



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

OUR STORIES - OUR CHURCH - OUR MISSION

Diocesan Consultation – Report on Feedback from Phase One – Review of the Past Five Years (2019-2024):

A report has been compiled from the feedback received from all those people who participated in Phase One of the Diocesan Consultation. In reviewing the past five years (2019-2024), people responded to four questions: What experiences during 2019 to 2024 have had a significant impact on our lived experience of faith in our 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? As people of faith and mission, what has God's Spirit been doing in and through us during these past five years? The feedback and insights are fascinating! You can read the report on the Diocese of Sale website: <https://www.cdsale.org.au> and copies are also available in both church foyers.

Diocesan Consultation- Phase 2- Looking Forward:

We now move to phase two of the consultation process where we will look forward in preparation for our Diocesan Assembly on the 14th and 15th of February 2025. You are invited to join us on either Friday October 11 OR Sunday October 20 to share your hopes and dreams for our parish, our diocese and our wider faith community in the coming years. Specifically, we will focus on the question- 'What pastoral priorities and actions is the Holy Spirit calling us, as individuals, and as faith communities to focus on during the next five years to give renewed life and purpose to our shared mission?' We look forward to seeing you there.

**YOU ARE INVITED!
PHASE 2**

The St Michael's Parish Pastoral Council cordially invites you to attend one of the sessions of Phase 2 of the Diocesan Consultation:

LOOKING FORWARD
VENUE : MARY MACKILLOP HALL

2 OPTIONS

**FRI 11TH OCT
7.30PM - 9PM
PIZZAS**

OR

**SUN 20TH OCT
10.30AM - 12.30
COFFEE & CAKE**

ALL WELCOME

FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE MIKE HANSEN: 0417243703. EMAIL: HANSMIC1@LAVALLA.VIC.EDU.AU

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Sep 17	9:30am Mass 10:45am Mass @ Margery Cole
Wednesday Sep 18	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Sep 19	9:30am Mass* @ St Gabriel's
Friday Sep 20	9:30am Mass

*Mass this Thursday will be held at St Gabriel's Primary School, for the last time this term. Parishioners are warmly invited and encouraged to join them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Vincent Maier and Peter Lorinc, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Tom King, Giuseppe Agostino, Catena Ciminello, John Timmers, and Joseph Tolbize. *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, Don Barnes, Paul Laurie, Gus Agostino, Sharon Veleff, Jenny Hansch, Rosemaree Kays, Fr Andrew Wise, Jaime Mack, Greg Doyle, Eileen Rossiter 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.

FATHER AJU AWAY: Fr Aju is away for one more week and will be returning next Friday September 20 in time for next weekend's masses. He has been attending the **International Eucharistic Congress** held in Quito, Ecuador (South America) from September 8 to 15. He is representing both our parish and the Diocese of Sale and has been selected as our Diocesan Ambassador for future events which may occur in Australia 2028. During his absence, Father Peter and Deacon Tony have been looking after our parish for which we are very grateful.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Thank you to those who have committed to our current Planned Giving program and for your ongoing financial support of our parish. Envelopes are now available in the front of the church for those who have pledged to give via envelopes. Planned Giving allows us to plan and budget for the year ahead as we know how much money has been pledged by parishioners. This money, along with any donations into the second collection, go towards supporting our church and our parish, including formation opportunities, our ministries, utilities and maintenance. If you would like to join our planned giving program, please contact Cath in the office for more information on 5174 2060.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday September 17	
10:45am	Mass at Margery Cole Aged Care, Yallambee Traralgon
Wednesday September 18	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday September 19	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, St Michael's Church



BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on **Tuesday September 24 at 7pm** in the church. Please contact the parish office for more information and to register your interest.

RCIA: Are you, or someone you know interested in becoming a Catholic? Or learning more about the Catholic Faith? Join us on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm, where we can answer your questions and shed light on what Catholics believe. For more information or to register your interest please contact the parish office.



SACRAMENTS NEWS: The sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated next term and enrolments are closing soon. Please contact the parish office if your child is in Grade 4 or above and you would like some more information.



YOUTH NEWS: This Sunday September 15 at the 9:30am mass, we will have a special blessing and farewell to our parishioners heading to the Ignite Conference in Sydney on September 26. The J-Walkers coffee cart will also be open afterwards in the Mary MacKillop Hall for cappuccinos and hot chocolates with all money raised going to the Youth Ministry. Come along and enjoy a coffee with friends.

Our other Youth Ministry activities have been cancelled this month so the team can focus on preparing for the upcoming Ignite Conference. There will be no J-Walkers or Jr J-Walkers sessions this month, and there will not be a Youth Mass this month either.

Those heading to Ignite will be commissioned at St Mary's Cathedral Sale on **Sunday September 22** by Bishop Greg at the 9:30am mass. St Michael's parishioners are warmly invited and encouraged to join them. Following mass there will be morning tea followed by a workshop for our young ones heading to Sydney so they can get to know each other better.



