

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 24, 2024

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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Baptisms: Six weeks notice required

Weddings: Six months notice required

Parish Pastoral Council: Fr Aju Varghese, Deacon Tony Aspinall, Ben Kennedy, Brett Van Berkel, Cath Hill, Cathy McLure, Elizabeth Joseph, Jenifer Hanratty, Jodie Ware, Judi McLaughlin (chairperson), Kim Zerafa, Michael Hansen (deputy chairperson), Michelle Charlton, and Roy Varghese.

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



Holy Week 2024

The heart of the Catholic faith is the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The events we commemorate during Holy Week are the central pieces of our faith and the most significant week of the year for Catholic worship. To fully participate in this life, we invite you to remember the events of Christ's passion and death that is told in the week that precedes Easter. As a community following Jesus we walk with Christ and one another through bitter agony to triumphant joy. This is a week for careful attention, prayer-filled reverence, and profound wonder at the love of God shown in Christ Jesus. Come and join us as we walk not in great strides but in small steps, passing through each moment with conviction that we will reach the resurrection and that we will be forever transformed by the journey.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Tuesday March 26

9:30am Liturgy
6:00pm Lenten Reconciliation

Wednesday March 27

11:00am Reconciliation
11:00am Exposition
12:00pm Mass
7:30pm Tenebrae Service

Thursday March 28

Holy Thursday
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
(The church will be open until 10:30pm)

Friday March 29

Friday of the Passion of the Lord
9:30am Stations of the Cross (Eng)
11:00am Stations of the Cross (Mal)
3:00pm Service of the Lord's Passion

Saturday March 30

Holy Saturday
7:30pm Easter Vigil

Sunday March 31

Easter Sunday
9:30am Mass of the Resurrection
(No evening mass on Sunday)

COME AND JOIN US

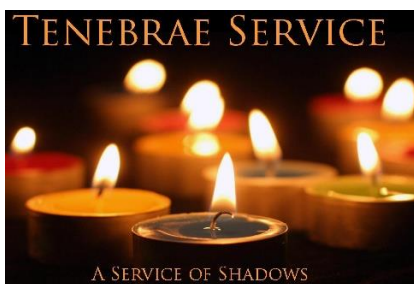
Sunday Mass Times		
Easter Vigil	7:30pm	Mass
Easter Sunday	9:30am	Mass <i>No 5pm Mass</i>
Weekday Mass Times		
Tuesday Mar 26	9:30am	Liturgy
	6:00pm	Lenten Reconciliation
Wednesday Mar 27	11:00am	Reconciliation
	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thursday Mar 28	7:30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday Mar 29	3:00pm	The Passion of the Lord

***This Thursday there will be no mass at 9:30am but at 7:30pm we will celebrate Holy Thursday.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Evan Bain, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Bill McMahon, Peter Cunico, Daniel Fleming, Arch Graham, Myra King, Helen Rijs, Wil Waanders, John Melenhorst, Anna Maria DiCiero, and Tony Buhagiar. *Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*



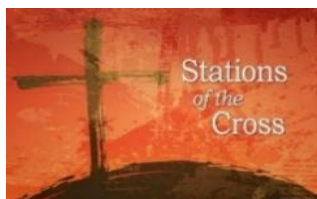
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: including Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Carolyn Gleeson, Jacqui Granville, Barbara Greaves, Ellen Hammond, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah McKerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Maree Morris, Henry Polo, Joan Riggall, Theresa Rosello, Jerry Templer, Damiano Tripodi, George Walkan, Roy Ward, Victoria Rohli, James Whitty, John Waanders, Peter Dal Pra, Jane Eric, Rose Xuereb, Manuel Xuereb, Peter Lorinc, Don Barnes, Paul Laurie, Gus Agostino 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.*



TENEBRAE SERVICE
A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

**Wednesday March 26
7:30pm
St Michael's Church**

Join us as we gather as one in Holy Week to celebrate our faith in the One Lord. Follow Jesus' last hours through the shadow of betrayal into the shadow of his death on the cross. Through sacred scripture and song, we enter into the mystery of Jesus' sacrifice. All are welcome



**Good Friday, March 30
9:30am Stations of the Cross
English
11:00am Stations of the Cross
Malayalam**

Join us this Friday for our final stations of the cross. At 9:30am we will have the Stations of the Cross in English, followed by Stations of the Cross in Malayalam from 11am. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The next meeting will be held in the Mary MacKillop Room, Tuesday March 26 at 10am. All are invited and welcome to join.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday March 26	
10:00am	Catholic Women's League, Mary MacKillop Room
11:00am	Chrism Mass, St Mary's Cathedral, Sale
6:00pm	Lenten Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Wednesday March 27	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
7:30pm	Tenebrae Service, St Michael's Church
Thursday March 28	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
Friday March 29	
9:30am	Stations of the Cross- English, St Michael's Church
11:00am	Stations of the Cross- Malayalam, St Michael's Church

BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 09 at 7pm** in the church. Please contact the parish office for more information and to register your interest.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

Please remember to keep Jun, Adriana and Phillipe in your prayers as they continue their journeys to Easter and the re-affirming of their baptismal vows. Thank you to their sponsors, families and our RCIA team for their ongoing encouragement and support. You are invited to supper in the Mary MacKillop Hall after the Easter Vigil next **Saturday March 30 at 7:30pm** to help them celebrate. Please bring along a plate to share.

