

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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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

New Testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM: Never Lose Heart Timothy 3:14 – 4:2; Luke 18:1-8

Luke's community lives at a time when hope for an imminent return of Jesus is fading. The initial enthusiasm of faith is wearing thin with the constancy of living in a society where Christian values are odd. The parable is an encouragement to be persistent in faith. Don't give up.

The images in the parable are strange. The community is presented as a helpless widow. In the patriarchal society of that time, a woman without a male provider would be the most powerless. God is portrayed as a judge having neither a religious nor a social sense of responsibility. So the parable begins with one absolutely in need, with nothing to offer, and one with no sense of any moral claim to respond to the woman's need. The judge eventually gives in to the widow purely out of concern for himself, as the translation reads, 'She will worry me to death' (literally, 'punch me in the face'! The Greek verb used here, *hypopiazo* is an expression borrowed from boxing where it means to 'hit under the eye.') The reasoning is that if this unjust person will do the right thing for someone he doesn't care about, then surely we can trust that a loving God will do the right thing for us. Even though prayer seems to go unanswered, don't give up on God.

The images point to the humanness of prayer. A woman wants justice. A judge wants peace. Prayer is a simple activity we can take part in anywhere and anytime. I often pray when I'm out walking or driving for in these times of solitude it is easy to begin a dialogue from my heart and let God know my current concerns. There's no need to save up prayer until you're in a holy place, or a prayerful position. Bring God into your daily activities and discover God as friend.

The Letter to Timothy offers instruction on the importance of Scripture for a Christian – 'from these you can learn wisdom that leads to salvation through faith.' One of my great laments is that for many, many years Catholics were not encouraged to read or pray from the Scriptures; since the time of the Protestant Reformation, the Church was very tentative about encouraging such reading. It was only in 1943 that Pius XII gave the go ahead for Catholic biblical scholars to make use of modern tools of biblical interpretation, and the most recent archaeological findings. Scholars were free to publish and teach with these new insights but it took a long time before such scholarship made it into Australian seminaries, I would say not until the late 60's. While Vatican II further encouraged Catholics to get to know the Scriptures we had few resources for widespread adult education. Far too often I meet adults who still consider the Bible from a historical perspective and then find it implausible with growing knowledge of the world and its evolution. The two creation stories of Genesis seem fantasy and so their deeper wisdom is entirely missed.

The Letter to Timothy has the correct perspective – the Scriptures offer wisdom for our faith, they are books about the religious experience of Israel and the early Christians, they are not books on ancient history, or science or cosmology. This week it might be good to set aside some time to sit and read a Scripture passage, slowly and prayerfully. Asking God to open your eyes to the wisdom God wants to reveal to you.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Oct 18	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Oct 19	11:00am Reconciliation
	11:00am Exposition
	12:00pm Mass
Thursday Oct 20	9:30am Mass @ St Gabriel's PS
Friday Oct 21	9:30am Mass

Parishioners are welcome to join students at St Gabriel's to celebrate mass on Thursdays 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 Richard Vinecombe, Tony King, Edward Johnston, Anna Osunbor, Antonia Koedijk, Raefaelle Loprese, Bridget Deane, and Sr Margaret Daly RSJ. *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.

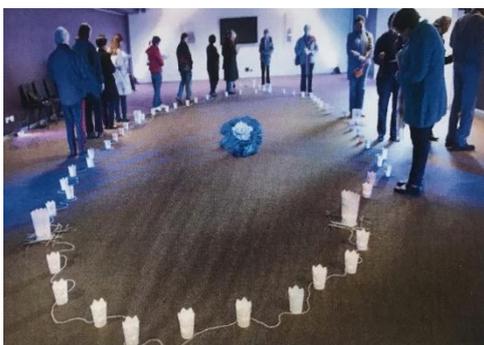


Congratulations Father Mark Hughes!

We pray for Fr Mark Hughes who was ordained to the priesthood this weekend. As he walks in the path chosen for him, may he be blessed abundantly in his priestly ministry within the Diocese of Sale.

