



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
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"Enlarge the space of your tent"

(Is 54:2)



The Working Document for the Continental Stage of the Synod (DCS) has now been released. This represents the large consultation ever in the history of the Church with submissions received from Churches in countries all over the world, as well as submissions from other groups.

The introduction to the DCS gives some indication of the incredible richness of the voices of the People of God. The DCS is an extraordinary document and it is evident, that among the diversity of voices, there are many common hopes and concerns shared by Catholics worldwide.

"The quotations that punctuate the DCS try to give an idea of the richness of the materials received, letting the voices of the People of God from all parts of the world speak as much as possible on their own terms and find resonance. They are not to be interpreted as endorsing the positions of any particular area of the globe, nor as simply representing geographical variety, although care has been taken to ensure a certain balance in terms of source provenance. Rather, these quotes were chosen because they express in a particularly powerful, beautiful or precise way sentiments expressed more generally in many reports. However, it is clear that no single document could condense the depth of faith, vitality of hope and energy of charity that overflow from the contributions received. Behind them one glimpses the power and richness of the experience that the different Churches have had by setting out and opening themselves to the diversity of voices that have taken the floor. Enabling this encounter and dialogue is the meaning of the synodal journey, whose ultimate purpose is not to produce documents but to open horizons of hope for the fulfilment of the Church's mission."

The next phase of the Synod has arrived with the publication of the Continental Document, containing the fruits of the consultation of hundreds of syntheses from countries all over the world. We are now inviting interested people to participate in one of two online meetings to respond to the Document. The Continental Document for the Synod and information on registering your interest can be found by visiting the diocesan website cdsale.org.au/events

**Online meetings: 7.00 – 8.30 pm, Wednesday 30 November 2022
7.00 – 8.30 pm, Tuesday 6 December 2022**

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Nov 15	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Nov 16	11:00am Reconciliation
	11:00am Exposition
	12:00pm Mass
Thursday Nov 17	9:30am Liturgy @ St Gabriel's PS
Friday Nov 18	9:30am Liturgy

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Guido Mosele, Winifred Jenner, Celie Smith, and Barbara Gallagher, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Eva Tanke, Francesco Dompietro, Mary Gilmour, Lee Tactor, Bess Morgan, Frances Barfield, Greg Penny, Pat Hanrahan, Alex Abela, Joseph Said and Maria Gned.
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, 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 13: Mass for children gone too soon 5pm
November 18: A study of Matthew, Year A- The Abbey 10am
November 19-20: First Holy Communion Masses
November 27: Syro Malabar Mass for the departed, 6pm
November 29: CWL Annual General Meeting, 1030am
December 4: Christmas family Mass at 9.30am followed by picnic in the school grounds.

PIETY STALL NEWS:

-The Piety Stall will be open after each mass for anyone wanting to purchase first communion gifts.
-2023 Columban Calendars are now available for sale at the Piety Stall for \$10.00 each.



CWL AGM: The Catholic Women's League will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday November 29 at 10:30am in the Parish Centre. Anyone who is interested in attending is welcome to join them for a cuppa beforehand from 10am.

CWL WALKING GROUP: Parishioners and friends are invited to join the CWL ladies on a morning walk this Tuesday November 15. The group will meet in Kay St, next to the church, near the "Lady of Our Way" at 10am. We will continue to do this on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. All ages and fitness levels are welcome.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Sunday November 13	
5:00pm	Mass for Children Gone Too Soon, St Michael's Church
Tuesday November 15	
10:00am	CWL Walking Group, Meet at Our Lady of the Way
10:45am	Mass at Margery Cole
Wednesday November 16	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday November 17	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre
Friday November 18	
10:00am	Ecumenical Advent Conversation, The Abbey, Raymond Island

BAPTISMS: The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held **Tuesday December 6th 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 would like some more information.

