

## 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.

### 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

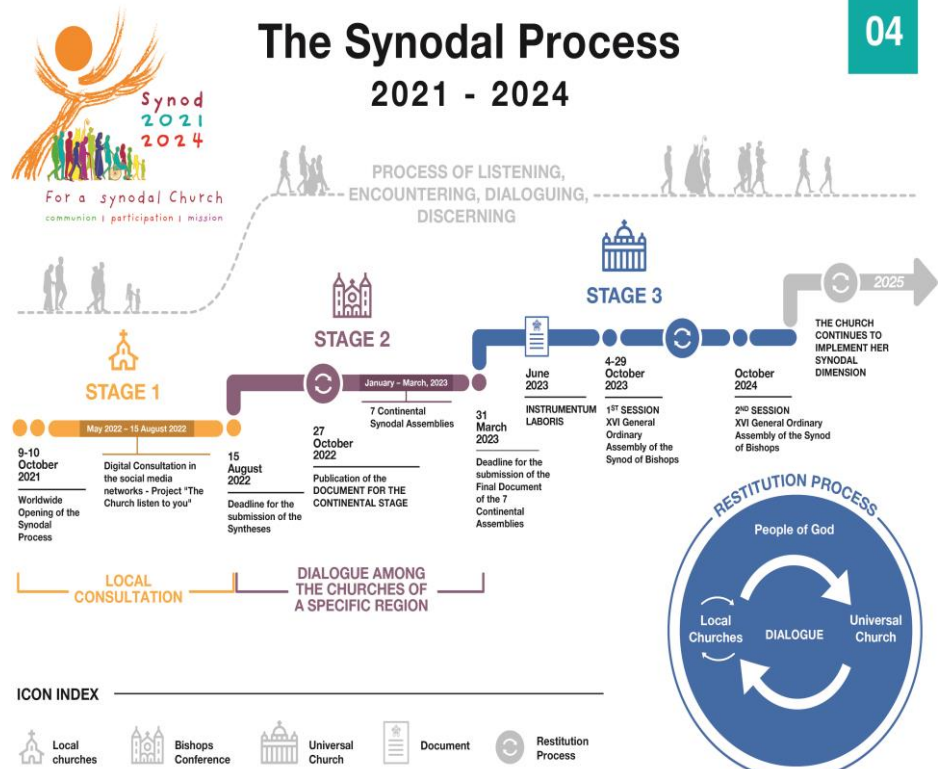
**Parish Pastoral Council:** Lia Di Corleto, Chairperson, Fr Aju, Steve Kimani, Greg Imhagwe, Watson Gomez, Jenifer Hanratty, Judi McLaughlin, Thomas Mathew, Amanda Reid, Jodie Ware, Michelle Charlton, and Doug Doherty.

### 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

**Synod on Synodality Update:** On June 20 2023, the *Instrumentum Laboris* (IL)- the working document for participants in the first session of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (4-29 October 2023) was released. The IL highlights the characteristics of the synodal Church which have emerged through the local listening phase and in the final submissions from the continental assemblies. The document identifies three main priorities, which centre on the main themes of the Synod:

- A Communion that Radiates: *'How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and the unity of all humanity?'*
- Co-responsibility in mission: *'How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?'*
- Participation, governance and authority: *'What processes, structures and institutions are needed in a missionary synodal Church?'*



Visit the Catholic Australia website at [www.catholic.au](http://www.catholic.au) and click on the links to the Synod of Bishops for more information. You can access the *Instrumentum Laboris* as well as submissions from the Diocese of Sale, the Australia Synthesis and that of the Oceania Assembly.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Jul 18	9:30am Mass 10:45am Liturgy @ Margery Cole
Wednesday Jul 19	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Jul 20	9:30am* Memorial Mass for Leo Coffey
Friday Jul 21	9:30am Mass

*\*This Thursday mass will be held here at St Michael's Church in memory of Leo Coffey*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently including Maria Zahra, Antonio Battista, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Frank Falzon, Bob Wolfe, John Archibald, Judi Sullivan, Franc Rohli, Bambina Damiano, Brian Hayes, Leopold Fernando, and Chandana Fernando.

*Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

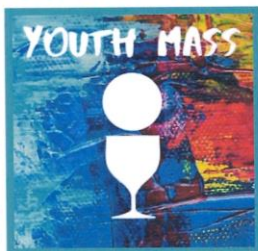
**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** including Ann-Maree Daly, Gary Donchi, Bill Edgar, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Jacqui Granville, Barbara Greaves, Ellen Hammond, Jenny Hansch, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah Mc Kerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Maree Morris, Henry Polo, Joan Riggall, Theresa Rosello, Jerry Templer, Damiano Tripodi, Sharon Veleff, George Walkan, Roy Ward, Victoria Rohli, Fr John Speakman, James Whitty, Kelly Maher, John Waanders, Peter Dal Pra, Jane Eric, Rose Xuereb and Manuel Xuereb and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



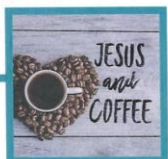
**SCAM ALERT:** Please be aware of any text messages or emails purporting to be from Fr Aju or anyone from the parish asking for money or gift cards. This is not from us! Fr Aju or any parish staff will never ask for a favour or money this way. Please be cautious and do not respond. Always check with us at the parish office on 51742060.

## SUNDAY 23RD JULY

9.30AM MASS



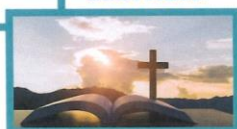
COFFEE AND CAKES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AFTER MASS TO RAISE MONEY FOR YOUTH MINISTRY



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023

LEARN TO READ COMMENTATE ALTAR SERVE MONEY COLLECT

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This Week's Events	
Tuesday July 18	
6:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Parish Centre
Wednesday July 19	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
1:00pm	Church Cleaning, St Michael's Church
Thursday July 20	
9:30am	Memorial Mass for Leo Coffey, St Michael's Church
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm	RCIA Information Evening, Parish Centre

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend we welcome for baptism, **Joey George Aquilina**, son of Kristian and Rocchina, **Oakah Nato Graham**, son of Ashleigh and **Riley Grace Albanese**, daughter of Jake and Abbey. Congratulations and welcome to our parish!



The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday July 25 at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested in attending.



**R.C.I.A.:** These letters stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the ancient Rite of welcoming people into the Church.

St Michael's Parish warmly invites anyone interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith to attend our meetings on Thursdays, in St Michael's Parish Centre. We start at 7.30pm sharp, and finish by 9.00pm sharp. This year's starting date is **July 20th**. If you know anyone who is interested, please speak to Susan Grout or contact the Parish Office (5174 2060). Flyers are in the Church entries to take and hand out to friends and family.

**BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN:** Have you ever thought about Baptising your school aged child? Are you wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Enrolments are now open for our Term 3 program. Two workshops will be held on Sunday August 27 and Sunday September 03 with the sacrament of Baptism celebrated the following weekend on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. At least one parent must be a baptised Catholic. Please contact Cath or Jen in the parish office for more information or to enrol your child.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Join our J-Walkers next **Sunday July 23** as they continue walking with Jesus. Our young parishioners will lead Mass at **9:30am** to celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Join us for morning tea in the hall and bring along your grandchildren or grandparents to celebrate this special day. Hot drinks and tasty treats will be available, any donations for the Youth Ministry will be greatly appreciated. Please keep our young people in your prayers and if you can support them in any way, please contact Jen in the parish office.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Join our CWL team at 1pm this Wednesday to help clean the church. There are jobs for everyone regardless of your skills or abilities! Any help would be greatly appreciated.



**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023:** Zahra will be travelling to Portugal for World Youth Day on July 28<sup>th</sup> for 2 weeks. As part of her Pilgrimage, she will be spending time at Fatima and would like to pray for the parishioners of St Michaels as a thank you for all your support. There are some prayer cards in the foyers for you to write your prayers on and she will take them to Fatima and pray for you. Zahra joins 535 other pilgrims from around Victoria for their commissioning Mass this Sunday with Archbishop Peter Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne. Please keep her and the other pilgrims in your prayers as they take their next steps on their journey to World Youth Day.

**JESUS, PIZZA & PRAISE- WITH FR FRANCIS AND FR DENIS:** Join us at St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde North, for an exciting night of praise and worship, powerful youth testimonies, healing mass, music, free pizza & supper. For young people aged 13-35, however all are welcome. Please note that youth under the age of 18 are to be accompanied by an adult.

