



## 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:** 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

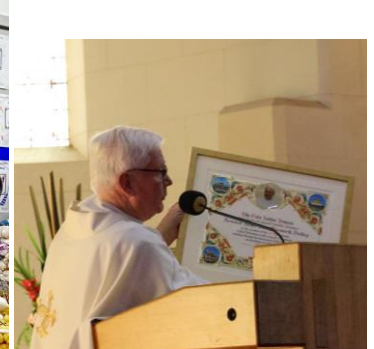
**Lavalla Catholic College** 5174 5272  
Principal: Mr Ryan Greer  
Kildare Campus 5174 8111  
St Paul's Campus 5174 7355



Wow! What a full week we have had at St Michael's!

After our wonderful Multi-Cultural Day to celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we jumped straight into fine tuning the details for the Sacrament of Confirmation celebration which was held in the church Friday night, as well as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations for Father Peter. On Friday we welcomed Bishop Greg, 46 of our 55 confirmation candidates, their friends and families as well as our parishioners to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. The church was full with approximately 470 joining in for the celebration. Unfortunately we lost quite a few of our candidates to sickness after Grade 6 camp, however we look forward to celebrating their Confirmation once Father Aju returns.

On Sunday our attention shifted to Father Peter and his long anticipated 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. We had people from throughout the Diocese join us for Mass on Sunday followed by afternoon tea in the Mary MacKillop Hall. On Sunday we also celebrated the Catholic Church's World Day of Children with a Jr J-Walkers session followed by Youth Mass and Supper in the Hall. After a good night's rest we came back for Father Peter's Vocational mass where he celebrated his anniversary with Bishop Greg and all the priests and deacons of the Diocese, our Grade 5 & 6 students from St Gabriel's and St Michael's Primary Schools, and senior students from Lavalla. Thank you so much to each and everyone of you who came along and supported the parish, who helped greet visitors, set up the church and hall and stayed behind to clean up afterwards. Thank you!



Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Monday Jun 03	1:00pm Requiem Mass John Waanders
Tuesday Jun 04	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Jun 05	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Jun 06	9:30am Mass* 11:00am Mass at Dalkeith
Friday Jun 07	9:30am Mass 11:30am Requiem Mass Rosaria Fede

\*Mass this Thursday will be held at St Gabriel's Primary School. Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to join the students as they celebrate their class masses in the school chapel.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently including Noelene Cunico, John Waanders, Rosaria Fede, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including John Frescura, Maria Vogt, Julie Vaz, Jenny Cukier, and Rocco Michael Bruzzese. *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, Peter Dal Pra, Jane Eric, Rose Xuereb, Peter Lorinc, Don Barnes, Paul Laurie, Gus Agostino, Sharon Veleff, Jenny Hansch, Rosemaree Kays, Fr Andrew Wise, Jaime Mack 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 the parish.*

**ST COLUMBKILLE'S DAY:** Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Feast of Saint Columbkille on **Sunday June 09** with Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the Mary MacKillop Hall. We would really like as many of our Glengarry parishioners to join us on this day as possible, so please come along and spread the word to others who attended mass at St Columbkille's. Bring along a plate to share.



**Mick's Kitchen News:** Thank you to the Traralgon Book Club who have recently donated \$415 to Mick's Kitchen. We are so grateful for your support and have used your money to replace an ageing electric fry pan as well as the raw ingredients for our weekly meals. Mick's Kitchen can only run through the generosity of our parish and wider community who give their time, talent and money to provide free meals to those in need and we are grateful for your ongoing support. You can donate to Mick's Kitchen directly through our bank account:

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

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Monday June 03	
1:00pm	Requiem Mass for John Waanders, St Michael's Church
Wednesday June 05	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday June 06	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
11:00am	Mass at Dalkeith, Dalkeith Gardens
7:00pm	Rosary for Rosaria Fede, St Michael's Church
Friday June 07	
11:30am	Requiem Mass for Rosaria Fede, St Michael's Church

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend we welcome for Baptism Cohen John and Tanner Joshua Shields, children of Damien and Catherine. Congratulations and welcome to our parish!



Our next Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on **Tuesday July 02 at 7pm** in the church. Please contact the parish office for more information and to register your interest.



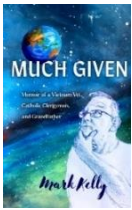
**RCIA:** Do you have a question about what Catholics believe or are you considering becoming a Catholic yourself? Come to the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) sessions where we can answer your questions and shed light on what Catholics believe. Please contact the parish office for more information or to register your interest. An information session will be held in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday July 23** from 7:30pm to 9:00pm for anyone interested in learning more about joining the Catholic faith.



**YOUTH NEWS:** Our Jr J-Walkers met on Sunday afternoon to share their faith in a fun and supportive environment. They learnt all about the beautiful windows in our church and the story behind them. Like many of us, they were able to find things that they had not seen before or recognised the significance of. Afterwards they joined our Sr J-Walkers to lead the Youth Mass which was fun appreciated by those of all ages. Thank you to our kind and patient parishioners for supporting our young people and to our parents for leading and encouraging them. Well done to our brave young people who read, sang, served at the altar, collected money and welcomed people at the door. We are especially grateful for our Youth Ministry leaders who worked hard behind the scenes to make it such a wonderful day, especially with everything else that was happening in the parish. Our next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday June 23 at 5pm, please contact the parish office if your child or grandchild would like to be involved.

