



## 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



This October, we are celebrating World Mission Month, a month dedicated to the life-giving work of missionaries around the world. This Sunday, October 23 is dedicated to World Mission Sunday. This year, we walk hand-in-hand with the Church of Ethiopia and the local communities towards providing life-changing opportunities to those most in need. Pope Francis, in his 2022 World Mission Sunday message, invites everyone to answer the call to be missionary, sharing that "Mission is carried out together, not individually...".

Catholic Mission is answering the call to help build brighter futures. Working at a grass-roots level and closely collaborating with the local communities, they aim to find sustainable solutions which will bring hope to those in most need. They are currently supporting a range of development programs in Ethiopia addressing malnutrition, the lack of access to education for young children, and the vulnerable position of women in society. In the rural region of Emdibir, where 70 percent of families struggle to put food on their tables, missionaries are working towards providing them with a sustainable source of nutrition by building a goat rearing centre. The resources produced through the Centre will help fight malnutrition, a phenomenon that contributes to 50 percent of child deaths. This project is led by Fr Habte, a local priest who is dedicated to raising the local community out of poverty by creating employment, providing sustainable food resources, and bringing hope. In the capital, Addis Ababa, the life-giving work carried out by our local partners is helping children access education. Sister Carmen Sammut SJA created a scholarship program to offer children from families facing financial hardship a placement at school, so that they can continue their education and create brighter futures for themselves and their families.

Catholic Mission is also supporting women in the town of Meki to learn skills and gain financial independence by providing access to vocational training, which can help them secure employment or start their own businesses. This critical mission work is carried out by Maria, a lay missionary who dedicates her life to creating hope for the futures of women in vulnerable situations.



**For more information or to donate online visit [catholicmission.org.au](http://catholicmission.org.au)**  
**Donation envelopes are also available in the Church foyers, or you can drop your donation into the parish office.**

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Oct 25	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Oct 26	11:00am Reconciliation
	11:00am Exposition
	12:00pm Mass
Thursday Oct 27	9:30am Mass @ St Gabriel's PS*
	10:30am Requiem Mass for Giovanni Salvatore
Friday Oct 28	9:30am Mass with St Michael's PS*

**Parishioners are welcome to join students at St Gabriel's to celebrate mass on Thursday at 9:30am and with St Michael students in our Church on Friday at 9:30am**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently including Gioavanni Salvatore, Sr Maureen Philp RSJ, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Margot Kirby, James (Lou) Whitty, Alejandro Nuguid Jnr, Dot Buckland, Richard Vincombe, Tony King, Edward Johnston, Anna Osunbor and Antonia Koedijk.

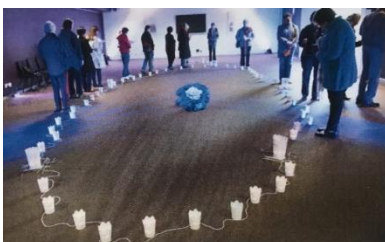
*Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**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, and Pasqualina Loprese, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 26:** Continuous Rosary, St Michael's Church 1-5pm
- October 28:** Walking Rosary, Mary MacKillop Hall 730 - 900pm
- November 02:** All Souls Day Mass, Traralgon Cemetery 12pm
- November 07:** Exploring the Gospel According to Matthew 730-9pm via Zoom.
- November 12:** A Day With the Spirit, Mary MacKillop Hall 10am



**THE WALKING ROSARY**  
**A Journey With Mary**  
**OCTOBER 28**  
**7:30 – 9:00pm**  
**Mary MacKillop Hall**

**ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS' DAY:** Mass will be celebrated in the Church on Tuesday November 01 at 9:30am for All Saints Day. To commemorate all the faithful departed, on All Souls' Day, we will hold a special mass in the Chapel of Traralgon Cemetery at 12pm on Wednesday November 02. All are welcome to attend.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday October 25	
10:00am	Catholic Women's League Meeting, Parish Centre
6:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Centre
Wednesday October 26	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
1:00pm	Continuous Rosary, St Michael's Church
6:30pm	Rosary for Giovanni Salvatore, St Michael's Church
Thursday October 27	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre
Friday October 28	
7:30pm	Walking Rosary, Mary MacKillop Hall

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend we welcome for Baptism, **Levi James Kelso** and **Lottie Ann Kelso**, children of Corey and Rachael.



Congratulations and welcome to our Parish! The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday November 8<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 welcome our first communion families this weekend for their commitment mass. Please make them feel welcome and continue to keep them in your prayers as they take this next step in their faith journey.

