



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

November 19, 2023

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

ALCOHOL FREE EVENT!

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHRISTMAS PICNIC

Sunday Dec 3rd
* Mass 9.30am

followed by picnic
in the
St Michaels
School grounds

* BYO morning tea
and Christmas
cheer

FREE
POPCORN
FAIRY FLOSS
SLUSHIES
FACE PAINTING

BAKE OFF
ENTER A DESSERT/ CAKE FOR
FR AJU TO JUDGE. PRIZES
AWARDED ON THE DAY

COLOURING COMP
THEME: HOLY FAMILY.
ENTER BY NOV 20TH.
PRIZES PRESENTED AT
9.30AM MASS

Contact Parish
Office for more
details:
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ST MICHAELS PARISH TRARALGON

Art competition

The Holy Family

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"

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Monday Nov 20	1:00pm Requiem Mass for Nellise Crowe
Tuesday Nov 21	9:30am Mass 10:45am Margery Cole Mass
Wednesday Nov 22	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Nov 23	9:30am Liturgy @ St Gabriel's*
Friday Nov 24	9:30am Mass

**This Thursday we will have Liturgy with Communion at St Gabriel's Primary school with their Grade 2 students. All are parishioners are invited and welcome to join us.*

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 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.*



SHINE A LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

We are called to be children of light not darkness. Today our Diocese joins together to Shine a Light on the Domestic Violence that occurs behind the shield of the family home. Pray for its end and find out what you can do by reading the resources available at: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/sal>

Mick's Kitchen: Thank you for your wonderful support last weekend. Together we raised \$3712 from our leaving collection, donations left at the office and all funds raised at our J-Walkers Coffee Cart. We have also had multiple parishioners step forward with fundraising ideas and offers to help at Mick's Kitchen. It is a wonderful initiative and we are so grateful for the ongoing support of parishioners. Thank you!

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.

This Week's Events	
Monday November 20	
1:00pm	Requiem Mass for Nellise Crowe, St Michael's Church
Tuesday November 21	
10:45am	Mass @ Margery Cole, Yallambee Aged Care
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre
Wednesday November 22	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
5:30pm	Liturgy Team Meeting, Parish Centre
Thursday November 23	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room

BAPTISM: 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.



WEDDINGS: Congratulations to Jacqueline Brown and Maxwell East who will celebrate their wedding here at St Michael's next Sunday November 26. We wish them all the best for their special day and their future together.

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 RECONCILIATION: Congratulations to **Harlan Moore, Leilani Tuimaseve, Harry Blomquist, and Jeremiah Tuimaseve** who will celebrate the sacrament of First Reconciliation this weekend.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

This weekend we welcome our First Holy Communion Candidates and their families for their pin presentation mass. We look forward to celebrating the sacrament of First Holy Communion with them next weekend at each of our parish masses. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28
MARY MACKILLOP ROOM**



Our Catholic Women's League will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday November 28 in the Mary MacKillop Room. All are invited and welcome to join. Nominations will be taken for 2024 positions. We are grateful to the current leadership group of Ansje Sykes as President, Marie Moulton as Treasurer and Rosanna Della Fortuna as Secretary who have led the team well throughout 2023. Thank you for your dedication to the Catholic Women's League and our wider parish community, it is very much appreciated.



YOUTH NEWS: Join us for Morning Tea this Sunday after the 930am mass in the Mary MacKillop Hall. Our J-Walkers will be on hand making cappuccinos and hot chocolates with all funds raised going to the youth ministry. Come along and say hello and enjoy a cuppa and a catch up with friends.

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.



The Traralgon Community Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday November 26 at 11am. Church Street will be closed from 10:30am, so you are encouraged to park in the St Michael's school yard and exit via the Kay Street gate after Mass. The North side of Kay Street will be closed from 9am so perhaps leave home a little earlier in case of road closures. You are also invited to stay and enjoy the Christmas Parade and Market which will be held in the Kay Street Gardens.

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

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.

ART COMPETITION: St Michael's Parish is running an Art Competition for all school aged students. Get your creative cap on and draw, paint or sketch a masterpiece that represents the theme of 'The Holy Family'. Entries close **Monday November 20** and will be displayed in the Church during Advent. Please submit your entries to the school offices at St Michael's, or St Gabriel's, or the Parish office, including your Name, Class, Age, School and a parent's phone number on the back. Prizes will be awarded at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday December 03.



A perfect opportunity to enrich your Advent journey: a series of virtual Advent talks at no cost, by four Australian biblical scholars,

Prof Mary Coloe PBVM, Dr Mary Reaburn NDS, Dr Chris Monaghan CP, Dr Janina Hiebel from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week. Tuesdays 28 November and 5, 12, 19 December 2023, from 7.00pm – 8.00pm Via Zoom. For more information and registration please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2pkez5pp>

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

Rosters for November 25 & 26, 2023		Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe		
	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Nov 25 5:00pm	S & S Reid	M Noone	C Payne	Diamente Family
Sunday Nov 26 9:30am	T Denny & C Muvhundu	M Wilkinson	J & P Dal Pra	Jane & Simon
Sunday Nov 26 5:00pm	S Luscombe	J Fleming	T Biancon	Jane & Simon
Church Cleaning:	November	Collis Team		
Touring Statue of Our Lady:	November 19	Judi Scholtes		
<i>Mick's Kitchen:</i>	November 23	St Michael's School Staff	November 30	Hemming Team

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31*A reading from the book of Proverbs*

Give her a share in what she has worked for.
 A perfect wife – who can find her?
 She is far beyond the price of pearls.
 Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
 from her he will derive no little profit.
 Advantage and not hurt she brings him
 all the days of her life.
 She is always busy with wool and with flax,
 she does her work with eager hands.
 She sets her hands to the distaff,
 her fingers grasp the spindle.
 She holds out her hand to the poor,
 she opens her arms to the needy.
 Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
 the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
 Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
 and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1**(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
- Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**
- Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-15. 19-21*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

Next week's Readings

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
 First Reading: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
 Gospel: Mt 25:31-46