



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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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

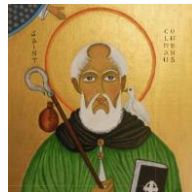
Principal: Mrs Jodie Ware

Lavalla Catholic College 5174 5272

Principal: Mr Ryan Greer

Kildare Campus 5174 8111

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SAINT COLUMBKILLE
FEAST DAY - JUNE 9
COLMCILLE, COLUMBA,
DOVE OF THE CHURCH,
PEACE AND ABBOT,
SCOTLAND, IRELAND,
MISSIONARY, POET,
MUSICIAN



SAINT COLUMBKILLE'S DAY JUNE 09

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of St Columbkille, the patron saint of Ireland and Scotland and the namesake of our old church at Glengarry. This weekend we welcome parishioners past and present as we share our memories of our time at Glengarry and invite you to join us for morning tea in the Mary MacKillop Hall after the 9:30am mass on Sunday.

ST COLUMBKILLE- THE SAINT: St Columbkille, also referred to as St Colmcille and St Columba, was born in Ireland in 521. He was a priest, a scholar, a missionary and a teacher. He travelled throughout Ireland, preaching and building parishes, schools and monasteries. In 561, accompanied by 12 disciples, he left Ireland for Iona, an island off the coast of Scotland where he opened a monastery and continued his missionary work. He and his disciples travelled throughout the islands and mainland of Scotland and Northern England, opening more churches, parishes, schools and monasteries. He was described as 'loving to all' and died an abbot, kneeling before the altar on the 9th of June, 597.

ST COLUMBKILLE- THE CHURCH: St Columbkille's Catholic Church in Glengarry was opened and blessed by Bishop Corbett in 1893 and the final mass was celebrated there by Bishop Patrick O'Regan on December 01, 2019. In the early days, mass was offered in Glengarry in the homes of the early settlers, by a visiting priest from the parish of Sale. In 1890, as the population increased, a new Parish of Cowwarr was created to look after the needs of Cowwarr, Toongabbie, Glengarry, Walhalla and Toombon districts. As the congregation in Glengarry continued to grow, it was decided to erect a church under the direction of Fr Dawson of the Parish of Cowwarr. The builder of the church was Mr W Gilbert, parishioners raised the funds, and John Bermingham provided the land. Dr Corbett, the Bishop of Sale blessed the church at its first mass on June 25, 1893. The land along with the church building was officially transferred to the Diocese of Sale in 1915.

The wooden altar in St Columbkille's was donated by the Kyne family and the Stations of the Cross were brought over from Ireland by John Bermingham Sr. St Columbkille's was strongly supported by the Glengarry community for many generations but had to close due to dwindling numbers and maintenance costs. The Glengarry community is grateful to the many families who worshipped, supported and maintained St Columbkille's during its 126 years, and to the many priests who so willingly brought Mass to the community, especially Mons John Allman who continued a weekly mass at Glengarry well into his retirement.

We look forward to sharing more stories together at morning tea after the 9:30am mass on Sunday. All are welcome.

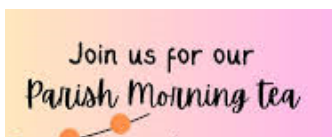
Sunday Mass Times		
Saturday	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	9:30am	Mass
	5:00pm	Mass
Weekday Mass Times		
Tuesday Jun 11	9:30am	Mass
	10:45am	Mass @ Margery Cole
Wednesday Jun 12	11:00am	Reconciliation
	11:00am	Exposition
Thursday Jun 13	12:00pm	Mass
	9:30am	Mass*
Friday Jun 14	1:00pm	Funeral Prayers Darryl Heenan
	9:30am	Mass
	1:00pm	Requiem Mass Anthony Zahra

*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 Anthony Zahra, Darryl Heenan, Noelene Cunico, John Waanders, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Trish Sweeney, Anthony 'Tony' Ryan, Sebastian Ettuparayil, 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.*



**Sunday June 09
After 9:30am Mass
Mary MacKillop Hall**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Join us for coffee and a chat on the second Tuesday of the month at Red Annexe Café in Traralgon. This month we will be meeting on **Tuesday June 11** at 10/10:30am, all are welcome.