FIRST COMMUNION: Please continue to pray for the 61 children and their families who are preparing for the sacrament of first Communion. This weekend they will be presented with their communion pin in preparation for their first Holy Communion which will be celebrated at next weekend's parish masses. We look forward to celebrating with them next weekend and supporting them on the next steps of their faith journeys.

YEAR 12 EXAMS: As a community we keep our Year 12 students, their teachers and families warmly in our thoughts and prayers as they move into their final week of exams.

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 any 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.

MASS FOR CHILDREN GONE TOO SOON: A reminder that this Sunday November 13 at 5pm, we will hold a special mass for children gone too soon. 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. All are invited to attend and to join us afterwards for a cup of tea in the Mary MacKillop Room.



TRARALGON CHRISTMAS PARADE: The Traralgon Community Christmas Parade and Market will be held on Sunday the 27th November 27 in the Kay Street Gardens and Traralgon CBD. While this is a wonderful event for the community and we encourage everyone to get involved, unfortunately there will be road closures and parking issues for those attending the 930am mass. We will let you know more information when it becomes available.

ADVENT CONVERSATION AT THE ABBEY: This Friday, you are invited to a seasonal study of Matthew for Year A supported by the Catholic Diocese of Sale and the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland. Both Bishop Greg Bennet and Bishop Richard Treloar will be in attendance, along with presenters Professor Mary Coloe, PBVM and Revd Dr Fergus King from the University of Divinity in Melbourne. There will be a catering fee of \$20 per person, and booking is essential. For more information and to register contact the Abbey on 5156 6580 or via email info@theabbey.org.au.

The Abbey, Raymond Island
Friday November 18
10:00am – 3:30pm.



VOLUNTEER OPPURTUNITY: Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.



Garratt Publishing is presenting a series of free Virtual Advent talks by four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week, including Prof Mary Coloe PBVM, Dr Mary Reaburn NDS, Dr Chris Monaghan CP and Dr Janina Hiebel. This is a perfect opportunity to enrich your Advent journey. **Tuesdays November 22 & 29 and December 6 & 13, from 7pm – 8pm, via Zoom.** For more information or to register, visit garrattpublishing.com.au

MINISTRY CORNER

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)

St Michael's Parish is running an Art Competition for all school aged 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 Parish office, including your Name, Class, Age, School and a parent's phone number on the back.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." (2 Thessalonians 3:9)

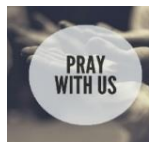
Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with our Catholic faith.



KNOW YOU'RE A-Z: Prevent violence against women- challenge gender stereotypes and promote respect. **D- DON'T** ask "Why doesn't she leave?" Ask "Why is he violent?"



Summary points from the Diocesan Synthesis: CO-RESPONSIBILITY & GOVERNANCE. Lay people want their gifts and charisms valued and used for service in the Church. That includes participation in Church governance and shared decision making at all levels of the church. Co-responsibility, as stated by Pope Benedict, is the baptismal right of every Catholic person, but we currently do not see much evidence of this in our parishes.



WE PRAY FOR PEACE: Ask that our hearts will be calm and peaceful as we go through our day and face its many uncertainties.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6"

Rosters for November 19 & 20 2022			Feast of Christ the King, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Nov 19 5:00pm	First Communion	First Communion	M Mathai	L Kennedy	Josh
Sunday Nov 20 9:30am	First Communion	First Communion	G Imhagwe	J & P Dal Pra	Jane & Simon
Sunday Nov 20 5:00pm	First Communion	First Communion		M Noone	Jane & Simon
Mick's Kitchen: November Church Cleaning:	Nov 17 th Van Berkel Team Collis Team		Nov 24 th Burns Team		

Entrance Antiphon Jer 29:11, 12, 14

*The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call on me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.*

First Reading Malachi 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:5-9 R see v9.

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Thess 3:7-12

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

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Next weeks Readings**Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

1 st Reading	2 Sam 5:1-3
2 nd Reading	Col 1:12-20
Gospel	Luke 23:35-43

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 21:28

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 21:5-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

