



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.

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Introducing the Message of Pope Francis, "God walks with His people"

By Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Bishop Delegate for Migrants and Refugees

Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry

In the Message of Pope Francis on the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2024, there is the reference to the synodal dimension of this day.

We are becoming increasingly familiar these days to the words "synodal" and "synodality". These ancient but new words for us in Australia refer to our "walking together" with the Lord "as the People of God journeying through history on pilgrimage, "migrating", we could say, toward the Kingdom of Heaven."

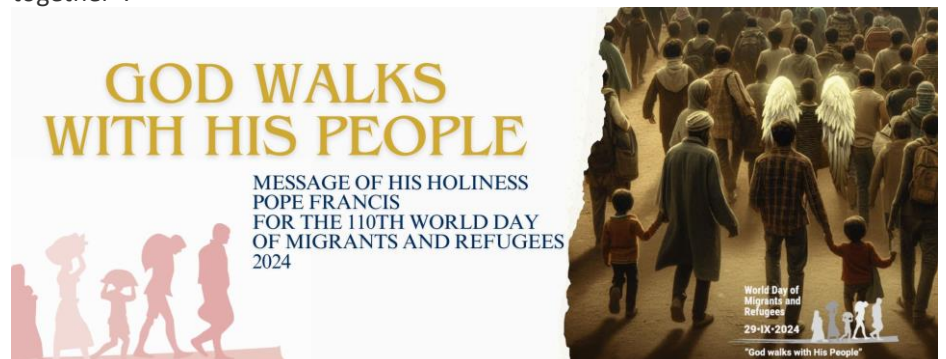
The Pope contrasts the images of the biblical exodus and migrants. There are similarities. These include the fleeing "from oppression, abuse, insecurity, discrimination, and lack of opportunities for development."

The Message insists that the Exodus and each type of Exodus shares the fundamental reality that "God precedes and accompanies his people."

Over the years I have observed the truth of this insight. So many migrants and refugees have, for example, humbly come up to me and asked for the blessing of medals, religious pictures, rosaries, bibles and so on. For these people on the synodal journey of life, such articles are essential travelling companions. They are a reminder that Jesus travels with them in the hazardous journeys they are enduring.

Pope Francis reminds us "God not only walks *with* his people, but also *within* them." The encounter with the migrant is an encounter with the migrant Jesus. It is Jesus, *within* the migrant, who asks us for shelter, opportunity, visits, basic essentials, and so much more. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25/35). We are to be ready with our practical charity on our common synodal journey.

In his final exhortation, Pope Francis in his Message on this special day exhorts us to "unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions. May we journey together with them, be "synodal together".



Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Oct 01	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Oct 02	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Oct 03	9:30am Mass* 11:00am Mass @ Dalkeith
Friday Oct 04	9:30am Mass

**This Thursday's parish mass will be held at St Michael's Church, while the students and teachers enjoy their school holiday break.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including John Horan, Marshall Dean, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Richard Moulton, Bill Edgar, Ray Still, and Maria Marino. *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 IS BACK: Next week we return to business as usual. Fr Aju is back and weekday mass times will return to normal. Cath and Jen will be at the St Vincent de Paul centre on Tuesday from 9am – 4pm, and available via phone and email Wednesday – Friday, 9am – 4pm. We are grateful for your patience and understanding while events and locations have been changing and moving around.

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 along with reflections to 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: AM: PM Coffee in Franklin Street Traralgon will be donating \$1 from every sale on Fridays to our very own Mick's Kitchen, so head on down and buy a coffee to show your support! Mick's Kitchen is the social outreach program of our parish and we really appreciate the financial support from the team at AM-PM Coffee. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Wednesday October 02	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday October 03	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, St Michael's Church
11:00am	Mass @ Dalkeith, Dalkeith Gardens
Friday October 04	
Feast of St Francis	



BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on **Tuesday October 29 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 weekend 29 parishioners from St Michael's Traralgon and St Mary's Sale will head off for the eagerly anticipated Ignite Conference in Sydney. Ignite is an opportunity to experience the Church fully alive in faith, through the dynamic worship and preaching in the rallies, meeting Jesus through the power of the sacraments, inspiring workshops during the day, and the positive experiences of the festival and ministries expo. We look forward to our J-Walkers bringing all they learn and experience back to our parish to share with us. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue walking with Jesus.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Women's League Traralgon will be held on **Tuesday November 26** at the St Vincent de Paul Centre from 10am. All positions are vacant and new members welcome. The CWL will also host a continuous Rosary in the church on **Tuesday October 08 from 10am – 12pm**, all are welcome.