DAILY REFLECTIONS: This year many of our parishioners are enjoying the daily reflections from God's Word, produced by St Paul's Books. A beautifully illustrated liturgical Bible Diary designed to bring the word of God to people. It features each day's liturgical readings, an inspiring reflection on the Gospel of the day plus space for writing personal notes and reflections. We are looking to order more for next year and doing a bulk order if enough people are interested. At this stage they will be available for purchase for \$20 each. Please contact the parish office if you would be interested in ordering one, no payment is required at this stage.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday June 11	
10:45am	Mass at Margery Cole, Yallambee
Wednesday June 12	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday June 13	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
1:00pm	Funeral Prayers for Darryl Heenan, St Michael's Church
Friday June 14	
1:00pm	Requiem Mass for Anthony Zahra, St Michael's Church

BAPTISMS: 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: Join our J-Walkers next **Sunday June 16** after the 9:30am mass for morning tea in the Mary MacKillop Hall. Our coffee cart will be open and serving cappuccinos and hot chocolates with all funds raised going towards our Youth Ministry.



Next weekend we will also launch the beginning of our journey to Ignite Conference 2024. We are hoping to send many of our young ones from Year 8 and above to Sydney from September 26 – 30. Last year we had 11 of our parishioners attend and it has been amazing to see and experience the fruits that have come from that. Please contact the parish office if you would like to learn more about the conference or ways you can support our youth ministry.



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 this weekend with books available to purchase from him directly for \$29.95.



DIOCESAN CONSULTATION MEETING PHASE 1-

REVIEW: During June and July, everyone in the Parish is welcome to participate in the first consultation meeting. The aim of this first meeting is to look back over the past five years, since the 2019 Diocesan Assembly, and to identify the significant experiences, events, initiatives or developments that have had an impact on our lives as people of faith.

The questions that will be part of an initial sharing are:

-What experiences during 2019 to 2024 have had a significant impact on our lived experience of faith, and as faith communities?

-What important pastoral initiatives, activities, or developments have occurred since the 2019 Diocesan Assembly?

-What are our greatest strengths as a Catholic community / Diocese?

The key focus question for the Conversation In The Spirit will be: *“When or where do I experience the Gospel, and our mission, most alive in our parish community and/or Diocese?”*

Let us continue to pray to the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to engaging in this process of prayerful listening and sharing.

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.



TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL: Thank you for your generous support of the Diocesan Trinity Families Appeal. During the month of May, parishioners at St Michael’s have donated \$511.90. This money goes towards funding and supporting local charities who provide services and programs for families throughout the Diocese of Sale. If you missed out and would like to make a donation, you can still donate online at <https://sale.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622462>

YOU ARE INVITED: Join Fr Mark Hughes at St Mary’s Cathedral Sale for an evening of Praise and Worship on **Friday June 28** from 6:30 – 8pm. All are welcome.

‘Let everything that has breath praise the Lord’ (Ps150)



A DAY WITH THE SPIRIT: Hosted by Fr Joseph Abutu, Fr Francis Otobo and Fr Mark Hughes, with special guests Cathy McLure and Michelle Grimstead. Join us for Mass, Praise & Worship, and Teaching on Saturday July 06, 10am – 4pm at St

Mary’s Parish Hall, Bairnsdale. All are welcome, we just ask that you bring a plate to share. For all enquiries contact St Mary’s Parish Bairnsdale 5152 2942. *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4:10)*

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:



FOR THOSE FLEEING THEIR OWN COUNTRIES

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

“If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.”- Mark 3:24

Within your parish community, do your ministries collaborate with each other or do they compete against each other? Do your parish ministries work for the greater glory of God or do they work for the glory of the people running them? The primary goal of parish ministry is not to increase Mass attendance, increase the number of volunteers or increase offertory. The primary goal is to be one Body of Christ that helps people take one step closer to Jesus. If it’s not doing that, it’s not worth doing.

Rosters for June 15 & 16, 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

	Lector	Commentator	Welcomer	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday Jun 15 5:00pm	S & S Reid	A Taylor	C Payne & Volunteer	B Purcell & B O’Brien	Alison, Jeanne & Amanda
Sunday Jun 16 9:30am	J Dal Pra & E Babu	M Wilkinson	M Blanchard & W Banks-Smith	M Hansen & R Varghese	
Sunday Jun 16 5:00pm	E Harte	S Darby	2 x volunteers	2 x volunteers	
Church Cleaning	June 22	Hanratty Family Group			
Mick’s Kitchen	Jun 13	Cartledge Team		Jun 20	St Michael’s Staff
Touring Statue of Our Lady	Jun 09	J Kanara		Jun 16	P & L Van Der Velden

First Reading

Genesis 3:9-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle,
all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust
every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other:

you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.

It will crush your head

and you will strike its heel.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129. R. v.7

**(R.) With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak. (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

Gospel Acclamation

John 12:31. 32

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

Next week's Readings: 11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading:	Ezek 17:22-24
Second Reading:	2 Cor 5:6-10
Gospel:	Mk 4:26-34