



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.

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
CATHOLIC
YOUTH
CONFERENCE**
**SYDNEY,
SEPTEMBER 26 – 30**

After four days of formation, faith and encounter, a long bus trip, and lots of rain, our J-Walkers Youth have returned from Sydney tired but also renewed in the spirit and open to what God has in store next. They experienced powerful music, praise and worship, guest speakers, testimonies, Adoration, Masses, Reconciliation, prayer teams, small groups and so much more. Seeing our Church alive and full of joy with so much reverence to the Sacraments was powerful for the group. It was also a great reminder of our Baptismal call to be on mission and spread the Gospels to all those we meet. Our J-Walkers are feeling inspired and empowered and they are looking forward to speaking at masses over the next two weekends and sharing their experience with you all. You are also invited to a special evening where they will share their testimonies on Friday November 15 from 7pm. All are welcome and we encourage you to come along and hear first hand what the experience was like for them, and hopefully feel a little inspired yourself.



Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Oct 15	9:30am Mass 10:45am Mass @ Margery Cole
Wednesday Oct 16	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Oct 17	9:30am Mass*
Friday Oct 18	9:30am Mass

*This Thursday's mass will be held at St Gabriel's Primary School where we will celebrate mass with their Grade 1 students, all are welcome and encouraged to join us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Martha Hall, Aleykutty Mathai, Eileen Rossiter, Andre Andre, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Jean Lythgo, Remo Magaldi, Bill Edgar, Nicholas Lis, Margaret Richmond, and 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 and is especially dedicated to the

recitation of the Holy Rosary. 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
- Saturday October 12: 10am Outdoor Rosary @ the Grotto, St Michael's Church
- Friday Oct 18: 7:30pm Walking Rosary, St Michael's Church
- Thursday Oct 31: Malayalam 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.*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday October 15	
10:45am	Mass at Margery Cole, Yallambee Assisted Living
Wednesday October 16	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday October 17	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, St Michael's Church
Friday October 18	
7:30pm	Walking Rosary, St Michael's Church



BAPTISMS: This weekend, we welcome for baptism Jaeger Alexander and Torah Grace Downey, children of Jessica and Brett. Congratulations and welcome to our parish!

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 this 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. An important parent information session will be held on **Tuesday October 22 at 6pm** in the church.



YOUTH NEWS: Our J-Walkers coffee cart will be open next **Sunday October 20** with all funds raised going to Catholic Mission. Join us for coffee and cake in the Mary MacKillop Hall after the 9:30am mass, all are welcome. Our next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday October 27 at 5:00pm.

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.



PARISH CENSUS: This weekend our Parish Pastoral Council will be conducting a census of the parish to learn more about our makeup so we can ascertain our needs. We ask you all to take the time to fill out the survey, either the paper copies available in

the church or via scanning the QR code and filling out the short online form. We ask everyone over the age of 15 to fill out a form, and for one parent to include the children in their family under the age of 15. Responses are anonymous and will be used to help our PPC better understand and meet the needs of our parish. We would also like parishioners who are not at mass to fill out the form, so please pass along the word if you know of someone who is not here today.



OUR STORIES - OUR CHURCH - OUR MISSION

DIOCESAN CONSULTATION- PHASE 2- LOOKING FORWARD:

We have now begun 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? Your participation is vital, 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. If you are unable to attend the first workshop held on Friday October 11 from 7:30pm – 9:00pm, we encourage you to join us for the second workshop which will be held on **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. For those unable to join our parish workshops, you can submit your response online <https://www.cdsale.org.au/assembly24-25>. **We need to hear everyone’s voice! Your voice is important—help us shape the future!**

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL, SALE DIOCESE
 MASS, PRAISE AND WORSHIP, TEACHING
SATURDAY THE 26TH OF OCTOBER 2024
9:30AM – 4PM
 ST. MARY’S CHURCH, COMMERCIAL RD YARRAM
 FR. CONFIDENCE, FR. FRANCIS, FR. MARK
 TESTIMONY: MANDY EMANUEL
 MUSICIANS: JULIE, VALDO & SHERIZE
 Enquiries: Terry Harrington - 0456 116 061
 Jan Allgood - 0408 842 568
 Theme: Fire of the Holy Spirit.
 “God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” Romans 5:5
 Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

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.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next Sunday October 20, World Mission Sunday invites Catholics worldwide to support the Church’s mission work in over 1,150 regions. **Pope Francis** has chosen the theme, **“Go and invite everyone to the banquet,”** urging us to fulfill the Great Commission by sharing Christ’s message globally. The theme emphasizes *going out*—reaching those who haven’t heard the Gospel—and *inviting all* to experience God’s universal love. It calls for active engagement in spreading faith and welcoming everyone to the Eucharist, reflecting the inclusive nature of God’s Kingdom.

The collection taken up on this day support the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church, including building churches, providing healthcare and education, and training future priests and religious. In places where resources are scarce, your generosity makes a profound difference. As we reflect on the theme "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us remember that our participation and support help invite countless souls to the feast of God's love.



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.

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

“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” (Mark 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

Rosters for October 19 & 20, 2024			29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B		
	Lector	Commentator	Welcomer	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday Oct 19 5:00pm	S & S Reid	M Noone	M Giddens & Volunteer	C Payne & Volunteer	Alison, Jeanne & Amanda
Sunday Oct 20 9:30am	J Dal Pra	C McCabe	P & J Dal Pra	M Hansen, P Abilash & volunteer	Charismatic Choir
Sunday Oct 20 5:00pm	S Luscombe	J Fleming	B McNulty & Volunteer	2 x volunteers	
Church Cleaning	October	Volunteers			
Mick’s Kitchen	October 17	Burns Team	October 24	Van Berkel Team	
Touring Statue of our Lady	October 13	M Tainsh	October 20	O & N Pretto	

First Reading

Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
 I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
 I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
 compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
 I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for
 compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and
 beside her silver ranks as mud.
 I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her
 to the light, since her radiance never sleeps.
 In her company all good things came to me, at her
 hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm

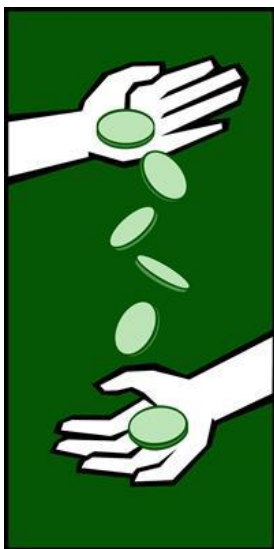
Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

(R.) *Fill us with your love, O Lord,
 and we will sing for joy!*

Make us know the shortness of our life
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.
 Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
 Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
 we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
 Give us joy to balance our affliction
 for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R.)**

Show forth your work to your servants;
 let your glory shine on their children.
 Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
 give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**



Next week's Readings
 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B
 First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11
 Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16
 Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Second Reading

Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 5:3

*Alleluia, alleluia!
 Happy the poor in spirit;
 the kingdom of heaven is theirs
 Alleluia!*

Gospel

Mk 10: 17-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'