



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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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



Ignite Youth Conference

26 - 29 September 2024

Light of Christ Centre

Waitara, NSW

Ignite Youth is hosting its annual youth conference in Sydney from September 26-29. The theme of this year's conference is Rise Up! Like the phoenix from the ashes, to ascend in the power of the Holy Spirit. To hold on to Jesus and the hope of his words when he says, "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will live forever..." (John 11:25)

Last year we had 11 parishioners attend and come back full of hope for our church and our parish after spending four days with other young people from around Australia, sharing their faith and strengthening their relationship with God and each other. One of our J-Walkers summarised their experience of last year's Ignite Youth Conference: 'In addition to reflection and supplication, we had groups of the youth council members praying for guidance and strength to carry out the teaching and experiences learnt in our every lives. When we gathered as a group to reflect and pray, we gave ourselves the opportunity to process what we have learnt and experienced. We shared our insights, struggles and victories and this is where the true magic happened, as we encouraged, supported and challenged one another to grow in faith. It was also in these moments of reflection and prayer that we built the strong bonds of fellowship that made this conference so special.' We have seen the fruits of last year's conference in the deepened faith and connections between our J-Walkers.

Ignite provides a safe and supportive environment for young people to explore and grow their faith, it is a national catholic conference with something for everyone. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission, God's people united with one heart. It is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Inspiring guest speakers will host workshops on leadership, worship, mission, culture and discipleship with music from Emmanuel Worship.

We will be using funds raised from the Coffee Cart to support the costs of attending the conference and will also have two fundraising days on Sunday July 21 and Sunday August 18 in the Mary MacKillop Hall. If you would like to know more or are able to sponsor a child to attend, please contact the parish office.

Join us for coffee this Sunday after the 9:30am mass where you can speak directly to those who experienced Ignite 23 and how it has supported and inspired their faith journey. We are grateful for your ongoing support of our Youth Ministry and look forward to your continued support as we journey towards Ignite 24, Rise Up!

Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." (Acts 3:6-8)

Sunday Mass Times		
Saturday	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	9:30am	Mass
	5:00pm	Mass
Weekday Mass Times		
Tuesday Jun 18	9:30am	Liturgy
	10:45am	Liturgy @ Margery Cole
Wednesday Jun 19	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Liturgy
Thursday Jun 20	9:30am	Liturgy*
Friday Jun 21	9:30am	Liturgy

*This Thursday we will celebrate Liturgy with Communion at St Gabriel's Primary School. Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to join Deacon Tony and the Grade 4 students in the school chapel.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Ron Rees, Bronya Juris, Janice Sharp, Anthony Zahra, Darryl Heenan, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Almir Agustin, Justin O'Brien, Rita Flynn, Adriano Vergas, Estafan Masternak, Angelica Cuevas, Patricia Campbell, Pamela Filo, Elisa Bastianutto, Trish Sweeney, Anthony 'Tony' Ryan, and Sebastian Ettuparayil. *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.*

HOLIDAYS: This weekend is our last weekend with Fr Peter before he heads off on a four-week holiday through Europe. We are very thankful for all he has done for us while Fr Aju has been away and wish him all the best for his holiday. On Tuesday Deacon Tony returns to us and will be celebrating a daily liturgy with communion during the normal mass times. Please note, there will not be Reconciliation on Wednesday. Fr Aju returns to us next Saturday in time for mass and then Cath will be taking a little break and the office will be closed from Monday June 24 – Friday June 28. Thank you for your patience as our team all take it in turns to have a little break after what has been a very busy and fruitful term.

MUCH GIVEN BY DEACON MARK KELLY: For those who missed out on a copy of Deacon Mark's recently released memoir 'Much Given', there are still some available from the parish office or from the piety stall for \$29.95. All profits will go to the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP). Deacon Mark 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.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Sunday June 16	
10:30am	J-Walkers Coffee Cart, Mary MacKillop Hall
Tuesday June 18	
10:45am	Liturgy at Margery Cole, Yallambee
Thursday June 20	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
Sunday June 23	
5:00pm	YOUTH MASS, St Michael's Church

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for baptism, **Cooper Scott Jones**, son of Matthew and Erin, **Matteo Mandolado**, son of Marwin and Janelle and **Amelia Grace Hamshere**, daughter of Robert and Kristina. 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.

BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN:



Have you ever thought about Baptising your school aged child? Are you wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Enrolments are now open for our Term 3 program. Two workshops will be held on Sunday July 21 and Sunday July 28 with the sacrament of Baptism celebrated the following weekend on Sunday August 04. At least one parent must be a baptised Catholic. Please contact Cath or Jen in the parish office for more information or to enrol your child.



