



## 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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**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



## WHAT WILL OUR PARISH LOOK LIKE IN 5 YEARS?

What is your vision for our parish? Where are we headed? Who will lead us there? How? What can we do better? What are we doing well? What sort of ministries will we have? What do our weekend masses look like? What is our dream for our parish? We have had vision boards in the Church Street entrance to the church and in the Mary MacKillop Room for parishioners to share their ideas. Some of the ideas that have been brought forward so far have been listed below.

- Testimonies! Sharing our faith with others
- ALPHA running each year
- More Retreats
- More kids involved in our Parish
- More eager people in our Parish community
- More volunteers
- More accessible and advertised Confession
- Prayer Teams praying for people after Mass
- Active and engaged parishioners all working together
- Sunday experience with everything from reading to music done well
- Working people not forgotten
- Saturday morning confession and Mass
- Youth Mass every Sunday
- Morning tea after 9.30am Mass
- Be kind to everyone
- Formation for everyone – Guest speakers / retreats
- More communication from leadership committees
- More Priests
- Welcome Teams / welcome packs / hospitality teams / social events
- Junior J-Walkers youth group for younger kids
- A big parish community
- Name tags to get to know each other better
- Sunday School / Children's Liturgy
- Pastoral Associates
- More Youth events and more youth involved
- Altar Server teaching
- Praise and Worship nights
- Men's nights / Women's nights / Excursions

Keep visioning and praying for our parish and adding your thoughts to our vision boards. We look forward to discussing these ideas in more detail and putting plans in place to see some of your hopes come to fruition.

| Sunday Mass Times  |   |
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| Saturday           | 5:00pm Mass   |
| Sunday             | 9:30am Mass<br>5:00pm Mass                            |
| Weekday Mass Times |   |
| Tuesday Oct 17     | 9:30am Mass<br>10:45am Mass @ Margery Cole            |
| Wednesday Oct 18   | 11:00am Exposition<br>12:00pm Liturgy                 |
| Thursday Oct 19    | 9:30am Mass @ St Gabriel's<br>11:00am Mass @ Dalkeith |
| Friday Oct 20      | 9:30am Mass<br>11:30am Requiem Mass for Remo Magaldi  |

*\*Mass this Thursday will be held at St Gabriel's Primary School with their Grade 1 Students. All parishioners are warmly invited and encouraged to join them.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently including Peter King, Remo Magaldi, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Tony King, Edward Johnston, Giovanni Salvatore, Nicholas Lis, Jean Lythgo, Sr Margaret Daly RSJ. *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, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, 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, Sharon Veleff, George Walkan, Roy Ward, Victoria Rohli, Fr John Speakman, James Whitty, John Waanders, Peter Dal Pra, Jane Eric, Rose Xuereb, Manuel Xuereb, Peter Lorinc 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 Aju or Deacon Tony. We can also arrange for someone to take communion to those at home or hospital if required.*

| This Week's Events  |   |
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| Tuesday October 17  |   |
| 10:45am             | Margery Cole Mass, Yallambee Traralgon                |
| 6:00pm              | Parish Pastoral Council, Mary MacKillop Room          |
| 7:30pm              | RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre                           |
| Thursday October 19 |   |
| 10:30am             | Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room         |
| 11:00am             | Dalkeith Hostel Mass, Dalkeith, Traralgon             |
| 6:00pm              | Lavalla Graduation Mass St Michael's Church           |
| Friday October 20   |   |
| 9:30am              | St Michael's PS Grade 1 & 2 Mass, St Michael's Church |

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

#### Sunday October 22

Syro Malabar Mass and Rosary from 11:15am

#### All Saints Day Wednesday November 01

Adoration and Reconciliation from 11am

Mass at 12pm at St Michael's Church

#### All Souls Day Thursday November 02

Mass for Departed Souls 11am

Rose Chapel, Traralgon Cemetery

**BAPTISM:** Our next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Tuesday **October 17 at 7:00pm** in the church. Please contact the parish office on 51742060 if you are interested in attending or would like some more information.



**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.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** A parent information night will be held in the St Michael's Church on **Wednesday October 25 at 6pm** for all parents whose children have been enrolled in the sacrament of first communion.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Coffees and Hot Chocolates will again be available from the Mary MacKillop Hall after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays. Our J-Walkers will be serving and all funds raised go to the Youth Ministry.



**THANK YOU:** Thank you to our parishioners who joined in to pray the rosary this week. We are particularly grateful to the CWL Ladies, Margaret, Beji, Mike and Jen for organising and leading these special times.

**MASS FOR CHILDREN GONE TOO SOON:** Coming together in prayer to remember children gone too soon. Entrusting them to the care of our loving God, placing a flower in their memory and recalling Mary's loss at the death of her Son, Jesus. Join us for a special mass dedicated to our children who have gone too soon.

