



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
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World Mission Sunday 20th October 2024

This 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.

One of the communities Catholic Mission is currently supporting is the Church in Mongolia, as they look to be the hands and feet of Jesus by providing a range of support services to people impacted by domestic abuse and homelessness. The House of Mercy is based in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia. It will provide shelter for these people to take refuge, recuperate and help them back on their feet. Homelessness and poverty are major challenges in Mongolia. Homeless people often lose access to government health services and the Mongolian winter can drop to -40°C. There are reports of homeless people taking refuge near sewage pipes to keep warm. Domestic violence was only made a criminal offence in 2017, and according to the International Development Law Organization, one in three Mongolian women have been impacted by domestic violence. The Church recognises the need for services to support the most vulnerable people in the community. The centre will combine a variety of services under one roof, allowing for resources to be pooled together for one cause.

We invite you to partner with the Church in Mongolia through Catholic Mission today. You can be part of this critical work in Ulaanbaatar, and many other life-giving mission programs around the world. We will hold a leaving collection after each of our masses this weekend to support the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church, including building churches, providing healthcare and education, and training future priests and religious. Mission Sunday Envelopes are also available in both church foyers for you to fill out if you require a tax receipt or would like to pay via cheque or credit card. 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.

Whatever be the talents that we have been given, whether it's certain skills or opportunities or material prosperity, the response of Christian discipleship is to share that talent as a work of service for the building up of the Kingdom of God. Your generosity will help the Church in Mongolia and throughout the world, provide the crucial support that our brothers and sisters rely on. Thank you.

| Sunday Mass Times | |
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| Saturday | 5:00pm Mass |
| Sunday | 9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass |
| Weekday Mass Times | |
| Tuesday Oct 22 | 9:30am Mass |
| Wednesday Oct 23 | 11:00am Reconciliation |
| | 11:00am Exposition |
| | 12:00pm Mass |
| Thursday Oct 24 | 9:30am Mass* |
| Friday Oct 25 | 9:30am Mass |

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including John Demicoli and Martha Hall, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Giovanni Salvatore, Jean Lythgo, and Remo Magaldi. *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
- 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.*

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.

| THIS WEEK'S EVENTS: | |
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| Tuesday October 22 | |
| 6:00pm | First Communion Information Session, St Michael's Church |
| Wednesday October 23 | |
| 11:00am | Reconciliation, St Michael's Church |
| Thursday October 24 | |
| 10:30am | Charismatic Prayer Group, St Michael's Church |
| 6:00pm | Parish Finance Council Meeting |
| Sunday October 27 | |
| 5:00pm | Youth Mass, St Michael's Church |

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.



WEDDINGS: This weekend we celebrate the wedding of Tayla Trembath and Mark Bruzzese. Congratulations from us all! May God grant you both the wisdom to live a harmonious and joyful life together, the strength to navigate life's challenges, and love that overflows to bless all who know you.



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 this **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 where we will offer mass for all our VCE students who are entering the Exam phase of their studies. We invite those who are preparing for their exams to join us for mass next Sunday at 5pm, may they all be blessed with clear minds, focused thinking and peaceful hearts.



PARISH CENSUS: Last weekend our Parish Pastoral Council conducted a census of the parish to learn more about our makeup so we can ascertain our needs. Thank you for those who have already filled out the form, either online or on paper, for those who missed out on the census, it is not too late to respond. You can scan the attached QR code or request a paper form from Fr Aju after mass. Responses are anonymous and will be used to help our PPC better understand and meet the needs of our parish.





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. 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. Thank you to those who joined us last Friday for the first workshop, for those who were unable to attend, 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. Come along and join us as we share our hopes and dreams for our parish, our Diocese and our Church in the coming years. It is important that everyone's voice is heard, so please join us and help us shape the future. For those unable to join our parish workshops, you can submit your response online <https://www.cdsale.org.au/assembly24-25>.

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 praise and worship, celebrating the fire of the Holy Spirit. Hosted by Fr Confidence, Fr Francis and Fr Mark with Testimony from Mandy Emanuel, and music by Julie, Valdo and Sherize. All are welcome, please bring a long a plate 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.



WANTED: Calling all odd or holey socks!! St Michael's Primary School is in need of some odd socks. The socks can be big or small, worn or holey ... we just need them to be clean. The socks are needed before 5th November. Please leave any contributions in the tub at the back of the church.

PARISH HALL UPDATE: Construction has well and truly begun on our new parish hall. The slab has been poured, and the frame-work erected, we are now in the process of installing the new roofing, gutters and fascia. Work is on schedule and there have been fortnightly site meetings between the contractor (Langden Constructions), project manager (JJC Designs) and parish representatives.

As is the case with many building projects, we have had to deal with a few variations to the original contract. After the demolition period, it was discovered that one of the walls was not structurally sound and would need to be replaced, and extra structural beams were required for the existing parish office and carport. It was also discovered that there was no insulation in the existing office, so it has been decided that we will install new insulation before they replace the old roof. We are also looking into upgrading the existing plumbing and electrical infrastructure. Whilst these were not included in the original project, they seemed important upgrades to ensure the long-term viability of the parish precinct and to save us money in the future.

It is exciting to see the old Presbytery transform into a true Parish Centre after many years of planning and talking. At this stage the completion date has been set for March 2025 so we look forward to our Easter celebrations together in the new hall.

FUNDRAISERS NEEDED: We are in the process of putting together a parish fundraising team to help support and organise activities and ideas to raise funds for both the Parish Hall Project and the increased annual insurance premium for the parish. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Cath in the parish office on 5174 2060.



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.

| Rosters for October 26 & 27, 2024 | | | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B | | |
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| | Lector | Commentator | Welcomer | Eucharistic Minister | Musicians |
| Saturday Oct 26 5:00pm | A Taylor & B O'Brien | B Purcell | C Payne & Volunteer | C Payne & A Reid | Diamente Family |
| Sunday Oct 27 9:30am | C McLure & R Diaz | T Denny | M Blanchard & A Sykes | W Banks-Smith, P Abilash & R Varghese | Jane & Simon |
| Sunday Oct 27 5:00pm | Youth Mass | Youth Mass | Youth Mass | C Hill & J Hanratty | Zahra & Josh |
| Church Cleaning | October | Volunteers | | | |
| Mick's Kitchen | October 24 | Van Berkel Team | October 31 | McLaughlin/Hill Team | |
| Touring Statue of our Lady | October 20 | O & N Pretto | October 27 | K & A Watts | |

First Reading

Is 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.
His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love.
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS**

*“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
(Mark 10:45)*

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share”. This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

Second Reading

Heb 4: 14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.*

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 10: 35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. ‘Master,’ they said to him, ‘we want you to do us a favour.’ He said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ They said to him, ‘Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.’ ‘You do not know what you are asking’ Jesus said to them. ‘Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?’ They replied, ‘We can.’ Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.’

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: ‘You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’

Next week's Readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

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| First Reading: | Jeremiah 31:7-9 |
| Second Reading: | Hebrews 5:1-6 |
| Gospel: | Mark 10:46-52 |