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The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, Year A

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## 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.

### 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



*New Testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM*

**'God loved the world so much he gave his only Son'**

As a child I learnt about the Trinity in terms of three persons in one God – a short summary of a very complex history of debate about God, Jesus and Spirit. John's Gospel says this with much greater simplicity in the one word 'love'. Too often the language of 'trinity' begins to sound mathematical: three in one, one in three. Trinity is a way of trying to put words on an unfathomable mystery of the inner life of God. A life we could never have imagined, except it was first experienced. Within Judaism, there were a number of ways of naming the Holy One – Elohim, the generic term for God; YHWH the personal name and experience of God in Israel. The ancient writers of Israel constantly struggled to name the paradox of a God who was utterly transcendent, and yet a God who was present to them. To maintain the sense of God's transcendence, when they spoke of the immanent experience of God various groups used different words. The Prophets said, 'The Word of the Lord came to me,' and 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me'. The wisdom teachers spoke of Holy Wisdom being present in the order and elegance of the natural world as well as in human history. Later the rabbis used an Aramaic word 'Shekinah' as a way of speaking of the presence of God within the cosmos. The life of Jesus of Nazareth and his ongoing risen life within the Christian community stretched the theological concepts and language of Israel to find a new way of naming God. Trinity is the distinctively Christian way of naming our experience of God as a communion of life and love.

The very nature of God is to love – to reach out to another in relationship. In this conversation with Nicodemus Jesus describes why he has come into the world (Greek: *kosmos*); for love of this extraordinary cosmos God gave us a most precious gift in Jesus. John's Gospel makes the promise that those who receive this gift in faith will become children of God (John 1:12) which is this Gospel's way of describing salvation. This means of course that you and I are invited to be drawn into the very heart of God, to be drawn into the Trinity as part of God's own household.

Earlier in the conversation Jesus spoke to Nicodemus about being born again in water and Spirit – a phrase Nicodemus could not understand. The Johannine community understood that with the gift of the Spirit they were in a sense reborn into a new quality of life. John calls this eternity life, which is a way of naming the life God lives in eternity. I use the translation 'eternity' life, rather than 'eternal' life to convey the concept that we are reborn not into ordinary human life that goes on forever, but into a new way of existence. We are born into the family of God, able to call God 'Father' and each other sisters and brothers. In the first reading, this is what Moses begs for when he asks, 'adopt us as your heritage'. If you want a living example of the Trinity look at a family where children participate in the life and love of their parents.

Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Trinity, we are not celebrating an esoteric doctrine from the past; we are celebrating One who is a dynamic relationship inviting us to be participants in this dynamism.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Jun 06	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Jun 07	11:00am Reconciliation
	11:00am Exposition
	12:00pm Mass
	1:30pm Requiem Mass for Maria Vogt
Thursday Jun 08	9:30am* Mass @ St Gabriel's
Friday Jun 09	9:30am Mass- St Columbkille's Day

**\*This Thursday we will celebrate Mass at St Gabriel's Primary School. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently including Giovanni 'John' Frescura, Anna Maria De Martin, Maria Vogt, Erika Schroeter, Margaret Hoggard, Patricia Buckland, Leo Coffey, and Angela Burzese, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Trish Sweeney, Rocco Michael Bruzzese, Joan Whitford, Greg Bermingham, Darren Wall, Jenny Cukier, and Grace Econar. *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 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, Kelly Maher, John Waanders, Peter Dal Pra, and Jane Eric and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



**CONFIRMATION:** This weekend we welcome our confirmation candidates and their families as they take their final steps towards celebrating the sacrament of confirmation next Friday. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend and help them celebrate Mass at the Champagnat Centre, Lavalla Catholic College St Paul's Campus, **this Friday June 09 at 5pm** with Bishop Greg Bennet.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Our Youth Council met on Friday night for an evening of prayer and planning. It was really inspiring hearing them share their passion for their faith, our church and their wider community. 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. Our next Youth Mass will be held on Saturday June 17 at 5pm, all are welcome.

**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.

This Week's Events	
Tuesday June 06	
7:00pm	Risk Management Team Meeting, Mary MacKillop Room
Wednesday June 07	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday June 08	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
Friday June 09	
10:00am	St Columbkille's Day Morning Tea, Mary MacKillop Room
5:00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation, Champagnat Centre, Lavalla

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend we welcome for Baptism, **Zoe Maree Irving**, daughter of Doug and Emily. 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.



