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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

02 April 2023

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.

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



HOLY WEEK 2023

Tues April 04

9:30am

Liturgy of the Word

11:00am

Chrism Mass St Mary's Sale

7:30pm

Tenebrae Service

Weds April 05

11:00am

Reconciliation

11:00am

Exposition

12:00pm

Daily Mass

6:00pm

Lenten Reconciliation

Thurs April 06

Holy Thursday

7:30pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

(The church will be open until 10:30pm)

Fri April 07

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30am

Stations of the Cross

3:00pm

The Passion of the Lord

Sat April 08

Holy Saturday

7:30pm

Easter Vigil

9:15pm

Parish Supper

Sun April 09

9:30am

Mass of the Resurrection

(Please note, no evening Mass on Sunday)



"Living Holy Week following Jesus means learning how to come out of ourselves to reach out to others, to go to the outskirts of existence, to be the first to move towards our brothers and sisters, especially those who are most distant, those who are forgotten, those who are most in need of understanding, consolation and help.

There is so much need to bring the living presence of Jesus, merciful and full of love!" Pope Francis

Sunday Mass Times		
Saturday	7:30pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday	9:30am	Easter Sunday Mass (No 5pm Mass this week)
Weekday Mass Times		
Tuesday Apr 04	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
	7:30pm	Tenebrae Service
Wednesday Apr 05	11:00am	Reconciliation
	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
	6:00pm	Lenten Reconciliation
Thursday Apr 06	7:30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper*
Friday Apr 07	9:30am	Stations of the Cross
	3:00pm	Passion of the Lord

*There will be no Thursday morning Mass on Holy Thursday, parishioners are encouraged to attend the 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper instead.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Bev Cook, Ignatius (Tony) Buhagiar, Helen Rijs and Frank Van Elteren, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Daniel Fleming, Peter Cunico, Jill O'Connor, Denis O'Brien, and Bill McMahon. *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, Sharon Veleff, George Walkan, Roy Ward, Victoria Rohli, Fr John Speekman, James Whitty, Pasqualina Loprese, Ria Tactor, Kelly Maher, and John Waanders and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



FIRST RECONCILIATION:

Congratulations to all the children who celebrated their first reconciliation on Wednesday evening. Thank you

to their families, their teachers and our sacraments team for their ongoing encouragement and support. We look forward to presenting them with their certificates at the Youth Mass this Sunday night, and then celebrating afterwards in the hall with pizza. Everyone is welcome to join in. Congratulations to Amy, Thomas, Alice, Isaiah, Zachary, Grace, Pearl, Eli, Rose, Indie, Nadine, Archer, Archer, Isabella, Julia, Lorcan, Blair, Matthew, Elizebeth, Olivia, Sarah, Maya, Finnan, Finn, Poppy, Jake, Sienna, Tessa, Mackenzie, Robbie, Grace, Ella, Nixon, Oscar, Ava, Alexis, Eva, Rafferty, Aria, Eden, Clarence, Brinlee, Jayden, Iva, Hope, Mack, Emma, Sophie, Xena, Zach, Daniel, Xandrine, Logan, Liam, Courtney, Sophie, Matilda, Amber, Jed and Eve. Well done!

ALTAR SERVERS: We will have a special training session on Tuesday April 4th at 4pm for all children who would like to altar serve at our Holy Week and Easter Services. Afternoon tea will be provided afterwards.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday April 04	
11:00am	Chrism Mass, St Mary's Cathedral Sale
1:30pm	Knights of the Southern Cross, Mary MacKillop Room
4:00pm	Altar Servers Training, St Michael's Church
7:30pm	Tenebrae Service, St Michael's Church
Wednesday April 05	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
6:00pm	Lenten Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday April 06	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
Friday April 07	
9:30am	Stations of the Cross, St Michael's Church

BAPTISMS: This week we welcome for baptism **Leah Rose Juha**, daughter of Cameron and Rachel, and **Daniel Bernhard Prigg** and **Thomas Josef Prigg**, children of Jason and Simone.



Congratulations and welcome to our parish! The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 02 at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested in attending.



RCIA: Please remember to keep Tess and Lorraine, their families and the RCIA team in your prayers as they continue their journeys to Easter. Join us for a special supper after next

Saturday's Easter Vigil Mass in the Mary MacKillop Hall to welcome them officially to our faith and parish community. Everyone is welcome, please bring a plate to share.

SACRAMENTS NEWS: The sacrament of confirmation will be celebrated on Friday June 09 with Bishop Greg Bennett here at St Michael's Church. Families of children in Grade 6 and above who are interested can get an enrolment form from the parish office or St Michael's or St Gabriel's schools. Enrolments will be due early next term.

MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE: The Catholic Women's League is organizing a pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place in Sydney from the 5th – 7th of June 2023. The tour includes return travel via bus from the Latrobe Valley to Sydney, and two nights accommodation. It is an exciting opportunity to travel in a safe and supportive group environment, all the plans and details have been organized for you. Come and Join Us! For more information speak to Johanna Sykes or contact the parish office for more information.



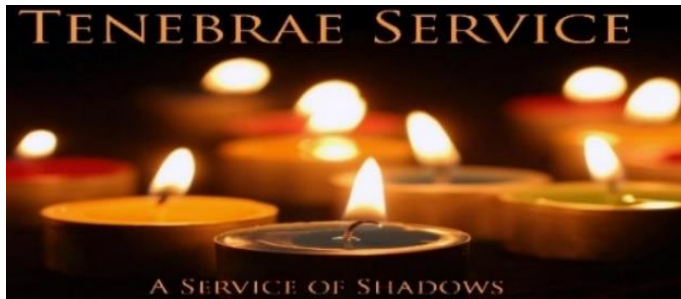
DON'T FORGET! Daylight savings time ends this Sunday! You will need to turn the clocks back 1 hour Sunday morning.

A PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY:

Loving God, as we enter Holy Week we pray that it will be a time for us to grow as disciples. May we know deep in our hearts the immensity of your love for us. May our hope be rekindled in the midst of our own joys and sorrows, knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen

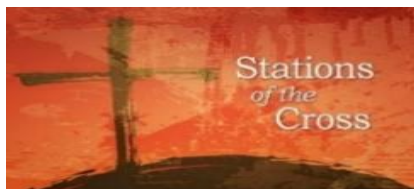
CHRISM MASS: Join Bishop Greg Bennet and the Clergy of our Diocese at St Mary's Cathedral Sale, on **Tuesday April 04 at 11:00am** as they bless the three Holy oils and renew their commitment to their ministry for the church. Our parish office will be closed Tuesday morning as Father Aju and our staff will be attending the Chrism Mass in Sale.



Tuesday April 04 7:30pm @ St Michael's Church

There is always a somber and sobering element to the Lenten Season as we prepare for the events of Holy Week...even the darker days of Autumn seem to announce the coming solemnities. As Lent draws to an end and Palm Sunday is behind us, we take pause to immerse ourselves in the coming shadow times of Jesus' last days...the shadows of his aloneness and betrayal, the shadows of his mockery and death. In Scripture, song and silence we place ourselves in the presence of the Saviour's passion.

Gathering as one in Holy Week to celebrate our faith in the One Lord. Come and Join Us!



Friday April 07 @ 9:30am St Michael's Church

Please join us for supper in the Mary MacKillop Hall after the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday April 08



PROJECT COMPASSION: Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from the church foyer or the parish office, or online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or call 1800 024 413.



HOLY LAND COLLECTION: The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday April 07. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Whilst life in the Holy Land is returning to some new sense of normality (as is the rest of the world) the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face both financial and spiritual challenges and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible with their financial support as well as their spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbour. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbour and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

Rosters for April 08 & 09, 2023

Holy Week

	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Minister	Welcomer	Musicians
Holy Thursday Thursday Apr 06 7:30pm	E Harte	M Hanratty	J Hanratty C Hill	W Banks-Smith M Noone	Jane & Simon
Good Friday Friday Apr 07 3:00pm	S & S Reid	M Noone	L Panozzo-Tile S Rickwood	B McNulty M Wilkinson	Jane & Simon
Easter Vigil Saturday Apr 08 7:30pm	RCIA	RCIA	C Payne S Reid	A & S Reid	Jane & Simon
Easter Sunday Sunday Apr 09 9:30am	W & J Gomez	Volunteer	L Ryan T Wisby	W Banks-Smith M Blanchard	Diamante Family

Church Cleaning:

Mick's Kitchen:

Touring Statue of Our Lady:

April Collis Family Group

April 06 Scholtes Team

April 02 G & I Imhagwe

April 13 Burns Team

April 09 A & G Symonds

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Jn 12:1, 12-13; Ps 23:9-10

*Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:*

** Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed are you, who have come in your
abundant mercy!*

O gates, lift high your heads;

grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

** Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed are you, who have come in your
abundant mercy!*

First Reading Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will
not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that
I may know how to reply to the wearied he
provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like
a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I
turn away. I offered my back to those who struck
me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I
did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am
untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face
like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9 17-20 23-24 R v2

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised
him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God but emptied himself to
assume the condition of a slave, and became as
men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler
yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the name
which is above all other names so that all beings in
the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that
every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!*

*Christ became obedient for us even to
death, dying on the cross.*

*Therefore God raised him on high and gave
him a name above all other names.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of
endless glory!*

Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark 14:1-15:47.

