



## 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



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Congratulations to our first communion candidates who will receive the holy eucharist for the first time this weekend. We wish all our communion children all the very best as they take this next step in their faith journey. Please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to the following students: Archie, Alice, Harry, Kaitlyn, Niah, Dermot, Archie, Linesa, Emma, Danielle, Savannah, Maya, Arielle, Lucas, Hailey, Emerson, Poppy, Ava, Miley, Matilda, Ryder, Solomon, Benjamin, Rylee, Zaine, Claire, Henry, Harlan, Jaxon, Ari, Violet, Hayden, Archer, Bethany, Sophia, Xena, Angus, Ella, Erjon, Levi, Hallie, Isabella, Xander, Xandrine, Logan, Jeremiah, Leilani, Blake, Sophie, Joel, Olivia, Addison, and Mia.

*'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'* Matthew 28:16-20

Join us for mass next Sunday at 9:30am for their certificate mass followed by our Christmas Picnic at St Michael's School ground.

**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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| Sunday Mass Times  |  |
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| Saturday           | 5:00pm Mass  |
| Sunday             | 9:30am Mass<br>5:00pm Mass   |
| Weekday Mass Times |  |
| Tuesday Nov 28     | 9:30am Mass  |
| Wednesday Nov 29   | 9:30am Mass @ St Gabriel's<br>11:00am Reconciliation<br>11:00am Exposition<br>12:00pm Mass |
| Thursday Nov 30    | 9:30am Liturgy*  |
| Friday Dec 01      | 9:30am Mass  |

*\*This Thursday we will have a parish Liturgy in the church as Fr Aju and Deacon Tony will be attending the Advent Reflection Day with Bishop Greg.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently including Trish Hannon, Nina Wiltshire and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including John Cooney, Yetty Glaubitz, Kevin Jones, Bruce Hunter, Salvatore Agostino and Eulalia Mangura. *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.*

**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:** Join us for Morning Tea this Sunday after the 9:30am 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 enjoy a coffee and a catch up with friends.

**ST GABRIEL'S SCHOOL PRODUCTION:** Congratulations to our St Gabriel's students and teachers for their talented performance of the St Gabriel's Mystery which they performed at the GPAC this week. The children had obviously been working hard to learn their dance moves and lines, and it was wonderful to see them perform with such confidence and joy on such a big stage, in front of a very large audience! Well done to everyone who was involved.

| This Week's Events    |   |
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| Monday November 27    |   |
| 6:15pm                | Syro Malabar All Souls Mass, St Michael's Church      |
| Tuesday November 28   |   |
| 10:00am               | Catholic Women's League AGM, Mary MacKillop Room      |
| 7:00pm                | Baptism Preparation Meeting, St Michael's Church      |
| 7:30pm                | RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre                           |
| Wednesday November 29 |   |
| 11:00am               | Reconciliation, St Michael's Church                   |
| Thursday November 30  |   |
| 10:30am               | Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room         |
| Sunday December 03    |   |
| 9:30am                | First Communion Certificate Mass, St Michael's Church |
| 10:30am               | Parish Christmas Picnic, St Michael's School Yard     |

**BAPTISM:** This weekend, we welcome for Baptism, **Selina Lea East** and **Elizabeth Rose East** daughters of Maxwell and Jacqueline, **Peyton Blake Jane Bosma**, daughter of Michael and Tracy, **Evie Pippa Shaw** and **Gracie Eden Shaw**, daughters of Jack and Sabrina.



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.



**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:** St Michael's St Vincent de Paul Conference has again organised the Christmas Giving Tree to be in our Church. Parishioners are asked to take a gift tag and return your gift/voucher to the tree before December 17. The conference would like to thank all parishioners for their support throughout the year and wish everyone a happy and Holy Christmas.

**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. Nominations will be taken for 2024 positions. All are invited and welcome to join.

**NOMINATIONS  
NOW OPEN**



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

Nominations are now open for our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) for 2024. Our 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. 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.

**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.

**Mick's Kitchen:** Thank you so much for your wonderful support of our Mick's Kitchen fundraising this month. For those who would like to make a contribution directly into our bank account, the account details are as follows:

**Account Name:** Mick's Kitchen  
**BSB:** 083 879  
**Acct No:** 42389 4771

**MARY'S ADVENT JOURNEY:** Journey with Mary in her response to God's call. Become aware of God's presence this Advent by joining a spiritual reflection led by Theresa Denny and Geraldine Naismith from Emmaus Spirituality Ministry. Thursdays during Advent from November 30 – December 21 at either 10:30am or 7pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Narre Warren.

**PARISH PICNIC:** Join us next weekend to celebrate the season of Advent together as a parish. We will begin with a family mass on Sunday at 9:30am where we will present our first communion children with their certificates, as well as announcing the winners of our Advent Art Competition. After Mass join us for a picnic in the St Michael's Primary School grounds. Tea and Coffee will be provided, along with a free BBQ, Fairy Floss, Popcorn and Slushies for the kids. The Catholic Women's League will also be there selling tickets to their Christmas raffle. All are warmly invited, bring along your friends and family, as well as your own picnic and chairs. Dress is Christmas theme. We look forward to seeing you all there.



**VIRTUAL ADVENT SERIES:** 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>



Australian Nativity Scene at St Elizabeth's Parish, Dandenong North. On display Monday December 04 to Friday January 12, free and open to all age groups.

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:**

*"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – Matthew 25: 40*

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

| Rosters for December 02 & 03  |                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B |                       |                 |
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|                               | Lector                | Commentator                             | Usher/Welcomer        | Musicians       |
| <b>Saturday Dec 02 5:00pm</b> | J Panozzo-Tile        | B Purcell                               | L Kennedy             | Jane & Simon    |
| <b>Sunday Dec 03 9:30am</b>   | U & E Imhagwe         | M Wilkinson                             | M Blanchard & A Sykes | Diamente Family |
| <b>Sunday Dec 03 5:00pm</b>   | V Vaz & S Harikrishna | Volunteer                               | B McNulty             | Jane & Simon    |
| Church Cleaning:              | December              | Catholic Women's League                 |                       |                 |

**First Reading** Ez 34:11-12 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekial

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 22:1-3 5-6 R v1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. **(R.)**
2. Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **(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** 1 Cor 15:20-26 28

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

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power.

For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mk 11:9-10

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Mt 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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| Next weeks Readings: 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B |                           |
| First Reading:   | Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1 3-8 |
| Second Reading:  | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9       |
| Gospel:  | Mark 13:33-37             |