St Michael's Church - Sunday October 15 @ 5pm

## ST MICHAEL'S PARISH TRARALGON

**SUNDAY 29TH OCT**

**YOUTH MASS**  
YOUR INVITED TO OUR NEXT YOUTH MASS

LEARN TO ..  
READ, MUSIC,  
ALTAR SERVE  
MONEY COLLECT  
SPREAD GODS JOY!

**9.30 AM**

PRAYER FOR EXAMS  
IGNITE TESTIMONIES  
JWALKERS COFFEE CART  
AFTER MASS

JESUS and COFFEE

Next youth mass - 19th Nov 5pm

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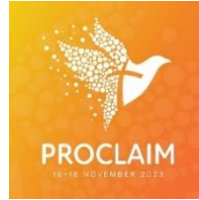
**ICON GROUP:** The St Michael's Icon Writing Group were delighted by the visit of Bishop Greg during the week. He showed great interest in the icons that were on display and was keen to be shown the process used in their writing. He was even more interested in the personal stories of the members of the group and what had led them to this activity and their choice of which icon to produce. The group presented Bishop Greg with a small icon called Mary of the Paraclete after which he imparted a special blessing to each group member and the special work that they undertake. The members of the group were buoyed and energized by his personal interest.



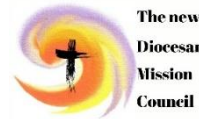
**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** This year, Pope Francis writes in his Message for World Mission Day 2023, "...it should be remembered that breaking our material bread with the hungry in the name of Christ is already a work of Christian mission. How much more so is the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, which is Christ himself, a work of mission par excellence, since the Eucharist is the source and summit of the life and mission of the Church."

It is in this spirit that Catholic Mission invites parishioners in every diocese in Australia to join with us again and support our brothers in sisters in Timor-Leste. World Mission Sunday will be celebrated across Australia and the world this weekend on the 21-22 October. Envelopes are available at both church entrances for Credit Card Donations and we will also have a special collection at each of our masses next weekend.

**ST ITA'S DROUIN - GROWING IN CHRIST:** All are invited to a one day spiritual renewal program featuring Holy Mass, encouraging and inspiring talks, healing prayers, adoration, praise and worship, and fellowship. Guest speakers include Bishop Greg Bennet and Bro Lalith Pereira, hosted by CCR Sale Diocese. **Saturday October 21, 10:45am – 4:00pm**  
*"Let us grow together in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ" 2 Pet 3:18*



Registrations are now open for the Archdiocese of Melbourne's inaugural Proclaim Conference which will be held at the Catholic Leadership Centre East Melbourne **November 16-18**. Encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship; hear from inspiring local and international speakers; participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission and connect and celebrate our shared faith together. We would love to have a whole group of parishioners head down, particularly on the Saturday as we discover ways for ourselves and our communities to be bearers of the light of Christ to each other. Contact the parish office for more information or register online at [www.trybooking.com/CMJKY](http://www.trybooking.com/CMJKY)



**NEW DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL:** Bishop Greg Bennet has announced the formation of the new Diocesan Mission Council (DMC) and invites the people of the Diocese to submit Expressions of Interest in becoming a member of the Council. Information about the DMC can be accessed via this link: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/dmc> Speak to Father Aju if you have any questions or about your intention to put your name forward. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with us all during this time of discernment and development.

**ST MARY'S BAIRNSDALE - NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT:** St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale is hosting an 8-week seminar to establish and deepen a personal relationship with Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. Each session includes praise and worship, scripture, prayer, guest speaker and group discussion.  
**-Fridays from 6:45pm to 8:30pm October 13 – December 01.**  
 Please register by emailing [stm.michelle@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michelle@gmail.com) or by phoning 5152 2942 by October 03. All are welcome.

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:**  
*"My God will supply whatever you need..."*  
 Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

| Rosters for October 21 & 22, 2023 |                   | 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A |                |              |
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|                                   | Lector            | Commentator                                      | Usher/Welcomer | Musicians    |
| <b>Saturday Oct 21 5:00pm</b>     | S & S Reid        | M Noone  | M Giddens      |              |
| <b>Sunday Oct 22 9:30am</b>       | C McLure & R Diaz | T Denny  | J & P Dal Pra  | Jane & Simon |
| <b>Sunday Oct 22 5:00pm</b>       | E Harte           | S Darby  | B McNulty      | Jane & Simon |
| Church Cleaning:                  | October           | Volunteers                                       |                |              |
| Touring Statue of Our Lady:       | October 15        | O & N Pretto                                     | October 22     | K & A Watts  |
| <i>Mick's Kitchen:</i>            | October 19        | Scholtes Team                                    | October 26     | Burns Team   |



**Entrance Antiphon** Ps 129:3-4

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.*

**First Reading** Is 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears  
from every cheek.*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 22 R v6

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever  
and ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
*I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation** See Eph 1:17-18

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Mt 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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| Next week's Readings: | 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| First Reading:        | Isaiah 45:1, 4-6                         |
| Second Reading:       | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5                    |
| Gospel:               | Matthew 22:15-21                         |