**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Thank you to all those who attended our Pentecost celebrations last Sunday. Our church was alive with the Holy Spirit as people from all nations came together to celebrate their faith and their culture. It was wonderful to see the national flags of our heritage on the sanctuary, highlighting the multicultural makeup of our parish. Thank you to our wonderful readers who translated the prayers of the faithful into Portuguese, Italian, Dutch and Malayalam. Thank you to those who joined us afterwards for morning tea in the Mary MacKillop Hall where we were treated to special dishes from all around the world. It was a team effort and a lot of time was put in by many parishioners across the board. Congratulations to the Pentecost team for organising such a wonderful event for our parish, particularly Mike, Jen and Greg who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and on the day, to make sure the day was well organized and ran smoothly. It was a great reflection of the spirit of Pentecost, particularly the rich diversity of our parish. Thank you to all the parishioners who came along and supported our morning tea, bringing food, stories and items to celebrate and share their culture and traditions with each other. Thank you to our wonderful team leaders including Jason, Elena, Ansje, Jen, Thomas, Sheila, Marita, Ben, Inoka and Adriana for organizing their groups and their tables. To everyone who cooked and baked, who helped set up and who stayed behind to clean afterwards, thank you! It was a really special day and we look forward to making it even bigger and better next year.

#### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**Friday June 09 after 9:30am Mass-**  
St Columbkille's Day morning tea,  
Mary MacKillop Room

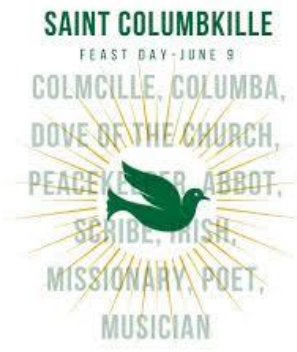
**Friday June 09 @ 5:00pm-**  
Confirmation, Champagnat Centre

**Saturday June 17 @ 10am – 4pm-**  
A Day with the Spirit, Mary MacKillop Hall.

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Date

**ST COLUMBKILLE'S DAY:**

Parishioners are invited to celebrate Saint Columbkille on **Friday June 09** with Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the Mary MacKillop Room. We would really like as many of our Glengarry parishioners to join us on this day as possible, so please come along and spread the word to others who attended mass at St Columbkille's.



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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 specialising 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 0414 965 079 or barbarad@sale.catholic.org.au or book with Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CHWBF>

**MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE:** 27 ladies are leaving Traralgon on Monday morning to take part in a pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place in Sydney. We wish them all the best for their journey and look forward to hearing all about their experience upon their return. Please keep them in your hearts and prayers during this special time.

**Prayer through St Mary MacKillop**

*Bountiful and loving God,*

*You have filled the heart of Mary MacKillop with compassionate love for those who are in need at the margins of our society.*

*Deepen that love within us that we may embrace the mystery of the Cross which leads us through death to life.*

*We ask this in the Spirit of Jesus who having broken the bonds of death, leads us to everlasting life.*

*Amen*

**A DAY WITH THE SPIRIT:** Join Father Francis Otopo 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 this 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](http://trinityfamilies.org.au) for more information or to donate online.

**ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST:** The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialized activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Application Forms are available on the website [pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship](http://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship). Closing Date 04 August 2023



**A WORKSHOP FOR READERS IN PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD:**

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.

**Wednesday 14 June, 10am - 1pm: St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale**  
**Saturday 17 June, 2 - 430pm: St Patrick's Parish, Pakenham**  
 Contact the parish office for more information, or to register your interest.

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:**

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..."*  
 JOHN 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

Rosters for June 10 & 11, 2023		The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A		
	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
<b>Saturday June 10 5:00pm</b>	W & J Gomez	B Purcell	C Payne	
<b>Sunday June 11 9:30am</b>	U & E Imhagwe	C McCabe	D Bau	Diamente Family
<b>Sunday June 11 5:00pm</b>	S Luscombe	J Fleming	B McNulty	
Church Cleaning:	June 04 & June 17	Hanratty Family Group		
Touring Statue of Our Lady:	June 04 J Kanara	June 11	L & P Van Der Velden	
<i>Mick's Kitchen:</i>	June 08 Van Berkel Team	June 15	McLaughlin Team	

**Entrance Antiphon**

*Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.*

**First Reading** Exodus 34:4-5 8-9

A reading from book of Exodus

*The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.*

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Dn 3:52-56 Rv 52**(R.) Glory and praise for ever!**

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.  
*(R.) Glory and praise for ever!*  
Blest your glorious holy name.  
*(R.) Glory and praise for ever!*
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.  
*(R.) Glory and praise for ever!*  
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.  
*(R.) Glory and praise for ever!*
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.  
*(R.) Glory and praise for ever!*  
You are blest in the firmament of heaven.  
*(R.) Glory and praise for ever!*

**Second Reading**

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Gospel Acclamation** See Apoc 1:8

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*God sent his Son to save the world through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be  
lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be  
saved.  
No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned  
already,  
because he has refused to believe  
in the name of God's only Son.'

Next weeks Readings – Corpus Christi Year A	
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Gospel	John 6:51-58

