

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- 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 which will be held on the 14th and 15th of February 2025. We are poised to re-enter the conversations to help discern where we think God's finger is beckoning us into the future... what do we see as the kingdom focus as we grow as the People of God? You may not have been part of the first discussion but that doesn't matter. This second round is a more crucial discussion because it will help set the agenda for the Diocesan Assembly and ultimately the pastoral needs of the whole diocese for the next five years.

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 next **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. 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 hope you can make it, 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

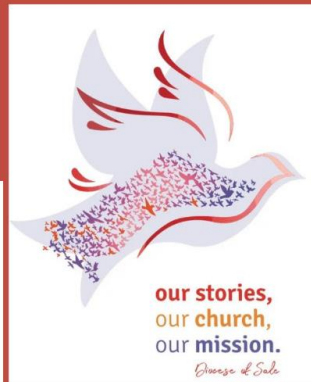
FRI 11TH OCT
7.30PM - 9PM
PIZZAS

OR

SUN 20TH OCT
10.30AM - 12.30
COFFEE & CAKE

ALL WELCOME

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Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Oct 08	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Oct 09	11:00am Reconciliation
	11:00am Exposition
	12:00pm Mass
Thursday Oct 10	9:30am Mass*
Friday Oct 11	9:30am Mass

*This Thursday's mass will return to St Gabriel's Primary School where we will celebrate mass with their Grade 2 students, all are welcome and encouraged to join us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Eileen Rossiter, Andre Andre, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Richard Moulton, Bill Edgar, Nicholas Lis, Margaret Richmond, Tony Tactor. *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, Valerie Joy Cahill, Nola Fitzsimon 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.



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: 7:30pm 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.michelle@gmail.com or 5152 2942. *The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times- St Padre Pio.*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday October 08	
10:00am	Continuous Rosary, St Michael's Church
5:30pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, St Vincent de Paul Centre
Wednesday October 09	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday October 10	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, St Michael's Church
Friday October 11	
7:30pm	Diocesan Consultation Stage 2: Parish Mary MacKillop Hall



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.



WOW! Our J-Walkers are back safe and sound after a transformational experience at the Ignite Conference in Sydney last weekend. After a 4am wake up and a 12 hour bus trip, we arrived at Broken Bay's Cathedral Precinct in Waitara, Sydney for four days of prayer, formation and celebration of our shared faith. We attended workshops, celebrated mass, adoration, reconciliation and prayer teams. We heard from inspirational speakers who shared their faith journeys and advice on how to live out our faith authentically in today's world. It was an inspiring mix of new and old, a celebration of our catholic traditions and the vibrancy and contagiousness of our charismatic youth.

We look forward to sharing our experiences with you in the coming weeks and are so grateful for your prayers and support that allowed so many of us to share this wonderful adventure. We would also like to thank our sponsors, families, bus-drivers and youth leaders, particularly Jen who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes for months to ensure we all made it to Ignite.

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.

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, it is designed to help you keep the word of God close to your heart in daily life. Please contact Cath in the parish office to arrange collection and payment.



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.

St Joseph's Primary School, Trafalgar

Saturday 16th Nov – Sunday 17th Nov 2024

(Saturday lunch and dinner & Sunday lunch is provided)

Starts Saturday morning at 7:30am and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm.

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



A TEACHING DAY WITH BISHOP GREG:

This is to invite you all to a Teaching Day with Bishop Greg themed: Cast into the deep (Luke 5:4). Bishop Greg will be offering a teaching which is titled : "A

Time of Mission in a Synodal Church." It will be a day to interact with our Bishop on his vision for the Diocese as he leads us all on this journey along with the global church. Come, listen, share, pray, and fellowship with others. For inquiries and more information, contact Lindsay on 0432 375 391.

Date: Saturday 12th October, 2024

Venue: St Ita's Church, 50 Victoria St, Drouin

Time: 10.30am to 3.00pm

All are welcome, please bring along a plate to share

A DAY WITH THE SPIRIT: Saturday October 26, 9:30am – 4pm

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Team of the Sale Diocese invite you to St Mary's Parish Yarram for a day of praise and worship, celebrating the fire of the Holy Spirit. Hosted by Fr Confidence, Fr Francis and Fr Mark with Testimony from Mandy Emanuel, this is a first for Yarram, so please mark your calendars.

COME AND SEE: Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Thomas the Apostle Parish, 5 Fiorelli Blvd, Cranbourne East VIC 3977 on Sunday, 27th October 2024 from 3:00pm - 4: 30pm particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Our friends at the Traralgon Vinnie's Soup Van are desperately in need of more volunteers.

People are needed to help prepare and package food, assist with loading the soup vans and off-load deliveries, distributing food on a 'soup van run' as well as assisting

in cleaning the kitchen and vehicles. There is a job for everyone! Our Vinnies Soup Vans offer food, social connection and referral pathways out of homelessness and poverty, to people experiencing or at risk of, homelessness and disadvantage.

The Vinnie's Traralgon Soup Van goes out into our community and undertake street service of meals to our friends on the street and people experiencing food insecurity in boarding and rooming houses, crisis accommodations, social housing and other residential locations. For more information and to learn how to support the service, email soupvans@svdp-vic.org.au or contact the Traralgon co-ordinator Marg Morrison on 0439 600 899 for more information or to register your interest.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." (Genesis 2:19)

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

Rosters for October 12 & 13, 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

	Lector	Commentator	Welcomer	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday Oct 12 5:00pm	R Webber	A Taylor	A Membrey & Volunteer	A Meredith & B O'Brien	Jane & Simon
Sunday Oct 13 9:30am	M Hansen & C Muvhundu	M Tainsh	W Banks-Smith & D Bau	E Ryan, T Caldwell & volunteer	Men's Choir
Sunday Oct 13 5:00pm	E Joseph & M Alex	S Darby	T Biancon & Volunteer	M & J McLaughlin	

Church Cleaning	October	Volunteers		
Mick's Kitchen	October 10	Cartledge Team	October 17	Burns Team
Touring Statue of our Lady	October 06	S Kimani	October 13	M Tainsh

First Reading Gen 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127. R. v.5

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation cf. 1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,

God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:2-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Next week's Readings
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Wisdom 7:7-11
Second Reading:	Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel:	Mark 10:17-30