DIOCESAN CONSULTATION PHASE TWO: Our parish will be holding two workshops in October to discuss phase two of the Diocesan Consultation Process- Looking Forward. You are invited to join us on **Friday October 11 from 7:30pm – 9:00pm OR Sunday October 20 from 10:30am – 12:30pm** in the Mary MacKillop Hall to share our hopes and dreams for our parish, our Diocese and our Church in the coming years. All are welcome and we strongly encourage you to come along and share your thoughts.



OCTOBER DEVOTION:

The month of October is traditionally referred to as the month of Mary. It is especially dedicated

to the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the celebration of the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 07. During this month, join us for daily prayers and Rosary starting half an hour before each mass as well as the following times:

- Saturdays @ 10am: St Michael's Church
- Tuesday Oct 08: 10am -12pm, Continuous Rosary, St Michael's Church
- Friday Oct 18: Walking Rosary, St Michael's Church

PRAY THE ROSARY ONLINE: St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale invites you to an online community. Experiencing a spiritual journey praying the Rosary with Mary, in contemplation with her son Jesus. Register for this free weekly Zoom gathering on Monday nights in October from 7pm to 7:30pm. Join us whenever you can! Contact Michelle to register and receive a link to participate, email stm.michelleg@gmail.com or 5152 2942. *The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times- St Padre Pio.*

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY: "God walks with His people", is the title chosen by Pope Francis for his Message for this Sunday's World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

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. Everyone welcome!!

Migrant & Refugee Mass

Sunday September 29, 3pm @ St Michael's Church Berwick

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)

For further details visit wwme.org.au or contact Mercy & James Bvirakare at vicbookings@wwme.org.au or on 0409 183 676.

CAST INTO THE DEEP: You are invited to join Bishop Greg Bennet and the CCR Sale Diocese for a day focused on 'A time of mission in a synodal church'.

Saturday October 12, 10:30am – 4pm

St Ita's Church, Drouin

All are welcome, please bring along a plate to share. For enquiries, contact Lindsay on 0432 375 391.

A DAY IN THE SPIRIT: St Mary's Parish Yarram enjoys you to a day of praise and worship, the fire of the Holy Spirit.

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



Sunday September 29

Feast Day of St Michael the Archangel

PRAYER OF DEDICATION TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:

*Blessed Michael the Archangel,
defend and protect our parish at all times:
be a safeguard to all our parishioners against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God keep the devil far away from us;
And may you, St Michael, Prince of all God's Angels,
drive all evil away from our lives.
Obtain for us strength of faith and true loyalty
to God our Heavenly Father who with the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns for ever and ever.*

Amen.

Used as the Prayer of Dedication of St Michael's Statue on the 18th December 1972 by Monsignor John P Allman, Parish Priest.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." MARK 9:41

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generously become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

Rosters for October 05 & 06, 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

	Lector	Commentator	Welcomer	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday Oct 05 5:00pm	C Di Corleto	M Noone	M Giddens & Volunteer	A Meredith & B Purcell	Men's Choir
Sunday Oct 06 9:30am	E & U Imhagwe	M Wilkinson	P & J Dal Pra	E Ryan, T Caldwell & R Varghese	Jane & Simon
Sunday Oct 06 5:00pm	V Vaz & S Harikrishna	C Hill	J & M McLaughlin	2 x Volunteers	Jane & Simon

Church Cleaning	October	Volunteers			
Mick's Kitchen	October 03	Hemming Team		October 10	Cartledge Team
Touring Statue of our Lady	September 29	J Mitchell		October 06	S Kimani

First Reading

Numbers 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14 R v9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

Your wealth is rotting

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Jn 17:17

*Alleluia, alleluia!**Your word, O Lord is truth:**make us holy in the truth.**Alleluia!***Gospel**

Mk 9:38-43 45 47-48

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Next week's Readings:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

First Reading:	Genesis: 2:18-24
Second Reading:	Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel:	Mark 10:2-16