**FR AJU AWAY:** Father Aju has arrived safe and sound in India and is enjoying some time with his family and friends. While he is away, Father Peter and Deacon Tony will be looking after us, so mass times will continue as usual.





**MUCH GIVEN BY DEACON MARK KELLY:** Finally, Deacon Mark's long-awaited book, Much Given, is available! All profits will go to the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP). Deacon Mark has previously been a parishioner here at St Michael's and is now the chaplain at Marist Sion Warragul.

He hopes you will relate to much of what he has written as he reflects on his life as a Vietnam Veteran, Catholic Clergyman and Grandfather, while wondering about the meaning of life. Deacon Mark will be at all our masses next weekend with books available to purchase from him directly for \$29.95.

**NOW THAT THE DIOCESAN CONSULTATION PROCESS HAS BEEN LAUNCHED, WHAT IS NEXT?**

After the launch of the Diocesan Consultation on the feasts of Pentecost, Bishop Greg now invites every person in the Diocese to actively participate in a two-phase process of prayerful spiritual conversations over the next few months. The first consultation will take place during June and July. The process will lead people to look back with gratitude on the experiences and events that have had a significant impact on our personal and faith communities over the last five years. You will be asked to reflect together on the question, "When and where do we experience the Gospel and our mission most alive in our Diocese community?" Please join in praying the Diocesan Consultation & Assembly Prayer as we prepare to participate in this exciting opportunity. Information will soon be provided about the dates and location of the consultation meetings in the parish.



**ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST:** The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and application forms are available from pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship. Applications close July 31.



**TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL:** This weekend we will have a final leaving collection after our Sunday morning and evening masses to

raise funds for the Trinity Families appeal. You can also drop money into the parish office up until Friday June 07. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible, please contact the parish office if you require a receipt. To donate online, visit <https://sale.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622462>

Please give generously and pray for those who are providing the programs and services to those in need in our communities.

**VISITING STATUE OF MARY, OUR GOOD MOTHER:**

The statue of Mary has, for many years, been taken from house to house in our parish of St Michael's. By doing that families invite the real Mary to become part of their family life. By giving the statue pride of place they are giving honour to Mary herself and inviting her to be present. So, as we pay attention to the statue and give honour to Our Good Mother may she see our deep need for wholeness and may she add her prayer to our prayer for ourselves, those we love and the needs of the whole world. Over the last two weeks, the statue of Mary, along with the icon of 'Mary Undoer of Knots', a favourite image of Pope Francis, has been visiting both campuses of Lavalla Catholic College. Some 300 students from various religious education classes have come together in the chapels of Kildare and Saint Paul's reflecting on Mary's intercessory role in the Wedding Feast at Cana, helping to untie the bridegroom's lack of wine problem. They were then asked to reflect on the knots in their own life... they were all given a piece of coloured thread and invited to lay it across their open palms...



*This is the thread of your life. Think of a 'knotty problem in your life... some stumbling point, some knot that you have difficulty untying.... something that you can't seem to solve by yourself. A problem that is holding you back. It could be a difficult relationship... an old hurt you cannot forgive... a fear you carry with you... something of which you are ashamed. There may be more than one. Place a knot in the thread to represent this stumbling point in your life.*

The students were then invited to come forward and stand before the icon placing the 'knot of your life' in front of Mary, the 'Undoer of Knots' seeking her intercession.

There is still room on the Touring Statue of Our Lady roster if you would like to invite Mary into your home. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:**

*"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." - MARK 14:23*

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself up for us, completely for our salvation. He offers us the same chance to drink from His cup. In the bread and wine, we meet Christ personally. If we follow Him, drinking from His cup means our own self-sacrifice, using all of our gifts for the benefit of others and to do His work on earth.

Rosters for June 08 & 09, 2024			10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B		
	Lector	Commentator	Welcomer	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday Jun 08 5:00pm	B O'Brien & A Taylor	S Luscombe	M Giddens & Volunteer	A Meredith & Volunteer	Jane
Sunday Jun 09 9:30am	M Hansen & C Muvhundu	M Tainsh	P & J Dal Pra	E Ryan & T Caldwell	Diamente Family
Sunday Jun 09 5:00pm	V Vaz & S Harikrishna	J Fleming	B McNulty & Volunteer	M & J McLaughlin	Jane
Church Cleaning	June 08	Hanratty Family Group			
Mick's Kitchen	Jun 06	McLaughlin Team		Jun 13	Cartledge Team
Touring Statue of Our Lady	Jun 02	C Kanara		Jun 09	J Kanara

**First Reading**

Ex 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

*This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.*

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

**(R.)** *I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.*

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

Heb 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Jn 6:51-52

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is my body. This is my blood.*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.



Next week's Readings: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Gen 3: 9-15

Second Reading: 2 Cor 4: 13 -5:1

Gospel: Mk 3:20 -35