

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

May 05, 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.

### 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:

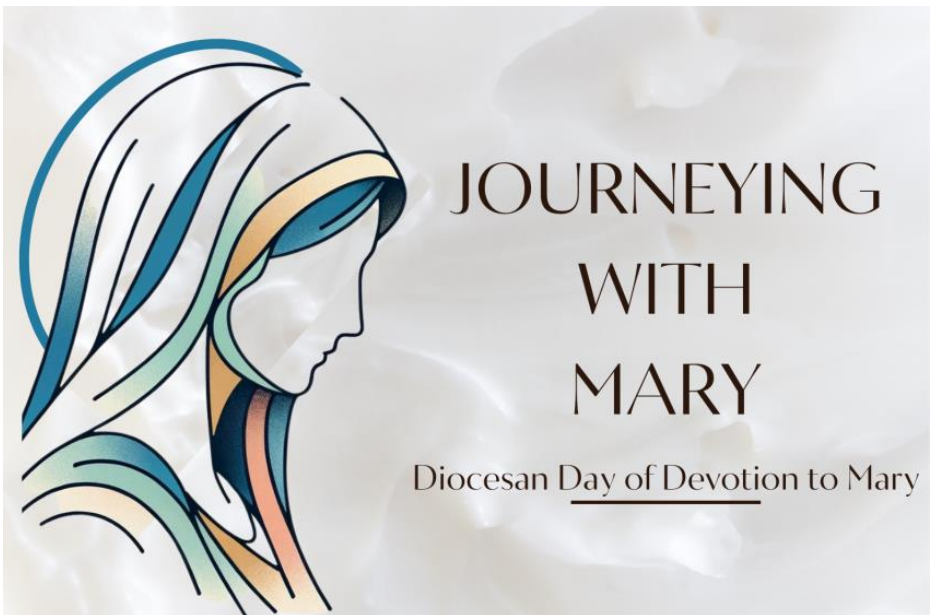
**St Gabriel's School** 5174 5515  
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**St Michael's School** 5174 3295  
Principal: Mrs Jodie Ware

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Principal: Mr Ryan Greer  
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### DAY OF DEVOTION TO MARY

Sunday May 11- Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren



JOURNEYING  
WITH  
MARY

Diocesan Day of Devotion to Mary


## YOU ARE INVITED

9:15am	Mass
9:45am	Adoration
10:15am	Cuppa
10:30am	Presentation by Mike Hansen (St. Michael's Parish, Traralgon) Praying with Scripture and Icons
11:30am	Personal reflection and sharing - Who is Mary for me?
12:00pm	Midday Marial prayer
12:30pm	Lunch (BYO)
1:00pm	Rosary
1:30pm	Benediction
2:00pm	Close

DAY	TIME	PLACE
MAY 11TH	9:15AM-2:00PM	Our Lady Help Of Christians Narre Warren

Sunday Mass Times		
Saturday	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	9:30am	Mass
	5:00pm	Mass
Weekday Mass Times		
Tuesday May 07	9:30am	Mass
Wednesday May 08	11:00am	Reconciliation
	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thursday May 09	9:30am	Mass*
Friday May 10	11:30am	Mass-

*\*Mass this Thursday will be celebrated at St Michael's Church along with all the students of St Gabriel's for Mother's Day. -Friday mass will be held at 11:30am NOT 9:30am, and will be celebrated with St Michael's Gr 1&2 students. Parishioners are warmly invited to both of these special masses.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently including Manuel Xuereb, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Julie Vaz, Dot Mulquiney, Monica Ainsworth, Ted McEntee, Kevin Lythgo, Dorothy McLean, Bev Brown, Merrilyn Lia, Geoffrey Chapman, Lawrance John, Giustina Mosele.  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, Peter Lorinc, Don Barnes, Paul Laurie, Gus Agostino, Sharon Veleff, Jenny Hansch, Rosemarie 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.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR:** Join us this Thursday for our final week of the Life in the Spirit seminar series, where our focus will turn to growth and community, led by Helen Daly. All are welcome, even if you have never been before. Come along and bring a friend, morning tea will be provided.



**St Michael's Church, 10:30am Thursday May 09.**




## Pentecost Sunday

On **Sunday May 19**, we will celebrate Pentecost with a multi-cultural Mass at 9:30am, which will be followed by a multi-cultural celebration in the Mary MacKillop

Hall, where our parishioners are invited to share their cultural foods, music and costumes. We are currently seeking leaders from our various cultural groups to lead and help organise this wonderful celebration. If you are interested in helping, or have ideas to share, please contact the parish office.


THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday May 07	
7:00pm	Mick's Kitchen Team Leaders Meeting, St Vincent de Paul Centre
Wednesday May 08	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
1:00pm	Church Cleaning, St Michael's Church
Thursday May 09	
10:30am	Life in the Spirit Seminar, St Michael's Church
7:30pm	Eucharistic Ministers Training, St Michael's Church
Saturday May 11	
9:15am	Diocesan Day of Devotion to Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren
6:00pm	Diocesan Mystagogia Mass, St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde North
Sunday May 12	
10:30am	Mother's Day Morning Tea, Mary MacKillop Hall

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend we welcome for Baptism **Harry Samuel Harbridge**, son of Sophie and Samuel, **Raymond James Kennedy**, son of Joshua and Hannah, **Matilda Fay** and **Mackenzie Louise Berryman**, daughters of Nicholas and Hannah. Congratulations and welcome to our parish! 

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.