DAILY REFLECTIONS: For those who have ordered St Paul's "God's Word" daily reflections for Year C, your books have now arrived. If you missed out and would like to purchase one, we still have some extras available for \$20 each (which is less than the RRP). It contains the Bible readings set down for each day of the liturgical year with reflections by eminent spiritual writers. Designed to help you keep the word of God close to your heart in daily life. A life-changing companion to nourish you, help make God's Word the foundation of your life, and empower you to pray, to live and to share your faith with others. Please contact Cath in the parish office to arrange collection and payment.

MICK'S KITCHEN NEWS: Mick's Kitchen is the social outreach program run by our parish to support those in the community in need. We offer free meals on Thursday nights at the St Vincent de Paul Centre, along with companionship and support. We are grateful to our volunteers and supporters for their ongoing support of Mick's Kitchen. Your time, talents and financial contributions ensure 60 healthy and delicious two-course meals are prepared and served each and every Thursday. We are also grateful to the businesses in our community who help and support with both food and financial donations. This week we were given trays of fresh muffins from Polly Baker Cafe at the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, along with fresh bread and treats from Banjo's Bakery which were then distributed to all those who came along for dinner. We also receive weekly bread donations from Baker's Delight and ongoing financial support from St Vincent de Paul. We are also excited to announce a new initiative with AMPM Coffee Traralgon who will donate \$1 from every sale on Fridays to Mick's Kitchen. We are so thankful for all their support, and encourage you to support these local businesses and organisations in return when you are out and about.

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE MASS 29 SEPTEMBER AT 3.00PM AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH BERWICK: "God walks with His people", is the title chosen by Pope Francis for his Message for the upcoming World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The Holy Father reminds us that all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth, on our way to the "true homeland", the Kingdom of Heaven.

St Michael's, Berwick will host this wonderful occasion for all our different cultures to come together and celebrate the diversity within our Diocese. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet, together with Fr Jeff, Fr Paul and priests and deacons from our Diocese, followed by a sit-down function in the St Michael's School Stadium. We would like to have as many countries as possible represented: in food preparation, cultural dancing and singing and general help on the day. Please contact Dorota Shields at the Parish Support Centre on 9707 1355 or secretary@stmichaelsparish.org.au if you can assist in any way. Everyone welcome!!



SAVE THE DATE
"FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"
A DAY IN THE SPIRIT
ST MARY'S PARISH YARRAM

Saturday October 26, 10am – 4pm

This is a first for Yarram, so please mark your calendars. For further information contact Jan Allgood on 0408 842 568

Alpha Catholic conference

Melbourne
8 - 9 November 2024



'Every Generation' is a two day national Catholic Conference that seeks to equip and empower intergenerational renewal within our church. It is a great opportunity for those in our community to meet others from around Australia who are on the mission of parish renewal. The conference will be informative, interactive and of course there will be food, fun and friendship. There will be opportunities for prayer, workshops, Mass and Adoration, everything that shapes a good gathering into a great conference.

When: Friday November 8 – Saturday November 9 2024

Where: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne

Who: All generations of Catholic Leaders

For more information and to register visit www.everygenerationconference.com.au

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WORKSHOP: Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out to nurture your relationship away from daily distractions, reconnect and discover new tools to support your relationship. While the weekend is based around Catholic values, couples of all faiths are welcome. No group sharing is required.

Where: St Joseph's Primary School, Trafalgar

When: Saturday 16th Nov – Sunday 17th Nov 2024 (Saturday lunch and dinner & Sunday lunch is provided)

On your weekend, a team of 2 or 3 married couples and a priest will share their personal stories, their ups and downs, in ways that are very relatable. You are drawn to reflecting on your own relationship and will learn new ways of deeply communicating with each other. For further details visit wwme.org.au or contact Mercy & James Bvirakare on 0409 183 676 or via email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." MARK 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

Rosters for September 21 & 22, 2024		25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B			
	Lector	Commentator	Welcomer	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday Sep 21 5:00pm	R Foote & T Larkin	M Noone	C Payne & Volunteer	A Meredith & B Purcell	Diamente Family
Sunday Sep 22 9:30am	T Denny	C McCabe	M Blanchard & A Sykes	P Abilash, W Banks-Smith & R Varghese	
Sunday Sep 22 5:00pm	E Harte	J Fleming	2 x Volunteers	M & J McLaughlin	
Church Cleaning	September	Volunteers			
Mick's Kitchen	September 19	St Michael's Staff		September 26	Scholtes Team
Touring Statue of our Lady	September 15	H Theissling		September 22	J Scholtes

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand.

Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10 R v1

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **(R.)**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation

Galatians 6:14

*Alleluia, alleluia!**My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.**Alleluia!***Gospel**

Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it, but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Next week's Readings

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12 17-20

Second Reading: James 3:16 – 4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37