



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 Officers Shane Reid or Sally Darby on 5174 2060 if you have any concerns.

St Michael's Parish Information

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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



Congratulations Deacon Tony

on the 25th anniversary of your
Ordination to the Diaconate.

This week we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Deacon Tony Aspinall's ordination to the Diaconate. Deacon Tony is a much loved and respected leader of both our parish community, the Diocese and the wider Catholic Church. His faith and his church have always been important to him and his decision to become a Deacon was a growing response over a long period of time. Prior to becoming a Deacon, Tony and his wife June were heavily involved in many parish groups and ministries, particularly the Catholic Scout Movement. He spent time at retreats with the Franciscans, the Cistercians and the Pallottines. It was at one of these that he was approached on the possibility of joining the Diaconate which led him on the road to where he is now. After much discussion with June, waiting for a time that suited his family, his church, his faith, he began 10 years of studying, placement and training on his journey to becoming a Deacon. He gave up his job and financial security to follow his calling in the service of others. June not only supported him in his choices, but studied alongside him as she became an accredited Pastoral Associate. Their partnership has been a blessing for our whole Diocese as they have continued to share their gifts and compassion with many parishes and ministries over the years.

In 1988 Deacon Tony was ordained as the first Permanent Deacon of our Diocese. Since then he has gone on to work in a variety of roles and ministries, in psychiatric hospitals, prisons, schools, and aged care homes. He has mentored other Deacons around the world, advised Bishops and Priests, and spent many years as the National Coordinator of the Permanent Diaconate in Australia. He is an important link between clergy and lay people, between advisory boards and parishioners on the ground. He has a special talent and passion for working with those who have lost touch with the church. His compassion and understanding is evident when meeting with bereaved families or those preparing for the sacraments of Baptism or Marriage in particular. His manner allows a soft and kind return to our church. Without judgement, he welcomes them back and they leave with a smile and a confidence that they are God's children and all are welcome here.

No task is too great or too small and he is always willing to go above and beyond in support of those he loves, particularly his family and his church. We are grateful for all he does in our parish, but more importantly we are thankful that he said Yes to God and became a Deacon. Like other Deacons, that he took up the mission of Jesus of Priest, Prophet and King, to teach, preach, sanctify, lead and administer his flock. To help us all, as baptised and confirmed Catholics realise that we too share in Jesus' mission. Thank you Deacon Tony for all that you do for St Michael's Parish, and for your 25 years of devotion to your church.

Sunday Mass Times		
Saturday	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	9:30am	Mass
	5:00pm	Mass
Weekday Mass Times		
Tuesday Aug 22	9:30am	Mass
Wednesday Aug 23	11:00am	Reconciliation
	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thursday Aug 24	9:30am*	Mass
Friday Aug 25	9:30am	Mass
	12:00pm	Requiem Mass for Marj Gilbert

**Mass this Thursday will be held in the new chapel at St Gabriel's Primary School. Please enter the school via Gate B off the carpark, to the right of the school office. It is a beautiful space and all parishioners are warmly invited to Join Fr Peter as he celebrates Mass with the Grade 3 students.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Marj Gilbert, Nicholas Lowden, Audrey Sherry, Tony Duyndam, Trevor Lay, Rosa Doganieri, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Joan Hanratty, Carmen Cook, Veronica Smith, Joan Bermingham, Nessie Dal Pra, Roger King, Jessie Pereira, and Tony Camilliu.



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, 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 Speekman, 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.

Please let the office know if you, or anyone you know would like a visit from one of our parishioners, Fr Peter or Deacon Tony. We can also arrange for someone to take communion to those at home or hospital if required.

Mick's Kitchen: Our dedicated volunteers are currently serving 60 meals a week at the St Vincent de Paul Centre on Thursday nights from 6pm – 7pm. Everyone is welcome and nobody is turned away. We are currently in need of more volunteers as well as financial assistance. It is special ministry that our volunteers find very rewarding. There are many different roles requiring different skillsets and time commitments. You could come and set up the dining room, prepare or serve meals, greet people as they enter, sit down for a meal and a chat, wash dishes, or vacuum and mop up at closing time. Stay for the whole night or come along for an hour. Teams are currently on a 7-week rotating roster, or you could offer an hour each week. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

This Week's Events	
Monday August 21	
Church Closed for Lighting Upgrade	
Tuesday August 22	
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Wednesday August 23	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
12:00pm	Healing Mass, St Michael's Church
Thursday August 24	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
Friday August 25	
6:30pm	Youth Council Meeting, Mary MacKillop Room

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for Baptism **Grayson Robert Ould**, son of Brenton and Penny-Lee, and **Judd Leo Murphy**, son of Danny and Marcia. Congratulations and welcome to our parish!



The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Tuesday September 05 at 7:00pm in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested in attending.



RCIA- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: St Michael's Parish warmly invites anyone interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith to join our Tuesday night RCIA group. If you, or anyone you know may be interested in attending or learning more, please register your details with the parish office.



BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN: Have you ever thought about Baptising your school aged child? Enrolments close this **Wednesday August 23** for our Term 3 program. Two workshops will be held on Sunday August 27 and Sunday September 03 after the 930am mass, with the sacrament of Baptism celebrated the following weekend on the 10th of September. At least one parent must be a baptised Catholic and journey with their child. Please contact Cath or Jen in the parish office for more information or to enrol your child.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Join our J-Walkers after 9:30am mass this Sunday as they continue walking with Jesus. Hot drinks and tasty treats will be available from the **Mary MacKillop Hall**, with all funds raised going towards the youth ministry.

Join us for cake this Sunday after the 9:30am Mass to celebrate Deacon Tony's 25th Anniversary.

VOLUNTEERS: Thank you to all our volunteers for their ongoing support of our parish. It is important that all our volunteers have a current Working With Children Check, and that they have signed a copy of our parish code conduct form. We are very happy to help volunteers update their card details or apply for a new one if required. Call the parish office and speak to Cath or Jen to make an appointment.



HEALING MASS

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.”
(Matthew 11:28)

**St Michael’s Church, Traralgon
Wednesday August 23 @ 12pm**

Join us as we ask for God’s blessing of physical, mental, spiritual and emotional healing for ourselves and our loved ones. After mass, we will head to the Mary MacKillop Room for a cup of tea or coffee.

Thank you

We are grateful to Father Peter Bickley for returning to St Michael’s and looking

after us all while Father Aju has been away. Whilst technically retired, Father Peter has been keeping himself busy looking after parishes throughout the Diocese while their priests take some time off. As our parish priest from 1995 – 2011 many already knew him and have enjoyed catching up with him over the past three weeks. Others have had a chance to get to know him and all have been thoroughly entertained by his beautiful singing voice, cheeky humour and love of Geelong Football Club. We are grateful for his support and care while Fr Aju has been away, especially during this time of many funerals and hospital visits. This is his last weekend with us before Father Aju returns, however he will be here for the healing mass on Wednesday, St Gabriel’s mass on Thursday and parish mass Friday morning.



Our Church will be closed this Monday August 21st and Tuesday August 22nd while we work on upgrading and replacing the ceiling lights. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” (Romans 11:29)

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.



CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
OF SALE

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

Establishment of a new Diocese of Sale Mission Council: Its Role

“The role of the new Diocesan Mission

Council will be to assist the Bishop in investigating, discerning, and proposing practical priorities and strategies for the development of the Diocese’s pastoral life and mission. As a key body in the Diocese, the Mission Council exercises leadership and co-responsibility in a Christ-centred and mission orientated way, sharing in the proclamation of the Gospel, and serving Jesus Christ where He is present among the people of the Diocese, through unity, trust, and solidarity.” (DMC Statutes)

A HISTORY OF THE GIPPSLAND CATHOLIC DIOCESE:

A history of the diocese entitled *A Mass Kit in the Saddle Bag*, written by Patrick Morgan, is now available.

Catholics were settling in Gippsland from 1837 for a half century before the diocese of Sale was set up in 1887. During this pioneering period priests were sent out from Melbourne ‘on the Gippsland mission’. The first two bishops, James Corbett and Patrick Phelan, established a basic but coherent network of Catholic organizations. In recent memory Bishops Eric D’Arcy and Jeremiah Coffey coped with new issues such as increasing secularization and modernist attitudes. The book includes a bibliography, lists of parishes and priests, and over fifty photographs.

The diocesan history can be purchased for \$25, plus \$5 postage, from Patrick Morgan, 610 Limonite Rd, Boolarra, Vic, 3870; email: morganpa@iprimus.com.au; phone: 5169 6216.

A SNAPSHOT OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE (2021):

Total Population - 680, 681

Catholic Population - 123, 748

Catholics make up 18.2% of the total population

Median Age of Catholics is 43 years

Total Catholic Families - 50, 401

10, 673 Catholics live alone

35, 392 Catholics were born overseas

2, 155 Catholics do not speak English well

8, 390 Catholics need assistance with core activities

44, 469 Catholics have changed address since 2011

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST - CHURCH ON THE WAY:

Pope Francis invites everyone to work for a transformation of the Church - a work that begins with ‘a reform of ourselves’ through an experience of prayer, charity and service, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Rosters for August 26 & 27, 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Aug 26 5:00pm	B O’Brien	A Taylor	M Giddens	Diamente Family
Sunday Aug 27 9:30am	W & J Gomez	C McCabe	M Wilkinson & W Banks-Smith	Zahra
Sunday Aug 27 5:00pm	V Vaz & S Harikrishna	C Hill	T Biancon	

Church Cleaning:

August

Welcomers Team

Touring Statue of Our Lady:

August 20

M Munari

August 27

M Munari

Mick’s Kitchen:

August 24

Hemming Team

August 31

Scholtes Team

Entrance Antiphon Ps 83:10-11

*Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

First Reading Isaiah 56: 1 6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3 5-6 8 Rv4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Rom 11:13-15 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
And healed all who were sick.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Next week's Readings

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading Isaiah 22:19-23

2nd Reading Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20