



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

Mick's Kitchen

An initiative of St Michael's Parish Traralgon

Thursday nights from 6pm – 7pm

All are welcome

This weekend we are celebrating our social outreach program Mick's Kitchen. On Thursday night 11 volunteers prepared and served Spaghetti Bolognese and garlic bread made with rolls donated by Baker's Delight, followed by Apple Crumble and Custard to 50 guests. We also gave out 15 take away meals to local families along with an extra 10 meals to those in need. We gave out fresh bread, rolls and fruit buns donated by Banjo's Bakery. A fun time was had by all, with guests ranging in age from 9 months to 80 years old. The dining room was buzzing with conversation and laughter and I think our volunteers had as much fun as our guests.

Mick's Kitchen offers a safe space to connect with others, where you can enjoy a meal amongst friends at no cost and request further aid and assistance if required. Some people who originally joined us as guests are now volunteering their own time and giving back to the community through their service at Mick's Kitchen. We are part of the Latrobe Emergency Relief Network and are supported financially by government grants and donations from local businesses. Our primary running costs are food used to prepare weekly meals and increased food prices have really impacted our budget.

This weekend you will hear from some of our volunteers at each of our masses and are welcome to reach out to them and ask any questions you may have. We will also hold a leaving collection and ask you to give generously to support the ongoing running costs of Mick's Kitchen. We are also always on the look out for new volunteers or fundraising ideas so please reach out to the parish office if you have any suggestions or would like any further information.



Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Nov 14	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Nov 15	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Nov 16	9:30am Mass*
Friday Nov 17	9:30am Mass with St Michael's PS

***Mass this Thursday will be held here at St Michael's Church NOT St Gabriel's Primary School.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Nellise Crowe and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Alex Abela, Giovanni Di Sisto, Eva Tanke, Joseph Bonello, Grace Bonello, Mary Gilmour, Greg Penny and Lee Tactor. *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 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.*



SHINE THE LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

We can all be prepared to work towards ending domestic violence by listening to people who have been abused without judging or blaming

them for the harm caused by another person. Next weekend, parishes of the Diocese of Sale will be shining a light on domestic violence and praying for its end. Everyone is encouraged to wear white to mass, join together and make a stand. St Michael's Parish along with the Diocese of Sale is firmly committed to preventing domestic and family violence while simultaneously fostering a safe and supportive environment for all. Help us Shine the Light on Domestic Violence and join us for a special prayer service:

Thursday November 16 at 7:00pm
St Michael's Church, Traralgon

MORNING TEA: Join us for Morning Tea this Sunday after the 930am mass in the Mary MacKillop Hall. Our St Michael's Primary School students have been working hard in the art-room and have their art show on display for you to come and enjoy. Our J-Walkers will be there making Coffees and Hot Chocolates and all funds raised will go directly to Mick's Kitchen to support their wonderful work in our community.

This Week's Events	
Tuesday November 14	
6:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council, Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre
Wednesday November 15	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday November 16	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
7:00pm	Shine the Light on Domestic Violence, Liturgy, St Michael's Church
Friday November 17	
11:00am	Liturgy at Dalkeith, Dalkeith Gardens
9:30am	St Michael's Grade 5/6 Mass, St Michael's Church

BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome for Baptism, **Billy Bruce John Wilson**, son of Declan and Christine, **Noah Gerad Di Corleto**, son of Michael and Erin and **Audrey Maria Rose Ferguson**, daughter of Patrick and Antonia. Congratulations and welcome to our parish! Our next Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on **Tuesday November 28 at 7pm** in the church. Please contact the parish office for more information and to register your interest.



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 HOLY COMMUNION: This weekend we welcome our First Holy Communion Candidates and their families for their Prayer Letter Mass. We look forward to journeying with them in the coming weeks as they prepare for the sacrament of First Holy Communion which will be celebrated at Parish Masses on the weekend of November 25 & 26.



NOVEMBER PRAYERS: It is our tradition to pray for those who have died and gone before us, especially in the month of November. Envelopes for November Prayer Offerings are available in both foyers and can be placed in the collection bowl, dropped to the office or given to Father Aju directly. You are also invited to write the name of the ones you wish to remember in prayer on the separate cards you will find in the church and place them in the large bowl, near the cross. At the beginning of each mass that you attend, take any card from the bowl and pray for the person named. At the end of mass, return the card to the bowl so that others may eventually pray for this person too.

PIETY STALL: 2024 Columban Calendars are now available from the Piety Stall for \$10.00 each. The Piety Stall is open for 15 minutes after each of our weekend masses and has lots of good first communion gifts available as well.