**YEAR 12 EXAMS:** As a community we keep our Year 12 students warmly in our thoughts and prayers as they begin their final exams this week. Our prayer and wish is for all of their efforts to be richly rewarded in producing their best over the next four weeks.

**God we ask that our students feel your closeness during the upcoming exam period. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Bless them with keen understanding and good memory. Give them the ability to grasp things correctly, be exact in their explanations and an ability to express themselves clearly. Point out clearly the beginning, direct their progress and help them in the completion of each of their responses. Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge.**

**We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**



### **PRAYING THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER:**

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

-You are also invited to join us this **Friday October 28** from 7:30pm – 9:00pm 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 1<sup>st</sup> October through to 31<sup>st</sup> October. Email Michelle – stm.michelleg@gmail.com to receive a link to join. Or phone St Mary's Parish Centre 03 5152 2942.

**COVID 19 UPDATE:** Volunteers are no longer required to be double vaccinated to work in the Diocese of Sale, including our parish. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this time and welcome all those back who have been unable to assist. We are no longer subject to COVID restrictions, however we remind parishioners that is important to continue to keep each other safe, and ask you to please stay at home if you are feeling unwell or have cold or flu-like symptoms. Hand sanitiser is still available at both entrances and we encourage you to use this as you enter our church.

**EXPLORING THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW:** We begin a new Liturgical Year on the 1st Sunday of Advent and will be hearing excerpts of Matthew's Gospel at Mass.

**\*You are invited to a free Zoom presentation hosted by the Diocese of Sale.**

**Date:** Monday, 7 November 2022, 7.30 – 9.00pm

**Speaker:** Fr Chris Monaghan CP

**Booking:** <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSYD> Your Zoom link will be sent to you on booking. Teachers may apply for RE accreditation.

\*A seasonal study of Matthew for Year A supported by the Catholic Diocese of Sale and the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland.

**When:** Friday November 18, 10:00am – 3:30pm

**Where:** The Abbey, Raymond Island

For more information and to register contact the Abbey on 5156 6580 or via email [info@theabbey.org.au](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au)

### **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. Volunteers need to have a current Working With Children Check and sign the Parish Code of Conduct.

**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)



**St Michael's Parish  
Traralgon  
Art Competition**

**THEME: WE ARE WAITING (The Spirit of Christmas)**

**Open to all school aged children.** St Michael's Parish is running an Art Competition for all students. Get your creative cap on and draw, paint or sketch a masterpiece that represents the theme: **We are waiting – the Spirit of Christmas.** Entries close November 27 and will be displayed in the Church during Advent. Artworks will be judged by a select panel and prizes will be presented to the most creative entries. The winning artwork will feature on our parish website and all artworks will be displayed in the church throughout the season of Advent.

Please submit your entries to the school offices at St Michael's, or St Gabriel's, or the St Michael's Parish office, including the following details on the back: Name, Class, Age, School and a parents phone number.

### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:**

*"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)* Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should overflow with gratitude.



**KNOW YOU'RE A-Z:** Prevent violence against women- challenge gender stereotypes and promote respect.

**A-ASK women you know about their experiences of sexism and harassment.**

Rosters for October 29 & 30 2022			31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Welcomer	Musicians
<b>Saturday Oct 29 5:00pm</b>	R Foote & T Larkin	M Noone		A Membrey	Jane & Simon
<b>Sunday Oct 30 9:30am</b>	J Pal Dra & E Babu	C McCabe		D Bau & W Banks Smith	Jane & Simon
<b>Sunday Oct 30 5:00pm</b>	C Hill	E Hill	V Vaz	M Noone	Jane & Simon
Mick's Kitchen:	Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> Scholtes Team		Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hemming Team		



**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Ps 104:3-4

*Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.*

**First Reading** Sirach 35:12-14 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.*

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages.

He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds.

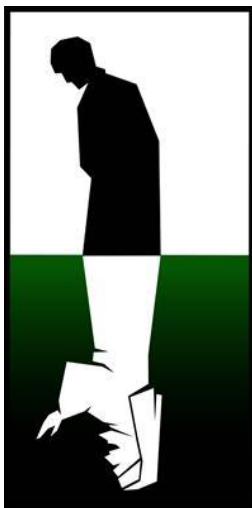
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 32:2-3 17-19 23 Rv7

**(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The just call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.  
**(R.)**

**Second Reading** 2 Tim 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be 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 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector.

The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get."

The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not.

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Next weeks Readings**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Wisdom 11:22 -12:2

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 2 Thess 1:11 – 2:2

Gospel Luke 19:1-10