



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.

www.smpt.org.au
email: sec@smpt.org.au

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

Fr Aju Varghese Parish Priest
 Parish Centre 5174 2060
 Priest's Residence: 5174 6765
Deacon Tony Aspinall
 Phone 5174 8167
 Email: deacontony8@gmail.com
St Michael's Parish Office
 Telephone: 5174 2060
 Address: 35 Kay Street, Traralgon
 PO Box 103, Traralgon 3844

Office hours –
 Tues to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm
 Parish Secretary: Catherine Hill
 Email: sec@smpt.org.au
 Sacraments / Youth: Jenifer Hanratty
 Email: sacraments@smpt.org.au

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.

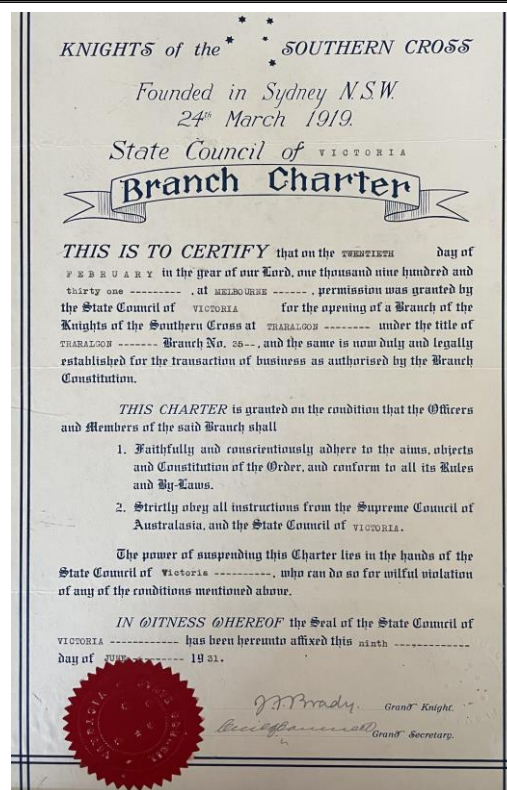
Baptisms: Six weeks notice required

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



**KNIGHTS OF THE
SOUTHERN CROSS**
 Branch 35, Traralgon
 1931 - 2023

*Thank you for your service
to our church, our parish
and our community.*



The Traralgon and Morwell branches of the Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) have recently held their final meeting. Permission was granted on the 20.02.1931 for the Traralgon chapter to open and it has been an important part of our parish ever since. The KSC mission is to 'Witness to Jesus Christ by advocating Christian values and beliefs throughout Australia and leading the laity in a spirit of service inspired by the Gospel.' Our local knights have exemplified this mission through their ongoing spiritual, financial and practical support of our parish community over many years. Their dedication to their faith, their church and their community has been a shining light for us all. Their ongoing and tireless fundraising efforts have supported our parish, community groups and those in need. For many years they have provided a scholarship for Grade 6 students from our parish schools to help them further their studies at Lavalla Catholic College. They have also provided financial support to Mick's Kitchen and to our parish directly. They have supported our seminarians, implemented projects around the parish and met regularly to share their faith and support each other too. We are grateful for all that they have done and all that they continue to do. Whilst our local branch may be officially closing for now, their leadership and actions have helped shape our parish and make it the wonderful place it is today.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday May 02	9:30am Mass
Wednesday May 03	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thursday May 04	9:30am* Mass @ St Gabriel's 11:00am Mass @ Dalkeith
Friday May 05	9:30am Mass

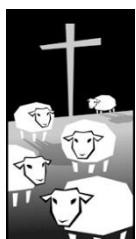
*Thursday morning mass this week will be held at St Gabriel's Primary School.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Mary Huelsebus, Fr Bob Maguire, Liz Sutton and Edward Pirotta, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Bev Brown, Marrison Lia, Paul Denny, Ted McEntee, Lindsay Thompson, Lawrance John, Joseph and Grace Bomello, Sheila and Ted Caldwell, Pat Brown, Pat Thompson and Kevin Lythgo. *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, 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.



	<p>Corpus Christi College & Catholic Theological College</p> <p>Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal</p> <p><i>Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church</i></p> <p>Your tax-deductible donation will support the costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians.</p> <p>https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/</p>	
--	---	--



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also Vocation Sunday when we give thanks for all our priests, deacons and seminarians. We will have a leaving collection in support of the Diocesan Bursary Fund for the education of students for the priesthood at all Masses this weekend. Your donation will support the provision of living arrangements and education for the seminary students of Corpus Christi College. Please give generously to support the training of our priests for tomorrow's Church.

