

First Sunday of Advent, Year A

27 November 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.

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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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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

St Michaels Catholic Parish Traralgon

CHRISTMAS

FAMILY DAY

FREE ENTRY

ALCOHOL FREE ZONE

LIVE MUSIC

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH

FAIRY FLOSS . POPCORN . SLUSHIES

9.30am FAMILY MASS

St Michaels Church

PICNIC IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTER MASS

BYO: PICNIC LUNCH, CHAIR, RUG

DRESS CHRISTMASSY

Merry Christmas

Join us next weekend to celebrate the season of Advent together as a parish. We will begin with a family mass on Sunday at 9:30am followed by a picnic in the St Michael's Primary School grounds. Tea and Coffee will be provided, along with Fairy Floss, Popcorn and Slushies for the kids. All are warmly invited, bring along your friends and family, as well as your own picnic and chairs. Dress is Christmas theme. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Nov 29	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Nov 30	11:00am Reconciliation
	11:00am Exposition
	12:00pm Mass
Thursday Dec 01	9:30am Liturgy*
	11:00am Liturgy @ Dalkeith
Friday Dec 02	9:30am Mass

*Thursday morning mass/liturgy will be celebrated at St Michael's Church **not** at St Gabriel's Primary School during Advent and the summer holidays.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Sister Margaret Bromhead RSJ, John Cooney and Theo Verstedden, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Victor Julian George, Giovanni Salvatore, Salvatore Agostino, Kevin Jones, Sue Stewart, Colleen Bergman, John Black, Bruce Hunter, Ellen (Nell) Hammond, Giovanni Di Sisto, Bishop Jeremiah Coffey, Mons Bill Caffrey, and Francesco Albanese.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 27: Syro Malabar Mass for the departed, 6pm

November 29: CWL Annual General Meeting, 10:30am

December 4: Christmas family Mass at 9:30am followed by picnic in the school grounds.

December 13: Advent Liturgy in the Church at 7:30pm



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.



from Yarra Theological Union. This is a perfect opportunity to enrich your Advent journey. **Tuesdays November 29 and December 6 & 13, from 7pm – 8pm, via Zoom.** For more information or to register, visit garrattpublishing.com.au

VIRTUAL ADVENT TALKS:

Garratt Publishing is presenting a series of free Virtual Advent talks by four Australian biblical scholars

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Sunday November 27	
6:00pm	Syro Malabar Mass, St Michael's Church
Tuesday November 29	
10:30am	Catholic Women's League AGM, Parish Centre
Wednesday November 30	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday December 01	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre
Friday December 02	
9:30am	St Michael's Gr 3 & 4 Mass, St Michael's Church

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for Baptism; **Zahli Williamson**, daughter of Trent and Rachel, **Myles Bilic**, son of Stephen and Amie, **Oliva Hibbert**, daughter of Mathew and Emily, **Dustin Lines**, son of Jarrod and Whitney, and **Stella Fitzpatrick**, daughter of Queenie. Congratulations and welcome to our parish. 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: Congratulations to Elijah Nicolopoulos, Heath Monument and Lachlan Moon who have celebrated First Holy Communion. It has been wonderful seeing the children excited about this Sacrament and their faith!

TRARALGON CHRISTMAS PARADE: The Traralgon Community Christmas Parade and Market will be held this Sunday November 27 in the Kay Street Gardens and Traralgon CBD. Please be patient as we expect a lot of families to be in town for the parade which begins at 1030am, so it may be difficult to make a quick exit after mass.

SYRO MALABAR MASS: We will hold a special Syro Malabar Mass in Malayalam, this Sunday at 6pm in the church to remember our departed loved ones. All are invited to come along and bring a plate to share for supper in the Mary MacKillop Hall afterwards.



CHRISTMAS GIFTING TREE: St Michael's St Vincent de Paul Conference has again organised the Christmas Gifting Tree to be in our Church. Parishioners are

asked to take a gift tag and return your gift/voucher to the tree before December 11. The conference would like to thank all parishioners for their support throughout the year and wish everyone a happy and Holy Christmas.



SYNOD 2021 - 2023: 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

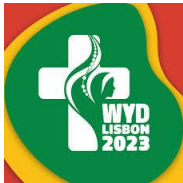
7.00 – 8.30 pm, Tuesday 6 December 2022



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

THEME: WE ARE WAITING (The Spirit of Christmas)

Entries close this Sunday November 27 for the St Michael's Parish Art Competition. Please submit your entries to the school offices at St Michael's, or St Gabriel's, or the Parish office ASAP, including your Name, Class, Age, School and a parent's phone number on the back.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023: For more than 30 years, World Youth Day has been an opportunity for the young people of the world to go on pilgrimage and discover how Jesus calls each of us to be his disciples. In 2023 it will be held in Lisbon,

Portugal in the month of August. Events include Papal welcome, catechesis, youth festivals, as well as the final pilgrim walk and vigil with Pope Francis and millions of other young Catholics. The Diocese of Sale is organizing a group of young people between the ages of 16-35 to join with the Archdiocese of Melbourne for pilgrimage. If you would like to know more, there will be an information night held at St. Agatha's Parish Hall, Cranbourne December 12 at 7pm.

You can also contact Fr. Avinash George for information on 03 5997 1510 or avinash.george@cdsale.org.au.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.



ADVENT LITURGY:

December 13 at 7:30pm

We have seen his Star in the East and have come to Worship him. Matthew 2:2

We Saw The Star In The East- Let us gather during

this Advent season and celebrate the coming birth of the Saviour. We come into God's presence with thanksgiving and joy, bringing all the sick, the suffering, the marginalized, the refugees, and the uprooted before him, knowing God can dispel our darkness with his light. Join us for a special Advent Liturgy at St Michael's Church at 7:30pm on December 13.

Our Advent Prayer:

In Cities and Towns

In apartments and terraces,

All: Christ is waiting to be born

In palaces and paddocks

In high streets and back streets,

All: Christ is waiting to be born

In the vastness of the universe

In the intimacy of our hearts,

All: Christ is waiting to be born

All: Come, Lord Jesus

Come into our homes

Come into our lives

Come and stay



Christmas Mass Times 2022

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Saturday December 24

7:00 pm Family Mass, with Carols from 6:30pm

All children of the Parish (and their families) are warmly invited to attend our Christmas Eve Family Mass dressed in shepherd, wise men, angels costumes.

11:00pm Mass with Carols from 10:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Sunday, December 25

9:30am Mass



PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Rosters for December 03 & 04 2022			Second Sunday of Advent, Year A		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Dec 03 5:00pm	B O'Brien	M Noone		M Giddens	
Sunday Dec 04 9:30am	A Thomas & J Hanratty	Z Hanratty		A Sykes & M Blanchard	Filipino Choir
Sunday Dec 04 5:00pm	J Panozzo-Tile	S Luscombe		J McLaughlin	
Mick's Kitchen:			Dec 22 nd Christmas Celebration		

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24:1-3

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to
shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the
kingdom of God.*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm PS 121:1-2 4-5 6-9 R see v1.**(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' **(R.)**
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:36

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

**Next weeks Readings****Second Sunday in Advent**

1 st Reading	Isaiah 11:1-10
2 nd Reading	Romans 15:4-9
Gospel	Matthew 3:1-2