. To register, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSYD>, phone 03 5622 6677 or email [smorley@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:smorley@sale.catholic.org.au).

**Friday November 18, 10am – 330pm, The Abbey, Raymond Island.** Ecumenical Advent conversation- a seasonal study of Matthew for Year A supported by the Catholic Diocese of Sale and the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland. For more information and to register contact the Abbey on 5156 6580 or via email [info@theabbey.org.au](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au)

**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.



**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**SUNDAY 23RD OCT**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:**

*"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" (Luke 17:18)*

Most of us live "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.

Rosters for October 15 & 16 2022			29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Welcomer	Musicians
<b>Saturday Oct 15 5:00pm</b>	R Webber	D Smith	M Mathai	C Payne	Alison, Jeanne & Amanda
<b>Sunday Oct 16 9:30am</b>	U & E Imhagwe	M Tainsh	G Imhagwe	J & P Dal Pra	Charismatic Choir
<b>Sunday Oct 16 5:00pm</b>	E Harte	S Darby		B McNulty	
Mick's Kitchen:	Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> Burns Team		Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> McLaughlin Team		

**Entrance Antiphon** Ps 129:3-4

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel*

**First Reading** 2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.*

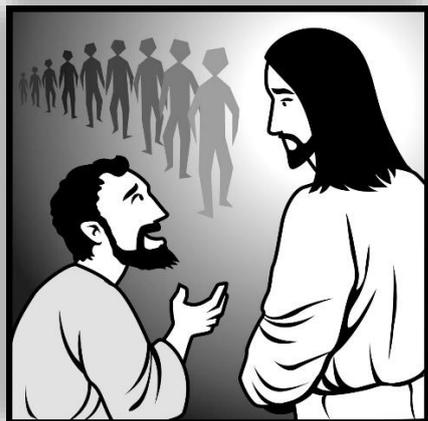
Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 97:1-4 R seev2

**(R.)** *The Lord has revealed to the nations  
his saving power.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 2 Tim 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.*

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*For all things give thanks to God,  
because this is what he expects of you  
in Christ Jesus.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Lk 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed.

Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Next weeks Readings**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Exodus 17:8-13

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Gospel Luke 18:1-8