This Week's Events	
Tuesday May 02	
10:00am	Catholic Women's League, Mary MacKillop Room
6:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Centre
7:00pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting, St Michael's Church
Wednesday May 03	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday May 04	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
Sunday May 07	
10:30am	Family Groups 50 th Anniversary Morning Tea, Mary MacKillop Hall

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for baptism, **Keely Grace Edebohls**, daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca, and **William Edwin Milner**, son of Glenn and Kristy-Lee. 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.



SACRAMENTS NEWS: The sacrament of confirmation will be celebrated on Friday June 09 with Bishop Greg Bennet 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 are due NOW, so please return yours to the parish office ASAP. An important information evening will be held at 6pm on Wednesday May 17 for parents and children.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League Traralgon will be held on **Tuesday May 02 at 10am** in the Mary MacKillop Room. All are invited and welcome to attend. They will also be hosting a continuous rosary on Tuesday May 09 in the church after the 9:30am mass, followed by lunch at the Grand Junction. All are welcome.



PARISH MORNING TEA
Sunday May 07
Mary MacKillop Hall
After 9:30am Mass

Celebrating 50 years of Passionist Family Groups
All are welcome, please bring a plate to share

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Passionist Family Group Movement in Australia. Family Groups have played a vital role in our own parish community for 36 years, building connections and inspiring friendships among many. We will celebrate this huge milestone as a parish on **Sunday May 07** with a special mass at 9:30am followed by morning tea in the Mary MacKillop Hall. Everyone is invited to join in, particularly parishioners and family group members both past and present. Please bring along a plate to share.

CELEBRATE MARY IN MAY: During the month of May, Mary is specially honoured by devotions around the world. May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church. Please join us to celebrate Mary on the following dates- Tuesday May 09, continuous Rosary after 930am Mass, St Michael's Church, Traralgon; Saturday May 20 Diocesan Marian Groups Day of Devotion, St Mary's Cathedral Sale; every Monday at 7pm, pray the Rosary online via Zoom, hosted by St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale; every Saturday at 10am, pray the Rosary at Lumen Christi Church, Churchill.



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! To register your interest or for more information, speak to Kay Radford or contact the parish office.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Caritas Australia would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2023. To date our parish has raised \$1, 829.80, well done! If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please return them to the parish office as soon as you can, or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online. Your generosity has and will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS- SAVE THE DATE:

- Sunday May 07: @ 9:30am
50th Anniversary Family Groups Mass and Morning Tea
- Tuesday May 09: after 9:30am Mass
Continuous Rosary, St Michael's Church
- Tuesday May 16: after 9:30am Mass
Morning Tea to celebrate Fr Peter's 49th Anniversary
- Sunday May 28: 9:30am
Pentecost Multi-Cultural Mass and Morning Tea
- Friday June 09: after 9:30am Mass
St Columbkille's Day morning tea

"We are such value to God that he came to live among us...and to guide us home. He will go to any length to seek us, even to being lifted high upon the cross to draw us back to himself. We can only respond by loving God for his love".
St Catherine of Siena, Feast Day Saturday April 29

PENTECOST SUNDAY: On Sunday May 28, we will celebrate Pentecost with a multi-cultural Mass at 9:30am, which will be followed by a multi-cultural celebration in the Mary MacKillop Hall, where our various nationalities will promote their cultural foods, music and costumes. We are currently seeking leaders from our various ethnic groups to lead and help organise this wonderful celebration. If you are interested in helping, or have ideas to share, please contact the parish office.



CLEANERS NEEDED: We are in need of volunteers to join our church cleaning roster for the month of May. We will be cleaning the church on Wednesday May 10 at 1pm and Wednesday May 24 at 1pm if you are free and able to join us. Any assistance you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!

COME AND SEE: Bishop Greg invites young men (+18yrs) of our Parishes of the Diocese of Sale to come to St Mary's Cathedral on Good Shepherd Sunday, **April 30 2:30 – 4:00pm**, especially those who may have a call from God to life as a priest, or to simply meet Bishop Greg and other priests. It will be an opportunity to meet those living the priestly life, to pray with them and ask questions.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'" ACTS 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Next week's Readings:
5th Sunday of Easter, Year A
First Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel: John 14:1-12

Rosters for May 06 & 07, 2023		5 th Sunday of Easter, Year A			
		Lector	Commentator	Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday May 06	5:00pm	R Foote & T Larkin	M Noone	M Giddens	Jane & Simon
Sunday May 07	9:30am	T Denny & R Diaz	M Wilkinson	A Sykes & M Blanchard	Filipino Choir
Sunday May 07	5:00pm	S Luscombe & J Fleming	S Darby	J McLaughlin	Jane & Simon

Church Cleaning:	May	Volunteers		
Mick's Kitchen:	May 04	Cartledge Team	May 11	St Michael's Staff
Touring Statue of Our Lady:	April 30	E Krieger	May 07	E Krieger

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 32:5-6

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.*

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6 R v1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Pt 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
*You had gone astray but now you have come back to
the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and mine know me.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Jn 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'