YOUTH NEWS: The J-Walkers Coffee Cart is open on the third Sunday of the month after the 9:30am Mass. Thank you to all those that came along last weekend and helped either by serving or being served. All money raised goes towards supporting our youth ministry. Join us again next month on Sunday April 21 after the 9:30am mass.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Join our prayer group on Thursdays in the Mary MacKillop Room for music, praise and worship. Our CPG is a welcoming and inclusive group and encourages anyone who would like to find out more to join them on Thursday in the Mary MacKillop Room from 10:30am.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Join us for praise and worship, guest speakers and testimonies, prayer and sharing.

St Michael's Church, 10:30am Thursdays, April 04 - May 09. Contact the parish office for more information or to register your interest.

A DAY WITH THE SPIRIT: Join Father Francis Otobo and Father Mark Hughes for a day of worship, teaching and fellowship. Invite your friends, all are welcome, BYO Lunch.

**Saturday April 06, 10am – 4pm, Mary MacKillop Hall,
St Michael's Traralgon**

HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, March 29. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2023 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.4 million [\$1.4 million (2022), \$1,126,098 (2021), \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)]. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Envelopes are available from both church foyers and can be returned via the collection bowl or to the parish office.



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from the parish office or the church foyers, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

“Living Holy Week following Jesus means learning how to come out of ourselves to reach out to others, to go to the outskirts of existence, to be the first to move towards our brothers and sisters, especially those who are most distant, those who are forgotten, those who are most in need of understanding, consolation and help. There is so much need to bring the living presence of Jesus, merciful and full of love!” Pope Francis

INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL CHRISM MASS:



All people of the Diocese of Sale are invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week 2024. This ancient and symbolically rich liturgy manifests the unity of the priests and the deacons of the Diocese with Bishop Greg as they renew their priestly promises. During the liturgy, Bishop Greg will bless the three Holy Oils (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Holy Chrism) which will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the Diocese for the year. The Chrism Mass is a great way to come to a deeper appreciation of the sacramental life of the Church.

Details: 11.00am Tuesday, 26th March 2024

Venue: St Mary’s Cathedral

Address: 47 Foster St, Sale, 3850

Chrism Mass Live Stream: For those unable to attend in person you can participate via livestream by using the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdtFFyhX0D4>

The live streaming will start at 10:45 am.

DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL: The Diocesan Mission Council met for the second time on Saturday, 16th March at Sion House, Warragul. The meeting began with Eucharist in the Sion House chapel. Bishop Greg began the first part of the meeting by reporting on a number of recent developments in the Diocese concerning personnel, policies, finance and initiatives. A significant section of the meeting was then devoted to looking into the Synthesis Report from the First Session of the Synod on Synodality held in Rome in October 2023. Members were asked to identify the different ways we, as a Diocese, can promote co-responsibility for the mission each baptized person is called to share in. As well as the ideas presented, the members valued the experience of using the method of contemplative listening. The next DMC meeting will be held on May 21.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.

March 28 – 31, 2024		Rosters for Holy Week and Easter			
	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Minister	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Thursday Mar 28 7:30pm	J Panozzo-Tile & E Joseph	Z Hanratty	M & J Hanratty	M Noone & M Blanchard	Jane & Simon
Friday Mar 29 3:00pm	M & J Hanratty	M Noone	A Reid & S Luscombe	B McNulty & M Wilkinson	Jane & Simon
Saturday Mar 30 7:30pm	R Webber, S Luscombe, J Fleming, & S Grout	B Purcell	T Denny & C Hill	C Payne & L Kennedy	Jane & Simon
Sunday Mar 31 9:30am	U & E Imhagwe	E Imhagwe	L Ryan Volunteer	M Blanchard	Diamente Family
Church Cleaning	March	St Gabriel’s School			
Mick’s Kitchen	March 21	Hemming Team	March 28	Scholtes Team	
Touring Statue of Our Lady	March 24	J & D Doherty	March 31	G & U Imhagwe	

First Reading Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9 17-20 23-24 R v2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

A PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY:

Loving God, as we enter Holy Week we pray that it will be a time for us to grow as disciples. May we know deep in our hearts the immensity of your love for us. May our hope be rekindled in the midst of our own joys and sorrows, knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen

Second Reading

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!*

Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 14:1-15:47.

