



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



This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Passionist Family Group Movement in Australia. They were first established in NSW in 1972 by Fr Peter McGrath. Family Groups have played a vital role in our own parish community for 36 years, building connections and inspiring friendships among many. Fr David Cagney organized for 7 groups to begin at St Michael's in 1987, we currently have 9 different groups of all ages and abilities. The aim of family groups is to get to know other members of the parish, to support each other in good times and bad and to share our Christian faith with other families in our community. It's about linking people within the community, supporting each other. Family groups meet monthly and participate in many varied and fun activities, including picnics, walks, relays, concerts and trivia nights. They have been on trips to the snow, the theatre, the movies, the park and the zoo. They have gone boating, fishing, hiking and swimming and visited many towns and attractions all around the state. It is a chance for people of all ages and generations to be together and socialise in a fun and safe environment. Our family groups support our parish and our parishioners in many ways and are an important part of our community. This weekend we celebrate the 50th anniversary of family groups in Australia. We will celebrate this huge milestone as a parish this Sunday morning 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. There will be people to talk to if you would like to join one of our groups, or perhaps even start a new one of your own. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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*

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday May 09	9:30am Mass
Wednesday May 10	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thursday May 11	9:30am* Mass
Friday May 12	9:30am Mass

**This Thursday we will celebrate Mother's Day with all the students of St Gabriel's Primary School, here in our church. Parishioners are warmly invited to help them celebrate.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Cornelia (Corry) Schalken, Len Morgan and Mary Huelsebus, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Dot Mulquiney, Geoff Chapman, Bev Brown, Marilyn Lia, Paul Denny, Ted McEntee, Lindsay Thompson, Lawrance John, Joseph and Grace Bomello, Sheila and Ted Caldwell. *Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: including 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, Kelly Maher, and John Waanders and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL: Thanks to your generosity our parish raised \$1,146.95 in support of the Diocesan Bursary Fund for the education of students for the priesthood. Your donation will support the provision of living arrangements and education for the seminary students of Corpus Christi College. Donations can still be placed in an envelope in the weekend collections or dropped to the parish office. You can also make a donation online at <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/> Thank you for your generous support.

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!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The Catholic Women's League will be hosting a continuous rosary on Tuesday May 09 in the church from 10am – 12pm, followed by lunch at the Grand Junction at 12:30pm. All are welcome.



This Week's Events	
Tuesday May 09	
10:00am	Continuous Rosary, St Michael's Church
Wednesday May 10	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
1:00pm	Church Cleaning, St Michael's Church
Thursday May 11	
9:30am	St Gabriel's Whole School Mass, St Michael's Church
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for baptism, **Harvey Raymond Zammit**, son of Steven and Natasja. Congratulations and welcome to our parish! The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday June 13 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 Lavalla's Champagnat Centre. 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 on **Wednesday May 17 at 6pm** for parents and children here at St Michael's Church.

RISK MANAGEMENT TEAM: We are looking for new members to join our risk management team. If you are interested or knowledgeable about minimizing risks and promoting the safety of your fellow parishioners this is the team for you. Any one who is interested should contact the parish office or speak to Father Aju after Mass.



To Chris and Annette Chapman, who celebrated 50 years of married bliss on Friday. Well done, you are an inspiration to us all!

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

Friday June 09: 5:00pm

Sacrament of Confirmation, Champagnat Centre

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 May 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.

Bishop Greg and the Catholic Diocese of Sale community invite you to attend the diocesan May devotion themed "Mary arose and went with haste" Lk 1:39, to be held at St Mary's Cathedral on 20th May 2023.

"The Catholic Diocese of Sale cordially invites you to the 2023 Diocesan May Devotion"



MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE
(Lk 1:39)

Date: Saturday 20th May 2023
Venue: St Mary's Cathedral Sale

Program

- 10:00- 10:30 Arrival/Reconciliation
- 10:30-11:00 Rosary Recitation
- 11:00- 11:45 Holy Mass
- 11:45 - 12:00 Break
- 12:00 - 12:30 1st Reflection (Fr Francis Otopo)
- 12:30 - 1:15 Lunch Break
- 1:15 - 1:30 Devotional Songs of Praise
- 1:30 - 2:00 2nd Reflection (Fr Francis Otopo)
- 2:00 - 3:00 Adoration / Divine Mercy Prayers/ Benediction
- 3:00 Closing and Departure.

May Our Lady of Perpetual Help continue to intercede for us, Amen.

"Mary arose and went with haste." (Lk 1:39)
The Mother of the Lord is a model for young people on the move, who refuse to stand in front of a mirror to contemplate themselves or to get caught up in the 'net'. Mary's focus is always directed outwards."- Pope Francis

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.

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 cultural 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.

JESUIT AND IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AUSTRALIA:
IM23- Grow Your Spiritual Life, I Am a Tree of Life.

Online Daily Sunday May 21 – Wednesday May 24, two hours each day. *Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing. Ezek.47:12*

International and Australian Laudator Si' Week Event
Hope for the Earth- Hope for Humanity

Contact the parish office for more information or visit jisa.org.au/im23



STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

Rosters for May 13 & 14, 2023		6 th Sunday of Easter, Year A		
	Lector	Commentator	Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday May 13 5:00pm	R Webber	Volunteer	C Payne	
Sunday May 14 9:30am	U & E Imhagwe	Volunteer	D Bau	Diamente Family
Sunday May 14 5:00pm	V Vaz & S Harikrishna	Volunteer	B McNulty	

Church Cleaning:	May	Volunteers		
Mick's Kitchen:	May 11	St Michael's Staff	May 18	Hemming Team
Touring Statue of Our Lady:	May 07	E Krieger	May 14	P Ayres

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 97:1-2

*O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom
About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2 4-5 18-19 Rv22

(R.) *Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.
The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'



Next weeks Readings

6th Sunday of Easter Year A

First Reading:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Second Reading:	1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel:	John 14:15-21