CWL WALKING GROUP: Parishioners and friends are invited to join the CWL ladies on a morning walk this Tuesday October 18. The group will meet in Kay Street, next to the church, near the 'Lady of Our Way.' All ages and fitness levels are welcome. We will continue to do this on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

THE WALKING ROSARY A Journey With Mary



**OCTOBER 28
730 - 900pm
St Michael's
School Hall**

**All Most
Welcome**

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday October 18	
10:00am	CWL Walking Group, Meet at our Lady of the Way
10:45am	Mass at Margery Cole
Wednesday October 19	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
6:00pm	First Communion Information Night, St Michael's Church
Thursday October 20	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre

BAPTISMS:

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday November 8th 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 still 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 19th November and Sunday 20th November at all 3 Masses. An important information night for children and their parents will be held in the Church on Wednesday October 19 at 6pm.

PRAYING THE ROSARY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:



-We will have a continuous rosary in the church on **Wednesday October 26** from 1pm- 5pm, all are welcome and encouraged to come along.

-You are also invited to join us in the evening of **Friday October 28** from 730pm - 900pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall for a Journey With Mary. We will participate in a Walking Rosary, participants are invited to recite the rosary as they walk along the life-size rosary path. You can come along at anytime during the session, and participate at your own pace. Booklets will be provided.

-The East Gippsland Parish Community invites you to a Rosary prayer event via Zoom during October. Rosary will be prayed online each evening from 7pm - 7.30pm commencing 1st October through to 31st October. Email Michelle - stm.michelleg@gmail.com to receive a link to join. Or phone St Mary's Parish Centre 03 5152 2942.

OCTOBER EVENTS:

- October 20 - 22:** National Evangelisation Online Conference
- October 23:** Youth Mass, St Michael's Church at 5pm
- October 26:** Continuous Rosary, St Michael's Church 1-5pm
- October 28:** Walking Rosary, Mary MacKillop Hall 730 - 900pm

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. For more information contact the parish office or go to www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au

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.

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



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23: As the world witnesses the ongoing devastation of famine and drought in the Horn of Africa, we are responding to the

call of Pope Francis, to be a witness of love in the world. Join Catholic Mission as they walk hand in hand with the people of Ethiopia and local church communities, towards providing life-changing opportunities to those most in need. For more information or to donate online, go to catholicmission.org.au We will also hold a leaving collection after each mass next weekend to raise money for catholic mission.

A DAY WITH THE SPIRIT:

Saturday November 12, 10am – 4pm
Mary MacKillop Hall, St Michael's

Invite your friends to a wonderful day of worship, teaching and fellowship, led by Father Francis Otobo. All are welcome. Contact the parish office for more information on 5174 2060.

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.

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 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.

SUNDAY 23RD OCT

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." (2 Timothy 4:2)
It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

Rosters for October 22 & 23 2022			30 th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Oct 22 5:00pm	S & S Reid	B Purcell	M Saunders	L Kennedy	Diamente Family
Sunday Oct 23 9:30am	M Hansen	C McCabe	S Hemming	M Wilkinson	Jane & Simon
Sunday Oct 23 5:00pm	Youth Mass	Youth Mass		Youth Mass	Youth Mass
Mick's Kitchen:	Oct 20 th McLaughlin Team		Oct 27 th Scholtes Team		

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 16:6,8

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

First Reading Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

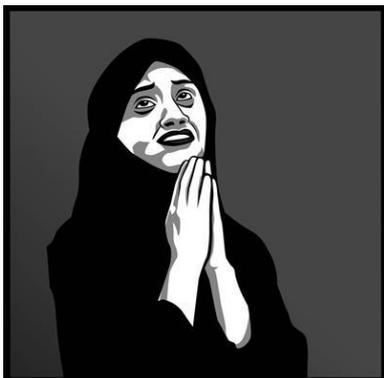
As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 120 Rv2

(R.) *Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **(R.)**
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **(R.)**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 2 Tim 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God is living and active;

it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Next weeks Readings**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 st Reading	Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19
2 nd Reading	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel	Luke 18:9-14