



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



Launch of the Diocesan Consultation Process

This Sunday May 19, Pentecost Sunday, the Diocesan Consultation Process will be launched in all the parishes of the Diocese of Sale. The Bishop invites all of us to participate in a two-part consultation process of prayer, and attentive listening, to gather ideas on what pastoral initiatives are needed to help our Diocese to become more Christ-centred, synodal and missionary as we together face the opportunities and challenges of our time. Let's pray to the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide our consultation process.

Diocesan Consultation & Assembly Prayer

Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come!
Startle us anew with your power and energy.
Blow fresh life through our tired dreams.
Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us.
Light up the windows of our joy and purpose.
Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us.
Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible.

May we listen attentively
to your quiet whisper at our very core.
May we discern your call
expressed in the voices and stories of others.
May we build a Church
that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.
May we be at one with all of humanity
and the rest of God's creation.

May we develop the courage to be people of mission,
alert to opportunities,
always on the move,
bringing Good News to our needy world,
Wind and Fire for one another.
Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
Pray for Us.

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday May 21	9:30am Mass 10:45am Mass @ Margery Cole
Wednesday May 22	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thursday May 23	9:30am Mass*
Friday May 24	09:30am Mass

*Mass this Thursday will be held at St Gabriel's Primary School where it will continue on Thursdays at 9:30am for the rest of term. 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 Michael Colantuono, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Amanda O'Brien, Simon O'Brien, Kevin Fitzsimon, Margaret Hoggard, Max Maloney, Corrie Schalken, Carmen Cook, and P J James. *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, 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.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Congratulations and birthday blessings to Eileen Hanrahan who has recently celebrated her 90th birthday. In lieu of gifts, she requested friends and family donate a little something to Mick's Kitchen and they managed to raise over one thousand dollars! We are truly grateful for Eileen's generosity and wish her a very happy birthday from all of us here at St Michael's.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the Mother's Day Morning Tea on Sunday. It was wonderful to have so many people gathering together to celebrate our mothers and catching up over coffee. Our raffle raised \$208.20 and congratulations go to our winner, Maureen Rigg! The next meeting of the Traralgon Catholic Women's League will be held on Tuesday May 28 at 10:00am in the Mary MacKillop Room.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Our prayer group has returned to the Mary MacKillop Room on **Thursdays at 10:30am**. All are invited and welcome to join for a morning of prayer, song and friendship.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday May 21	
10:45am	Mass at Margery Cole, Margery Cole, Yallambee
7:00pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting, St Michael's Church
Wednesday May 22	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
1:00pm	Church Cleaning, St Michael's Church
Thursday May 23	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
Friday May 24	
9:30am	St Michael's Class Mass Gr 3&4, St Michael's Church
5:30pm	Confirmation, St Michael's Church
Sunday May 26	
12:30pm	Father Peter's Anniversary, St Michael's Church

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.



RCIA: Have you got Catholic questions? We have Catholic answers! 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.

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



YOUTH NEWS: There will be no coffee cart this Sunday as our J-Walkers will be busy helping at the Pentecost Multi-Cultural Morning Tea. Come along and say hello!

Our next Youth Mass will be held on **Sunday May 26 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 as we celebrate the Catholic Church's first World Children's Day. The theme is 'Behold, I make all things new' (Revelation 21:5). Join us after mass for supper in the hall.

CLEANING ROSTER: We will have another session on **Wednesday May 22 at 1pm** in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation celebration on Friday the 24th. We would ask anyone who is free and available to come along and help out. There is a job for everyone, from vacuuming, to dusting, to polishing so any help you can give will be very much appreciated. 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.



Kindly join with Bishop Greg Bennet and Priests for the



50th
Anniversary
of Priesthood
OF

Fr Peter Ainsworth Bickley

FR PETER'S ANNIVERSARY: Please join us next **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.



CELEBRATE MARY IN MAY: May is traditionally dedicated to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church. Because she responded yes to the archangel Gabriel, she is our first model of discipleship and our model of grace and trust in God. You can celebrate Mary in May by joining us for the Rosary before each mass here at St Michael's or in the chapel on Saturday mornings from 10am.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: 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. For more information and to apply go to pallottine.org.au/svscholarship. Applications close July 31.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Huge thanks to the twelve people who attended our recent formation evenings. Unfortunately, we are now still in need of 22 more good folk to step up to allow our roster to be viable.

Formation is needed regularly for all our ministries – each ministry richly enhances our Parish life, and provides each one of us with the opportunity to respond with grace and humility to our baptismal calling. Formation is also needed for those of us who have been carrying out ministries, some of us for years and years. We get rusty, we forget things; these Formation Evenings are for absolutely everyone.

It's easy to say I'm not certain where I'll be on a certain date, I know. It's also easy when you're on a roster to arrange a swap with someone else; so please respond with generosity, and support Father in his caring of the St Michael's Traralgon flock. If you were unable to attend the formation sessions but would be interested in another date or time, please contact the parish office to discuss.

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>



STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6
All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

Rosters for May 25 & 26, 2024			The Most Holy Trinity	
	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday May 25 5:00pm	W & J Gomez	B Purcell	L Kennedy	Diamente Family
Sunday May 26 9:30am	C McLure & R Diaz	Volunteer	M Wilkinson & M Noone	Jane & Simon
Sunday May 26 5:00pm	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	Youth Mass
Church Cleaning	May 22	Volunteers		
Mick's Kitchen	May 23	Burns Team	May 30	Van Berkel Team
Touring Statue of Our Lady	May 19	Lavalla Kildare Campus (J Scholtes)	May 26	Lavalla St Paul's Campus

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v.30

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Gal 5:16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

Next weeks Readings: Trinity Sunday	
First Reading:	Deut 4:32-34, 39-40
Second Reading:	Rom 8:14-17
Gospel:	Mt 28:16-20