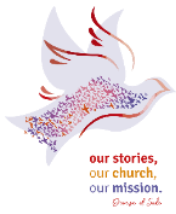
RCIA: Do you have a question about what Catholics believe or are you considering becoming a Catholic yourself? Come to the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) sessions where we can answer your questions and shed light on what Catholics believe. Please contact the parish office for more information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

YOUTH NEWS: Join our J-Walkers this **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.



Join us for YOUTH MASS next Sunday June 23 at 5:00pm followed by Supper in the Mary MacKillop Hall.

DAILY REFLECTIONS: This year many of our parishioners are enjoying the daily reflections from God's Word, produced by St Paul's Books. 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.



OUR STORIES - OUR CHURCH – OUR MISSION
DIOCESAN CONSULTATION MEETING-
PHASE ONE– REVIEW: Join us in July for the first phase of the Diocesan Consultation process as we reflect on and review what has happened in our parish since the last Diocesan Assembly. We will look back over

the past five years, to identify the significant experiences, events, initiatives or developments that have had an impact on our lives as people of faith. Join us in the Mary MacKillop Hall on **Friday July 19 from 6:30 – 8:30pm** or **Saturday July 27 from 2:00 – 4:00pm**. All current and past parishioners are invited and encouraged to come along for a time of sharing and reflection. The questions that will be part of an initial sharing are:

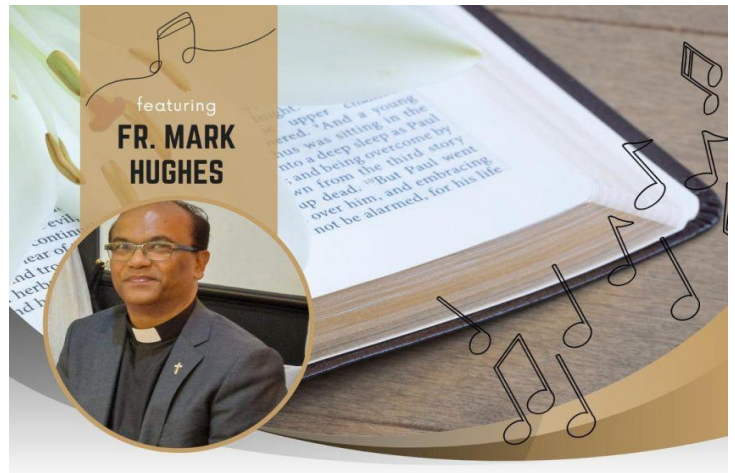
*What experiences during 2019 to 2024 have had a significant impact on our lived experience of faith, and as faith communities? *What important pastoral initiatives, activities, or developments have occurred since the 2019 Diocesan Assembly? *What are our greatest strengths as a Catholic community / 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.

“The purpose of the Synod, and therefore of this consultation, is not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands.” POPE FRANCIS, December 11, 2023.

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: *“We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.”*



AN EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Let everything that has breath praise the lord.
 (Ps 150)

28 June 2024 | 6:30pm-8pm

ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL SALE
 47- 57 FOSTER STREET



STUDY THEOLOGY IN BOX HILL: Yarra Theological Union, a Catholic College of the University of Divinity, is taking enrolments now. Appointments are available by emailing John McDowell, the Dean at dean@ytu.edu.au For further information and the Unit timetable, visit the website www.ytu.edu.au Semester 2 starts 29 July 2024. Everyone is welcome.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.” - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

Rosters for June 22 & 23, 2024			12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B		
	Lector	Commentator	Welcomer	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday Jun 22 5:00pm	R Foote & T Larkin	B Purcell	L Kennedy & Volunteer	C Payne & A Reid	Diamente Family
Sunday Jun 23 9:30am	C McLure & R Diaz	T Denny	M Wilkinson & M Noone	M Hansen & P Abilash	Jane
Sunday Jun 23 5:00pm	YOUTH MASS	YOUTH MASS	YOUTH MASS	YOUTH MASS	YOUTH MASS
Church Cleaning	June 22	Hanratty Family Group			
Mick’s Kitchen	Jun 20	St Michael’s Staff		Jun 27	Hemming Team
Touring Statue of Our Lady	Jun 16	P & L Van Der Velden		Jun 23	P & J Dal Pra

First Reading

Ez 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Cor 5:6-10

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

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 12:31-32

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

**Next weeks Readings:****Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B**

First Reading:	Job 38:1, 8-11
Second Reading:	2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Gospel:	Mark 4:35-41