YOUTH NEWS: Our next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday November 19 at 5pm. We invite all our young ones to join in and take on a role, and the rest of our parishioners to come along and support them. At our last youth mass we heard from our youth members who had just returned from the Ignite Youth Conference in Sydney. Their testimonies were powerful and we will continue to include them in the bulletin in the coming weeks for those of you who weren't able to hear them in person. 'On the second day of ignite we were able to participate in adoration. Everyone found a spot in the room and sang their praises to God. We were all deep in prayer as we sang along with Emmanuel Worship. It was honestly one of the most freeing and healing experiences of my life. Even though there was around 700 other people in that room, it really felt as if it was a moment between God and myself. It felt as if God was right by my side and I was overwhelmed with this vulnerability in which I was able to just pour out my worries, fears, joys into his arms. And it didn't matter what stage of your spiritual journey you were at because God was in that room for everyone. In fact, one of my friends from Sydney, who prior to coming to Ignite had never been to church or believed in God, told me that during adoration, she had felt something, she felt his presence and she was starting to believe. I mean that in itself shows how powerful adoration was and how thankful I am to this parish and to everyone who helped us get to Ignite for the amazing experience we were blessed with.' Annmaria 17yo



EXPLORING THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK: You are invited to an evening over Zoom with Fr Francis Otobo, while he takes us through the Gospel of Mark on **Tuesday November 21 from 730pm – 9:00pm**. Register to receive the Zoom link at www.trybooking.com/CMOVR or contact Siji in the Diocesan Office at sijid@sale.catholic.org.au or 03 5614 5163

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHRISTMAS PICNIC

Join us on **Sunday December 03** for a parish picnic in the St Michael's school ground. Popcorn, Fairy Floss, Face Painting and Slushies will be available. We will also be holding a bake off with Father Aju as the judge, so bring along your best Christmas themed cake or dessert. This is a free event and a chance for the parish to get together and celebrate the beginning of Advent and reflect on the year that has passed. All are welcome and we hope you can make it. Wear your favourite Christmas T-Shirt or Christmas colours!

**St Michael's Primary School
Sunday December 03 after 9:30am Mass**

ST MICHAELS PARISH TRARALGON

Art competition

You are invited to create an artwork that represents: **THE HOLY FAMILY.**

All artwork will be judged and displayed in the Church.

Winners will be presented prizes at 9.30am Mass on Dec 3rd.

Please write name, grade, and school on the back.

Hand in to Parish Office, St Gabriel's or St Michaels by Nov 20th.

LUKE 2:16
"They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger"



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Nominations are now open for our Parish Pastoral Council for 2024. Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) consists of our parish priest, Father Aju, representatives of our local catholic schools, and parishioners chosen by the parish community. They share the responsibility for building a vital Christian community, focused on living and promoting God's values of love, justice and peace. The role of the PPC is primarily pastoral and not administrative, managerial, financial or concerned with maintenance. In looking for new members, we would be looking for passionate parishioners who are committed to their faith and their church, who work well with others, have a positive and hopeful outlook, have time and energy, are reliable and trustworthy. If you would like to learn more about the role of the PPC, you can speak with Father Aju directly or any of our current members listed on the front page of the bulletin. Nomination forms are available in both foyers and can be dropped to the parish office, placed in the letterbox at the front door of the Parish Office, or placed in the weekly collection bowls.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

Rosters for November 18 & 19, 2023		33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		
	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Nov 18 5:00pm	R Foote & T Larkin	B Purcell	M Giddens	Alison, Jeanne & Amanda
Sunday Nov 19 9:30am	U & E Imhagwe	C McCabe	W Banks-Smtih	Charismatic Choir
Sunday Nov 19 5:00pm	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	Kevin & Zahra
Church Cleaning:	November	Collis Team		
Touring Statue of Our Lady:	November 12	St Gabriel's Primary	November 19	Judi Scholtes
<i>Mick's Kitchen:</i>	November 16	Cartledge Team	November 23	St Michael's School Staff

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom
Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
 By those who love her she is readily seen, and found
 by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those
 who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
 Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
 you will find her sitting at your gates.
 Even to think about her is understanding fully
 grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will
 quickly leave you.
 She herself walks about looking for those who are
 worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them
 as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet
 them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

**(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
 O Lord my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
 for you my soul is thirsting.
 My body pines for you
 like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
 to see your strength and your glory.
 For your love is better than life,
 my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
 in your name I will lift up my hands.
 My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
 my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. On my bed I remember you.
 On you I muse through the night
 for you have been my help;
 in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Thes 4:13-18

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

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with
 Jesus.*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about
 those who have died, to make sure that you do not
 grieve about them, like the other people who have no
 hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and
 that it will be the same for those who have died in
 Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you
 this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who
 are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any
 advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet
 of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the
 command and the Lord himself will come down from
 heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first
 to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be
 taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet
 the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for
 ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort
 one another.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

*you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
 Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom
 of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their
 lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them
 were foolish and five of them were sensible: the
 foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no
 oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well
 as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all
 grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there
 was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet
 him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and
 trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the
 sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps
 are going out." But they replied, "There may not be
 enough for us and for you; you had better go to those
 who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had
 gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those
 who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall
 and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids
 arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door
 for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not
 know you." So stay awake, because you do not know
 either the day or the hour.

Next week's Readings	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading:	Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20, 30-31.
Second Reading:	1 Thess 5:1-6
Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30