

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

28 May 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.

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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



Pentecost Sunday

Reflection by
Dianne Bergant CSA

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

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**Please join us for morning tea in the Mary
MacKillop Hall after 9:30am Mass to celebrate
Pentecost Sunday.**

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday May 30	9:30am Mass 1:00pm Requiem Mass for Margaret Hoggard
Wednesday May 31	11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Jun 01	9:30am* Liturgy @ St Gabriel's
Friday Jun 02	9:30am Mass

*This Thursday we will celebrate a Liturgy at St Gabriel's Primary School as Fr Aju will be away. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Margaret Hoggard, Patricia Buckland, Leo Coffey, Angela Burzese, Maxwell 'Max' Maloney and Maurice 'Morrie' Harrison, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Jenny Cukier, Grace Econar, Felix Sejdak, and Noreen Waud. *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 Speakman, James Whitty, Kelly Maher, John Waanders, Peter Dal Pra, and Jane Eric and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



FR AJU AWAY: Father Aju will be away on Wednesday and Thursday this week so we will have a Liturgy in the church on Wednesday and at St Gabriel's Primary School on Thursday rather than our usual mass. There will be **no reconciliation** on Wednesday this week either.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: 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. Anyone who is interested in learning more or joining the team should contact the parish office or speak to Father Aju after Mass.

Save
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Date

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday May 28 @ 10:30am-

Pentecost Morning Tea

Friday June 09 after 9:30am Mass-

St Columbkille's Day morning tea,
Mary MacKillop Room

Friday June 09 @ 5:00pm-

Confirmation, Champagnat Centre

Saturday June 17 @ 10am – 4pm-

A Day with the Spirit, Mary MacKillop Hall.

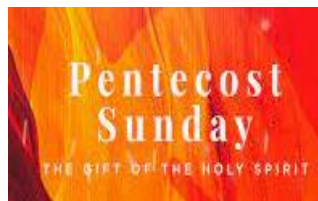
This Week's Events	
Tuesday May 30	
1:00pm	Requiem Mass for Margaret Hoggard, St Michael's Church
Thursday June 01	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
Saturday June 03 - Sunday June 04	
Leaving Collection- Trinity Families Appeal	

BAPTISMS: 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.



CONFIRMATION: This weekend we welcome our confirmation candidates and their families as they join us for their Prayer Letter Mass. Please keep our candidates, their families and our sacramental team in your prayers as they journey towards the sacrament of confirmation. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend and help them celebrate their sacrament of confirmation at the Champagnat Centre, Lavalla Catholic College on Friday June 09 at 5pm with Bishop Greg Bennet.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Thank you to all those who supported our youth ministry last weekend. It was great to see our young ones taking responsibility for our mass and taking on all the roles and duties Sunday night. A fun time was had by all! We are looking forward to the revival of our once thriving youth ministry, and the energy and excitement they bring to our parish. Our next Youth Mass will be held on Saturday June 17 at 5pm, all are welcome. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Parish Youth Council (Year 10 and above), please contact the parish office for more information.



PENTECOST Morning Tea

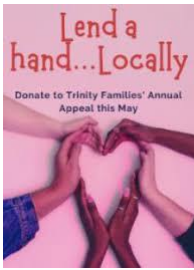
Sunday May 28 @ 10:30am

Mary MacKillop Hall

Don't forget to join us for morning tea this Sunday! As we celebrate people of all nations coming together, bring along a plate to share that is special to you and your family, and wear something that celebrates your history and culture.

MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE: It is nearly time for the pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place in Sydney which has been organized by the lovely ladies from our CWL. The pilgrimage leaves Traralgon via coach on Monday the 5th of June and returns on Wednesday the 7th. The tour includes return travel via bus from the Latrobe Valley to Sydney, and two nights accommodation. Numbers need to be finalized this week so please speak to Kay Radford or contact the parish office as soon as possible if you are interested in going.

A DAY WITH THE SPIRIT: Join Father Francis Otobo for a Day with the Spirit here at St Michael's Church on Saturday June 17 for a day of prayer and worship. The day begins with Mass at 10am followed by prayer and workshops in the Mary MacKillop Hall. Tea and Coffee provided, bring your own lunch.



TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL 2023: Trinity Families is the charitable arm of the Catholic Diocese of Sale and provides funding through grants to other charities working to provide services and programs for families throughout the Diocese. To show our support, we will hold a **leaving collection next weekend** for the annual Trinity Families

Appeal. Please give generously and pray for those who are providing the programs and services to those in need in our communities. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Visit trinityfamilies.org.au for more information or to donate online.



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CATECHIST FORMATION DAY: Father Elio Capra will be the guest speaker at a formation day for catechists and others who are interested in Sacraments at St

Jarlath's Hall, Yarragon on Saturday June 17 from 930am – 330pm. Father Elio is a lecturer at the Catholic Theological College and lectures in Liturgy and Sacramental Theology. He has run a Lenten Liturgy program for our parish in the past and is a knowledgeable, warm and joyful speaker. Cost is \$10 per head and catering is provided. Please contact Barbara Durand on 0414965079 or barbarad@sale.catholic.org.au or book with Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CHWBF>

PASTORAL ASSOCIATES DAY: On Wednesday the Parish Pastoral Associates and staff of our diocese met for a day of prayer and reflection at St Jarlath's Yarragon. The day started with Mass with Bishop Greg followed by a workshop on the Art of Leading Prayer ably led by Geraldine and Theresa. It was a great day for personal formation and a chance to reach out to other parishes and share ideas and concerns. Items discussed included prayer and formation opportunities for parishioners, the youth ministry, sacraments, the Holy Spirit in our parish, and ways of reaching out to our wider communities. It was interesting to see the similar challenges being faced by our parishes across the Diocese regardless of size and location, and to share ideas and solutions that have worked in our own parishes.

WEEKLY REFLECTION by Greg Sunter: We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations.
Through the same Christ our Lord.*

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Anyone can read the scriptures in public: only the believer can proclaim them.

THE ART OF PROCLAMATION

A workshop for readers in proclaiming the word of God

10.00 - 1.00pm

14 JUNE

St Mary's Parish,
Bairnsdale

2.00 - 4.30pm

17 JUNE

St Patrick's Parish,
Pakenham

WORKSHOP FOR READERS: Are you a reader or would you like to be a reader at Mass? You are invited to attend one of the two formation workshops being run by the Diocese of Sale. Learn more about your ministry as a reader and share some practical tips about proclaiming the word. Contact the parish office for more information, or to register your interest.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

Rosters for June 03 & 04, 2023		The Most Holy Trinity, Year A		
	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday June 03 5:00pm	R Foote & T Larkin	M Noone	M Giddens	Alison, Jeanne & Amanda
Sunday June 04 9:30am	T Denny & C Mavhundu	M Wilkinson	A Sykes & M Blanchard	
Sunday June 04 5:00pm	V Vaz & S Harikrishna	S Darby	J McLaughlin	
Church Cleaning:	June 04 & June 17	Hanratty Family Group		
Touring Statue of Our Lady:	May 28 C Kanara	June 04 J Kanara		
<i>Mick's Kitchen:</i>	June 01 Burns Team	June 08 Van Berkel Team		

Entrance Antiphon Rom 5:5 cf. 8:11

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1 24 29-31 R v30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. *(R.)*
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. *(R.)*
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. *(R.)*

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit. In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven:
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'



Next weeks Readings – Trinity Sunday Year A

1st Reading Exodus 34:4-6 8-9

2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel John 3:16-18