**CONFIRMATION:** This weekend we welcome our confirmation candidates and their families for their commitment mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey towards the sacrament of confirmation which will be celebrated on Friday **May 24 at 5:30pm** with Bishop Greg Bennet, here at St Michael's Church.

**YOUTH NEWS:** Last weekend our Junior J-Walkers met for an afternoon of faith, formation, food and fun followed by youth mass with our Senior J-Walkers and parishioners 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. It was fantastic to see so many people at Sunday night's mass followed by supper in the hall. We look forward to doing it all again on Sunday May 26, come and join us! 

**FR PETER'S ANNIVERSARY:** Please join us on **Sunday May 26** to celebrate Father Peter's 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://trybooking.com/COVIT) for catering purposes.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Join us for a refresher of our current practices and training for new and experienced extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. We will be putting together a roster following the refresher evenings. Our first session will be on **Thursday May 09 at 7:30pm** in the church and another session will be held on **Tuesday May 14 at 7:30pm** for those who can't make the first session. This is an important and rewarding ministry and we encourage as many of you as possible to come and learn more about it.

**CLEANING ROSTER:** We are in need of volunteers to help clean the church in May. Please join us next **Wednesday May 08 at 1pm** after mass, we would love it if you could come and help. We are still looking for three new teams to join our cleaning roster. If anyone is interested in organising or joining a team, please contact the parish office. Many hands make light work, and you can choose a day and time that suits your team best.



Hosted by the Catholic Women's League, join us as we celebrate our mothers and special people in our lives. **Sunday May 12** after the 9:30am Mass in the Mary MacKillop Hall. All are welcome.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** Join us **Monday May 13** to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima with Rosary in the church from 9:00am, followed by Mass at 9:30am. After Mass we will move outside to the Grotto to continue our Rosary followed by Morning Tea in the Mary MacKillop Room. Join us as we pray for world peace on the anniversary of the first of six Marian apparitions to three children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

**TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL:** Bishop Greg Bennet has urged the members of the diocese to generously support the annual appeal for Trinity Families, in our parishes this year. He said "As good stewards of the gifts that God has given us, we must always find a necessary place for those who need our help. To achieve this, Trinity Families Fund needs to continue to grow its funds so that this mission of service can be more effective. It is important to keep at the forefront of our minds that this is our own charity arm specifically set up to serve and support the needs of families in the Greater Gippsland area. While there are many calls upon our donations at this time, what is both worthwhile and unique about Trinity Families is that it is locally based and supports the particular needs of our area." Bishop Greg urges everyone to give generously to the May 2024 Appeal. Those wanting a receipt for Taxation purposes are asked to use the envelopes available in the church. To donate online, visit <https://sale.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622462>

**SHINE THE LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:**

What Jesus has to say- When Jesus says, "love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:9-17) there is no room for violence of any form. Yet many in our communities experience the pain of physical violence, control, and manipulation. Pretending ignorance of, or even enabling, such violence is clearly wrong and cowardly. We pray that we and our community may stand for victim survivors of domestic violence. For information: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/sal>



**CELEBRATE MARY IN MAY:** During the month of May, Mary is specially honoured by devotions around the world. May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church. Please join us to celebrate Mary on the following dates- **Saturday May 11**, Diocesan May Devotion, Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren; **Monday May 13**, Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Mass at 9:30am followed by the Rosary in the Grotto, St Michael's Church Traralgon; **every Saturday at 10am**, pray the Rosary in our chapel here at St Michael's. Our continuous rosary that was to be held on Tuesday May 14 has been cancelled and you are encouraged to join our Lady Of Fatima devotions on May 13 instead.

**LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN CONSULTATION PROCESS:** On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, a new Consultation Process will be launched in all the parishes of the Diocese of Sale. Bishop Greg Bennet is inviting everyone to be part of a two-part consultation process of prayer, and attentive listening to each other, and the Holy Spirit, to get ideas on what pastoral initiatives are needed in our Diocese for it to be more Christ-centred, synodal and missionary. The first phase of the consultation will be to review what has been happening in our church and world since the last Diocesan Assembly in 2019. The second phase will ask everyone to look forward to what kind of initiatives we want to see implemented in our church community over the next five years. The feedback from these consultation meetings will be presented to a Diocesan Assembly in February 2025. We look forward to you sharing your ideas and stories! Be a part of it!!

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS**

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - JOHN 15:12-13*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

Rosters for May 11 & 12, 2024			The Ascension of the Lord	
	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
<b>Saturday May 11 5:00pm</b>	R Webber	M Noone	M Giddens	
<b>Sunday May 12 9:30am</b>	M Hansen & C Muvhundu	M Tainsh	P & J Dal Pra	Diamente Family
<b>Sunday May 12 5:00pm</b>	V Vaz & S Harikrishna	J Fleming	J McLaughlin	Jane & Simon
Church Cleaning	May	Volunteers		
Mick's Kitchen	May 09	Hemming Team	May 16	Scholtes Team
Touring Statue of Our Lady	May 05	P Ayres	May 12	M Ayres



**First Reading**

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **(R.)**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

1 Jn 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

*God is love.*

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and  
knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known  
God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Jn 14:23

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come  
to them.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

Jn 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for  
his friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments  
you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's  
commandments  
and remain in his love.

I have told you this  
so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another,  
as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,  
if you do what I command you,  
I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know  
his master's business;

I call you friends,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;  
and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,  
fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you  
anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you  
is to love one another.'

**Next Week's Readings: The Ascension of the Lord**

First Reading	Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading	Eph 1:17-23
Gospel	Mark 16:15-20

*(readings used with consent of Liturgy Help Online)*