

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

St Michaels Catholic Parish Traralgon

CHRISTMAS

FAMILY DAY

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

Merry
Christmas







DRESS
CHRISTMASSY

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am & 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Nov 08	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Nov 09	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass in remembrance for the Knights of the Southern Cross
Thursday Nov 10	9:30am Mass*
Friday Nov 11	9:30am Mass

***Please note that Mass will be celebrated at St Michael's Church NOT St Gabriel's Primary School this Thursday.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Celie Smith, Barbara Gallagher, Sheila Rouse and Hein Bastin, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Mary Gilmour, Lee Tactor, Bess Morgan, Frances Barfield, Greg Penny, Pat Hanrahan, Alex Abela, Joseph Said, Maria Gned, Antony Urmis and Antoinette Gordyn.

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 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.

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 few weeks.

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.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday November 08	
7:00pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting, St Michael's Church
Wednesday November 09	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
11:30am	1 st Communion – Reconciliation St Michaels School
12:00pm	Knights of the Southern Cross Mass, St Michael's Church
4.30pm	1 st Communion Catechist Class St Michaels Church
Thursday November 10	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for Baptism, **Mia Sienna Aliotta**, daughter of John and Stephanie, **Jack Thomas Trew**, son of Justin and Sammie, and **Jack Patrick Campbell**, son of Patrick and Suzanne.



Congratulations and welcome to our Parish! The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held this **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. This weekend is Prayer Letter Mass so get ready to collect a prayer from other children to continue praying for them in this journey. Celebrations will be on the 19th and 20th of November at all 3 Masses.

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. All are invited to attend and to join us afterwards for a cup of tea in the Mary MacKillop Room.



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.

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.

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

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS: October 2022

First Collection- Presbytery: \$4, 260.20
 Planned Giving- Church: \$12, 849.00
 Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." (2 Thess 2: 16-17)

There are two important lessons here. First we are called to be generous with our encrougement and hope with others. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthes us,it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

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.

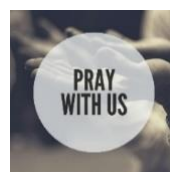
PIETY STALL NEWS: 2023 Columban Calendars are now available for sale at the Piety Stall for \$10.00 each.



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

C – CHANGE the conversation to talk about who she is, not what she looks like.

Summary Points from Catholic Diocese of Sale Synthesis: Mission. The Church needs to be on the move, focused outward, on mission, attentive to the marginalised, those who are excluded and the vulnerable.



WE PRAY FOR COURAGE:

Pray that WE WILL BE Brave to face all challenges before us.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Rosters for November 12 & 13 2022			33 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C		
	Lector	Commentator	MERT	Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Nov 12 5:00pm	R Webber	D Smith	U Imhagwe	C Payne	Jane & Simon
Sunday Nov 13 9:30am	W & J Gomez	R Marxen	W Gomez	M Wilkinson	Diamente Family
Sunday Nov 13 5:00pm	B O'Brien	S Grout		B McNulty	Jane & Simon
Mick's Kitchen:	Nov 10 th St Michael's Staff		Nov 17 th Van Berkel Team		
November Church Cleaning:	Collis Team				

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 87:3

*Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*

First Reading 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees
The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 16:1 5-6 8 15 Rv 15

(R.) *Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.*

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. **(R.)**
2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **(R.)**
3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of
your glory. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 2 Thess 2:16 – 3:5

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

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 20:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

Next weeks Readings**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

1 st Reading	Mal 3:19-20
2 nd Reading	2 Thess 3: 7-12
Gospel	Luke 21: 5-19