



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



YOUTH MASS



It was a wonderful celebration of our young people on Sunday night, at our first Youth Mass in almost 3 years! It was fantastic to see the children leading the mass: reading, commentating, playing music, money collecting, altar serving and celebrating their faith. Congratulations to the young people who participated for a job well done, and thank you to their families for their support and encouragement. Over 100 people continued celebrating in the Hall for pizzas and fun after mass. It was a great way to welcome our first communion families and to pray for our Year 12 students who are beginning their final exams. It was also wonderful to have Father Mark back celebrating our youth in one of his first masses since he was ordained to the priesthood. Father Mark played a vital role in encouraging and guiding our youth ministry at St Michael's during his time here when he was a seminarian. It was great to have him back and we are grateful he was able to fit us into his busy schedule.

PRAYER FOR YOUTH

*We offer to you, Loving God, the gifts and needs of youth.
Bless them with your guiding grace as they face the challenges
and opportunities in their lives.*

*Touch their hearts with the gentleness of your love, that they
may know they are valued and valuable beings.
Send your spirit of hope to their lives, that they may believe in
themselves and know they are needed in this world.*

*Grace them with the gift of joy that they may celebrate life
through laughter and tears alike.*

*Guide us, as we continue to grow in appreciation of the many
gifts of young people, in the ministry opportunities we offer to
them, in the journey of faith we walk with them, in our shared
mission as a community called to discipleship in the world.*

*We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.*

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Nov 01	9:30am Mass- All Saints Day
Wednesday Nov 02	11:00am Reconciliation
	11:00am Exposition
	12:00pm All Souls' Day Mass Traralgon Cemetery Chapel
Thursday Nov 03	9:30am Mass @ St Gabriel's PS*
Friday Nov 04	9:30am Mass
	1:30pm Requiem Mass for Sheila Rouse

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Sheila Rouse, Hein Bastin, Gioavanni Salvatore and Sr Maureen Philp RSJ, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Antony Urmis, Antoinette Gordyn, Margot Kirby, James (Lou) Whitty, Alejandro Nuguid Jnr, and Dot Buckland

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



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 02: All Souls Day Mass, Traralgon Cemetery 12pm**
- November 07:** Exploring the Gospel According to Matthew 7:30 – 9:00pm via Zoom.
- November 12:** A Day With the Spirit, Mary MacKillop Hall
- November 13:** Mass for children gone too soon 5pm
- November 18:** A study of Matthew, Year A- The Abbey 10am
- December 4:** Christmas family Mass at 9.30am followed by picnic in the school grounds.



ALL SOULS' DAY:

To commemorate all the faithful departed, we will hold a special mass in the Chapel of Traralgon Cemetery at 12pm on Wednesday November 2nd. All are invited and welcome to attend as we pray for our deceased friends and relatives.

May the souls of all faithful departed rest in peace.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday November 01	
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday- Office Closed	
Wednesday November 02	
9:00am	Wednesday am Prayer Group, Parish Centre
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
12:00pm	All Souls Day Mass, Traralgon Cemetery Chapel
Thursday November 03	
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: Please continue to pray for the 61 children preparing for their first Holy Communion. Celebrations will be on the 19th and 20th of November at all 3 Masses.

YEAR 12 EXAMS: As a community we keep our Year 12 students warmly in our thoughts and prayers as they continue their VCE 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.



A big thank you to all our Parishioners for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal. Through your kind gifts

and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in Ethiopia and throughout the world. Your generosity makes it possible for programs to help build brighter futures and provide support to those most in need. Our leaving collections and other parish donations raised \$500 which will be given to Catholic Mission to support their missionary programs, including a range of development programs in Ethiopia. For more information about the work of Catholic Mission or to donate online go to catholicmission.org.au

NOVEMBER PRAYERS: It is our tradition to pray for those who have died and gone before us, especially in the month of November. You are invited to write the name of the ones you wish to remember in prayer on the separate cards you will find in the church and place them in the large bowl, near the cross. At the beginning of each mass that you attend, take a random card from the bowl and pray for the person named. At the end of mass, return the card to the bowl so that others may eventually pray for this person too.



A DAY WITH THE SPIRIT:
Saturday November 12
10am – 4pm
Mary MacKillop Hall,
St Michael's School

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.

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, presented by Fr Chris Monaghan CP, on Monday November 7 from 7:30 – 9:00pm. Book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSYD> and your Zoom link will be sent to you.

You are also invited to a seasonal study of Matthew for Year A supported by the Catholic Diocese of Sale and the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland. This will be held at The Abbey, Raymond Island on Friday November 18, 10:00am – 3:30pm. For more information and to register contact the Abbey on 5156 6580 or via email info@theabbey.org.au



MASS FOR CHILDREN

GONE TOO SOON:

Sunday November 13, 5pm Mass. A chance to remember in prayer babies and children who have died much too soon. A chance to come together and remember those we have loved and lost too soon. All welcome.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.' " (Luke 19:8)

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

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.



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.

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 parent's phone number.



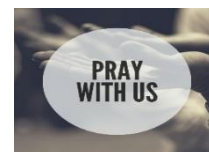
KNOW YOU'RE A-Z: Prevent violence against women- challenge gender stereotypes and promote respect.

B- BELIEVE reports of violence and sexual assault. Offer support, not suspicion.



Summary Points from Catholic Diocese of Sale Synthesis: REFORM-

People feel the sense of urgency for the Church to be alert to the signs of the times: more energised, more humble and healing, more willing to listen, able to acknowledge its past failings, and to be more faithful to Gospel values.



WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH:

Pray that God gives us the strength to do what they need to do each day.

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

OUR PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1st DUE TO THE MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY. MASS WILL STILL BE HELD AT 9:30AM TO CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS DAY.

Rosters for November 05 & 06 2022			32 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Nov 05 5:00pm	B O'Brien & A Taylor	S Luscombe	M Saunders	M Giddens	Jane & Simon
Sunday Nov 06 9:30am	C McClure & R Diaz	M Wilkinson	S Thomas	A Sykes & M Blanchard	Filipino Choir
Sunday Nov 06 5:00pm	J Panozzo-Tile	M Noone		J McLaughlin	Jane & Simon
Mick's Kitchen:	Nov 3 rd Hemming Team		Nov 10 th St Michael's Staff		
Church Cleaning:	Collis Team				

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 37:22-23

*Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!*

First Reading Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2 8-11 13-14 R see v1

(R.) *I will praise your name forever,
my king and my God.*

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 2 Thes 1:11-22

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

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

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way.

When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said.

But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

Next weeks Readings**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading 2 Macc 7:1-2 9-14

2nd Reading 2 Thess 2:16 - 3:5

Gospel Luke 20:27-38