**St Thomas the Apostle Church, Clyde North  
Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> from 4pm**

**IGNITE 2023- WONDER: NATIONAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE**

Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Join over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church. The theme this year is WONDER with conferences being held in Brisbane September 21-24 and Sydney September 28-October 01. For more information visit <https://igniteconference.com.au/>

**INVITATION TO A WINTER CONCERT:** St Jarlath's church community at Yarragon invites parishioners to a *second Winter Concert* featuring Irish-Australian singer, songwriter, storyteller Maria Forde. The venue is again at St Jarlath's Catholic Church, Rollo Street, Yarragon on **Friday, July 21st, from 7:00pm**. Space is limited so you will need to reserve a seat via email at [trafalgar@cdsale.org.au](mailto:trafalgar@cdsale.org.au) or phone 03 5633 1166. Entry is by a contribution (generous we hope!!) to the St Jarlath's Church Refurbishment Appeal. A delicious supper will be offered in the hall at interval. Everyone is welcome.

**FR AJU AWAY ON HOLIDAYS:** On Tuesday Father Aju will head off on holidays to visit family and friends in India. We wish him all the best and look forward to hearing all about his trip when he returns at the end of August. I am sure that Father Peter and Deacon Tony will take good care of us all while he is away.



**Reflection from Tony @ Majellan Media**  
Grandparents can be magical entities that sprinkle fairy dust into our lives, filling our childhood with

treasured tales, cookies, and unconditional love. They embody wisdom and patience, always ready to lend an empathetic ear. Through their abundant stories and experienced perspectives, they weave a tapestry of family history, connecting the present to the past, and the future to its roots.

Their importance in our lives is often overlooked, making it crucial that we remind them how much we value their love and care. Simple gestures such as regular phone calls, handmade gifts, or spending a quiet afternoon reminiscing over photo albums can bring immeasurable joy. No gesture is too small; it's the thought that counts. Writing letters expressing love and gratitude, or creating a family tree with them, is a great way to make them feel cherished and appreciated.

The loss of a grandparent is a profound experience that creates an indelible void. We remember those who have passed away by preserving their stories, recollecting their wise words, and embracing their legacy. Their teachings, their laughter, and even their peculiarities become the fuel that keeps their memories alive within us. Creating keepsakes, planting a tree in their memory, or even preparing their favourite recipe can become a heart warming tradition of remembrance.

Being a grandparent, on the other hand, is a role of a lifetime. It's a chance to relive parenthood, but with the luxury of time and the wisdom of experience. It is like watching a movie for the second time, where one can appreciate the nuances missed during the first view. This unique perspective allows us grandparents to impart life's crucial lessons while nurturing our grandchildren with tender love and care. Being a grandparent is not just about spoiling the grandkids (I do tell my kids that it's one of my most important jobs and I will do it to the best of my ability). It is about leaving an indelible impact on their lives.

So, as we approach *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, we remember and affirm that grandparents are not just the sweet, older folks in our lives. They are keepers of tradition, pillars of wisdom, and above all, the ever-giving source of pure love. As we navigate life's journey, let's remember to celebrate their roles, cherish their presence, and preserve their memory in the tapestry of our family history.

**Join us next Sunday July 23 as we celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

Rosters for July 22 & 23		16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		
	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
<b>Saturday July 22 5:00pm</b>	A Taylor, B O'Brien	S Grout	A Membrey	Diamente Family
<b>Sunday July 23 9:30am</b>	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	Zahra and Kevin
<b>Sunday July 23 5:00pm</b>	B Purcell	M Noone	Volunteer	
Church Cleaning:	July 19 Catholic Women's League			
Touring Statue of Our Lady:	July 23 E Membrey		July 30 J Scholtes	
<i>Mick's Kitchen:</i>	July 20 Burns Family		July 27 Van Berkel	

**Entrance Antiphon**

*As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

**First Reading** Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The rain makes the earth give growth.*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what is was sent to do.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 64:10-14 R Lk 8:8

**(R.)** *The seed that falls on good ground  
will yield a fruitful harvest.*

1. You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its  
grain. **(R.)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows, you level it,  
soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth. **(R.)**
3. You crown the earth with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures  
of the wilderness it flows.. **(R.)**
4. The hills are girded with you, the meadows  
covered with flocks, the valleys are decked  
with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Rom 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of  
God.*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creations still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now that entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
The seed is the Word of God, Christ is the  
sower; all who come to him will live for ever.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Matthew 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*A sower went out to sow.*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on the rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!

Next week's Readings:	
16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	
First Reading:	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Second Reading:	Romans 8:26-27
Gospel:	Matthew 13:24-43