

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

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The seminary in Sydney is called Good Shepherd in the suburb of Homebush. It was established in 1996 for men in formation for diocesan priesthood for the dioceses of New South Wales. Its origins go back to St Patrick's Manly, established in 1889 overlooking Sydney Harbour, which was the national seminary. Bishops from around Australia would send their seminarians to Manly, including from Victoria. Then, in 1923, the Archbishop of Melbourne, Daniel Mannix, founded Corpus Christi College in Werribee. It was to be the provincial seminary for Victoria and Tasmania. And, still is, after celebrating their centenary last year. From Werribee (now Werribee Park), the site of the College moved to Glen Waverley (now the Police Academy), then to Clayton and its current site in Carlton, where Anthony Nguyen (pictured) recently entered his first year for our Diocese.

As Vocations Director of our Diocese, I helped recruit Anthony from Vietnam for the Sale Diocese. He was already generously pursuing a vocational path to priesthood and sensed a call from God to serve overseas. Once he arrived ten months ago, Bishop Greg asked Fr Brendan to provide a home for him here at Narre Warren while Anthony went to ACU to further his English studies. Many of you have met him in recent months and been impressed, as I have, with his exuberance and enthusiasm. And, he thrived in the company of the Youth Group. We will see Anthony when he is 'home' during seminary holidays. Please continue to pray for him and all the seminarians.

A special collection for the Sale Diocese Bursary Fund, which covers Anthony's training costs, will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

Fr Michael Willemsen

DIocese OF SALE: VOCATION PRAYER 2024

HEAVENLY FATHER, Lord of the harvest, we earnestly ask you to bless our diocese and the Church with many priests, deacons and religious who will love you fervently, and gladly and courageously live their lives in service to your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Bless our families and parishes that we may be given the grace and strength to live our baptismal vocation to be holy, as You are. Bless us that we will respond to your invitation to be living witnesses and disciples of hope as we discern our life in your son, Jesus Christ.

Bless young men and women to respond openly and generously to your invitation to become ministers of your Word and Sacraments, or to serve You faithfully in the covenant of Marriage, or the dignity of single life.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

Amen

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Monday Apr 22	11:00am Requiem Mass for Roy Ward
Tuesday Apr 23	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Apr 24	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass 2:00pm Requiem Mass for Pat Patton
Thursday Apr 25	9:30am Mass*
Friday Apr 26	9:30am Mass

**This Thursday mass will be held at St Michael's Church to commemorate ANZAC Day.*



This week we have lost two of our long term parishioners after long battles with illness, Pat Patton and Roy Ward. Requiem Masses will be held here at St Michael's on Monday April 22 at 11am for Roy, and Wednesday April 24 at 2pm for Pat. Their families warmly welcome all current and previous parishioners who would like to come and pay their respects to join them for their funeral masses. Please keep them all in your prayers during this difficult time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Pat Patton, Roy Ward, Frank McGrath, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Ted and Sheila Caldwell, Bob Williams, Joan Carstairs-Pratt, Mary Huelsebus, Lou Biancon and Mick Collis. *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, Victoria Rolih, James Whitty, John Waanders, Peter Dal Pra, Jane Eric, Rose Xuereb, Manuel Xuereb, Peter Lorinc, Don Barnes, Paul Laurie, Gus Agostino, Sharon Veleff, Jenny Hansch, Rosemaree Kays, Fr Andrew Wise 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.



Next **Thursday April 25** is ANZAC Day. Our office will be closed on Thursday but will reopen on Friday at 9:00am. We invite you to join us for mass at 9:30am to honour the courage and sacrifice of those who have served in

all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. We pray that the justice and peace which they sought to defend may dwell in our lands.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Wednesday April 24	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday April 25- ANZAC DAY	
10:30am	Life in the Spirit Seminar, St Michael's Church
Friday April 26	
9:00am	Liturgy @ BUPA, BUPA Aged Care

BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 21 at 7pm** in the church. Please contact the parish office for more information and to register your interest.



SACRAMENTS NEWS: The sacrament of confirmation will be celebrated on **Friday May 24 at 5:30pm** with Bishop Greg Bennet here at St Michael's Church. Families of children in Grade 6 and above who are interested and not yet enrolled should contact the parish office as soon as possible as enrolments are now due.



YOUTH NEWS: Join us for a cappuccino or hot chocolate this **Sunday April 21** after the 9:30am Mass at the J-Walkers Coffee Cart in the Mary MacKillop Hall. All money raised goes towards supporting our Youth Ministry. Our next Youth Mass will be held the following **Sunday, April 28 at 5:00pm**. We invite you to come along and support our young ones as they learn and lead the different parts of the mass. We also encourage you to bring along your children and grandchildren to come along and join in.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Join us for praise and worship, guest speakers and testimonies, and time for prayer and sharing. Opportunities for baptism in the Holy Spirit. Father Aju will lead us this Thursday as we focus on the themes of Forgiveness, Healing and Reconciliation.



St Michael's Church, 10:30am Thursdays, April 04 - May 09.

April 25 Forgiveness, Healing & Reconciliation

May 02 New Life in God's Spirit

May 09 Growth & Community

Come and join us, all are welcome and morning tea is provided.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held next **Tuesday, April 30 at 10am** in the Mary MacKillop Room. All are invited and welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: In the coming weeks we will have information and training sessions for anyone wishing to learn more about becoming a Eucharistic Minister. This is an important and rewarding ministry in our church and we encourage as many of you as possible to come and learn more about it. It is also important that current and past Eucharistic Ministers join us on this day so we can all touch base and make sure we are up to date with our training and knowledge.

