



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.

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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



The Old City, Jerusalem

THURSDAY OCT 26TH AT 6PM PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

Join us this Thursday as we gather together at St Michael's Church to pray for peace especially in the Holy Land, the place of the Saviour's birth. A land torn apart by violence, displacement and armed conflict.

Let us ask the God of our hearts for a time when the guns will fall silent, the soldiers will lay down their arms, the children will play again, the displaced will return and families will begin to rebuild... a time when peace will break out instead of the time for war.

Let us be one together in Scripture, song, symbol and silence.

We are all bound by the task of pursuing peace

Praying together for the spiritual seed of Abraham in the Holy Land

We pray that peace may break out in the birthplace of Jesus

Sustained by our hope in the power of prayer and the goodness of God

All are welcome

"Let the attacks and weapons cease, please, because it must be understood that terrorism and war bring no solutions, but only the death and suffering of many innocent lives. War is a defeat, every war is a defeat.

Let us pray for peace in Israel and Palestine."

Pope Francis 08 October 2023

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Oct 24	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Oct 25	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Oct 26	9:30am Mass @ St Gabriel's
Friday Oct 27	9:30am Mass

**Mass this Thursday will be held at St Gabriel's Primary School with their Grade 3 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 Sheila Rouse, Antony Urmis, Antoinette Gordyn, Tony King, Edward Johnston, and Giovanni Salvatore. *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 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, 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.*

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH TRARALGON

SUNDAY 29TH OCT



9.30 AM

YOUR INVITED TO OUR NEXT YOUTH MASS

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

PRAYER FOR EXAMS
IGNITE TESTIMONIES
JWALKERS COFFEE CART
AFTER MASS



JESUS
and
COFFEE

Next youth mass - 19th Nov 5pm

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This Week's Events	
Tuesday October 24	
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre
Wednesday October 25	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
6:00pm	1 st Communion Information Session, St Michael's Church
Thursday October 26	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
6:00pm	Prayers for Peace in the Holy Land, St Michael's Church
Saturday October 28 – Sunday October 29	
Commitment Mass- First Communion Candidates	

BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome for baptism, **Oliana Esme Moylan**, daughter of Conor and Otila, **Eli Darren Cecchin**, son of Nathan and Jessica, **Nadia Kate Pizzi**, daughter of Gemma and Kosta and **Lincoln Sonny Davis**, son of Joshua and Krystle. Congratulations and welcome to our parish!



Our next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Tuesday **November 28 at 7:00pm** in the church. Please contact the parish office on 5174 2060 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 next **Wednesday October 25 at 6pm** for all parents whose children have been enrolled in the sacrament of first communion. Next weekend we welcome our sacraments families for the First Communion commitment mass.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Join our J-Walkers for Coffee and Hot Chocolate from the Mary MacKillop Hall after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays. All funds raised go to the Youth Ministry. It has been wonderful to see so many parishioners supporting our young ones and making the most of the opportunity to catch up with other parishioners after Mass. Come and Join Us!



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Youth Mass- Sunday October 29

9:30am Mass, St Michael's Church

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

Shining A Light- Saturday November 17

Liturgy, St Michael's Church

Parish Picnic- Sunday December 03

Food Fun & Games for all ages, St Michael's School

TRIAL PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN GONE TOO SOON: Saint Michael's Parish gathered at the Sunday evening mass, along with other members of the Traralgon community, to remember and pray for children who have died far too soon. It was a very emotional occasion as individuals declared their grief before us all by placing a flower in remembrance of a loved one. Placed in front of the altar, our flowers thus became symbols of our loss and expressions of our grief and longing before Our Lord. The flowers were then taken in procession and placed before the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, she who lost her own son. For she knows our sorrow and offers us consolation at this time and always.

Unison Prayer: *Said after the flowers have been placed in front of the icon of Our Lady*



Hold our hands, Mother Mary. Walk with us through the loneliness and the valley of our sorrows. Hold on to us when we are too afraid to think about the future. Let us lean on you, Mary, when we are too weary to continue. May we hold hands together through the night until we see the light of dawn. Lead us to your Son, Jesus, and the memory of his resurrection promise. Amen

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 and sisters in Timor-Leste. World Mission Sunday will be celebrated across Australia and the world this weekend on the October 21 - 22. A Special Collection will be held at each of our masses and envelopes are also available at both church entrances.

Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE

 **catholic mission**
Reach out. Give life.

PROCLAIM CONFERENCE: 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



NEW DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL:

We thank all those people who have submitted their Expression of Interest form to be considered for membership of the Diocesan Mission Council.

Bishop Greg will now pray over each submission before calling applicants to a morning of information and discernment about the role of the Diocesan Mission Council that will be held on December 18. Please continue to pray the Holy Spirit will guide the selection process.

SHINE THE LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: The Sale Diocese is shedding the light on domestic violence, an issue impacting many. Commencing next weekend, we invite you to a four-week journey of prayer and listening to raise awareness within our parish and school communities. From November 17 - 19 wear white to Mass as we come together against Domestic Violence. A special liturgy will be held on November 17 here at St Michael's Church which is open to all. We encourage everyone to join and make a stand.



STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

Rosters for October 28 & 29, 2023			30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	
	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Oct 28 5:00pm	T Larkin & R Foote	A Taylor	C Payne	
Sunday Oct 29 9:30am	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	Youth Mass
Sunday Oct 29 5:00pm	V Vaz & S Harikrishna	C Hill	T Biancon	
Church Cleaning:	October	Volunteers		
Touring Statue of Our Lady:	October 22	K & A Watts	October 29	St Gabriel's School
<i>Mick's Kitchen:</i>	October 26	Burns Team	November 02	Van Berkel Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 16:6,8

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

First Reading Is 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before
his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Thes 1:1-5

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

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to
God the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Next week's Readings: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40