ST MARY'S MAFFRA CHURCH CENTENARY: Join us in celebrating the St Mary's Maffra Church Centenary next **Sunday April 28, 2024**, with Mass at 11 am, followed by lunch at the Parish Hall. Kindly RSVP to 51471921 for catering purposes.

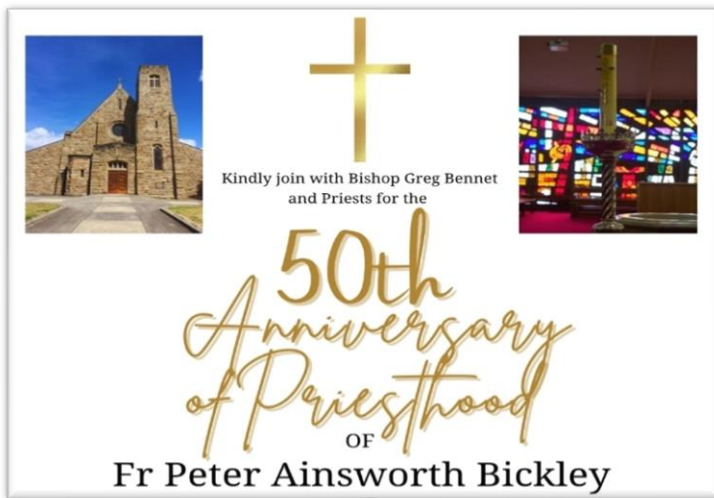


GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also Vocation Sunday when we give thanks for all our priests, deacons and seminarians. We will have a

leaving collection in support of the Diocesan Bursary Fund for the education of students for the priesthood after each of our Masses. Your donation will support the provision of living arrangements and education for the seminary students of Corpus Christi College. Please give generously to support the training of our priests for tomorrow's Church.

FR PETER'S ANNIVERSARY: Please join us on **Sunday May 26** to celebrate Father Peter's 50th anniversary. We will begin with Mass at St Michael's Church at 12:30pm followed by afternoon tea in the Mary MacKillop Hall. Please RSVP via the trybooking link trybooking.com/COVIT for catering purposes.

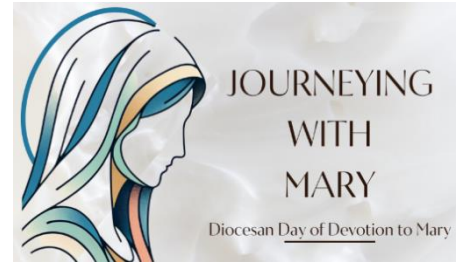


COLLECTIONS: Thank you to our money collectors and parishioners for assisting in our move back to two collections. We stopped passing the bowl around during the pandemic, then went back to one and now we are finally back to two. This is so parishioners can choose to put money in either the church collection or the presbytery collection. To avoid confusion, Planned Giving Envelopes along with donations to the church will be in the second collection, and money for the presbytery should go in the first collection.

As in the past, the first collection will take place after the homily, and the second collection after the Prayers of the Faithful. Thank you for your patience as we work to get back to where we were. Your support is very much appreciated.

DIOCESAN DAY OF DEVOTION TO MARY:

Saturday May 11
9:15am – 2:00pm
Our Lady Help of Christians Church,
Narre Warren.



Join us for Mass, Adoration, Rosary and Benediction. BYO Lunch. All are welcome.

DIOCESAN MYSTAGOGIA MASS: The Diocesan Mystagogia Mass will be held on **Saturday 11th May at the 6pm** Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church Clyde North. This Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by Bishop Greg and is a fitting conclusion to the formal journey of RCIA each year. We invite those who are newly baptized and those received into full communion in the church to attend, with their Sponsors, parish members, families, and Team members. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: Sign up for one of 9 short, online sessions. **Engaging Your Faith: May 2024** Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith. Choose what interests you from \$25 per session. For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL: For the Role of Women: we pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Save the Date	
Youth Mass	Sunday April 28
Mother's Day Morning Tea	Sunday May 12
Pentecost Multicultural Day	Sunday May 19
Confirmation	Friday May 24
Fr Peter's Anniversary	Sunday May 26

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."

JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

Rosters for April 27 & 28, 2024			Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B	
	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Apr 27 5:00pm	B O'Brien & A Taylor	B Purcell	L Kennedy	Diamente Family
Sunday Apr 28 9:30am	C McLure & R Diaz	Volunteer	J & P Dal Pra	Jane & Simon
Sunday Apr 28 5:00pm	YOUTH MASS	YOUTH MASS	YOUTH MASS	YOUTH MASS
Church Cleaning	April	Collis Family Group		
Mick's Kitchen	April 18	McLaughlin Team	April 25	Cartledge Team
Touring Statue of Our Lady	April 14	E Hiney	April 21	E Brand

First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

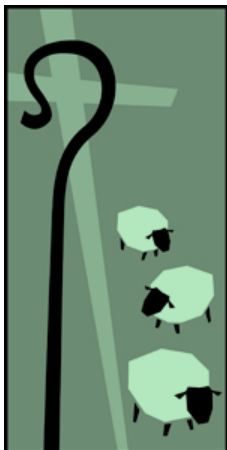
Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) *The stone rejected by the builders
has become the cornerstone*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **(R.)**

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

1 Jn 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Next weeks Readings	5 th Sunday of Easter
First Reading:	Acts 9:26-31
Second Reading:	1 Jn 3:18-24
Gospel:	Jn 15:1-8