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## 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.

**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



### Gospel Reflection Mark 10:46-52 There are those who get it by Michael A Kelly CSsR

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Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and, on the journey, he has been emphasising what it means to be his disciple. Peter does not get it, refusing to accept that Jesus must die on the cross. The rich young man does not get it, turning away because the cost of discipleship is too high.

The sons of Zebedee, James and John, do not get it, asking Jesus to be at his right and left when Jesus comes into his kingdom.

Jesus arrives in Jericho, the last stage on his journey to Jerusalem, and he encounters someone who does get it. Now Jesus has performed many miracles to this point in the gospel, healing a deaf-mute, a blind-man, a lame-man, as well as the demon-possessed, but none are named, except this blind-beggar: he is Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus.

For Mark, the significance of Bartimaeus is that he demonstrates the characteristics of a real disciple. The twelve do not comprehend the mission of Jesus and they vie for power. The rich young man chooses to keep his money rather than give it away and follow Jesus. It is a wonderful irony that the sighted do not see, but the blind beggar sees and follows the Lord into Jerusalem.

In the time of Jesus, those with a disability had to resort to begging to make a living, but it worked moderately well as it brought together their need to make a living and the need for law-abiding Jews to give alms.

There is a crowd around Jesus and Bartimaeus senses this is his moment. He begins yelling at the top of his voice, "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." Everyone tells him to keep quiet as it is embarrassing to hear the cries of a beggar when a distinguished person comes to town.

Like many cities and towns in our own day, the homeless and indigent are rounded up and kept away when community leaders want to make a good impression on important visitors. Sadly, we often want to make the needy invisible.

Jesus hears the voice of Bartimaeus and says to his followers, "Call him here." When he comes forward, Jesus asks him "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus may be wondering if he wants material assistance.

However, the blind-beggar comes forward, boldly knowing that Jesus is his only hope. His response is, "Rabbuni, Master, let me see again."

Jesus responds, "Go; your faith has saved you." Instead of disappearing, he follows Jesus along the road.

Mercy is the gift of God; it calls us to a deepened insight into who Jesus is, a capacity to recognise our deepest needs, the faith to turn in our need to the Lord for mercy, and the compassion to reach out to the needy in our world.

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Sunday Mass Times		
Saturday	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	9:30am	Mass
	5:00pm	Mass
Weekday Mass Times		
Tuesday Oct 29	9:30am	Mass
Wednesday Oct 30	11:00am	Reconciliation
	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thursday Oct 31	9:30am	Mass*
Friday Nov 01	9:30am	Mass

\*This Thursday's mass will be held at St Gabriel's Primary School where we will celebrate with their Year 5 students, all are welcome and encouraged to join us.

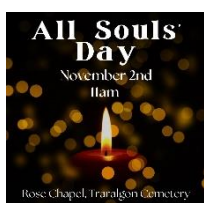
**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently including Giuseppe Comosso, Colm Donaghy, John Demicoli, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Nick Dalton, Frank Pezzuto, Michael Flynn, Sheila Rouse, Antony Urmis, Antoinette Gordyn, and Giovanni Salvatore. *Lord, let your perpetual 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, Rosemarie 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.*

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to our wonderful and talented parishioners who have been working hard to build and install handrails on the steps leading up to the ambo. Thank you to Graham, Neville and Peter for sharing their time and talents to make our church safer. You will also notice that they have been busy cleaning and resealing the wood at the back of the church and in the foyer as well. Thank you, we really appreciate your dedication to your parish and our beautiful church.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held next Tuesday October 29 at 10am in the St Vincent de Paul Centre, 43 Kay Street, Traralgon. 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.



**ALL SOULS DAY MASS**  
**Saturday November 02 @ 11am**  
**Rose Chapel, Traralgon Cemetery**  
 Join us for a special mass as we pray together for the souls of the departed.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Tuesday October 29	
10:00am	Catholic Women's League Meeting, St Vincent de Paul Centre
7:00pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting, St Michael's Church
Wednesday October 30	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday October 31	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, St Michael's Church
6:00pm	Adoration & Rosary in Malayalam, St Michael's Church
Saturday November 01- All Saints Day	
Saturday November 02- All Souls Day	
11:00am	All Souls Day Mass, Rose Chapel, Traralgon Cemetery



**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.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** This weekend we welcome our First Holy Communion Candidates and their families for their Commitment Mass. We look forward to journeying with them in the coming weeks as they prepare for the sacrament of First Holy Communion which will be celebrated at Parish Masses on the weekend of November 23 and 24.

**YOUTH NEWS:** Congratulations to our Year 12 students who have now finished their final days of formal schooling. This weekend we welcome them and all our VCE and University students who are preparing for their upcoming exams. Please keep them all in your prayers during the next few weeks. May they be blessed with calm hearts, focused minds and good outcomes.



**NOVEMBER PRAYERS:** It is our tradition to pray for those who have died and gone before us, especially in the month of November. Envelopes for November Prayer Offerings are available in both foyers and can be placed in the collection bowl or given to Father Aju directly.

**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** As the month of October draws to a close, thank you for those of you who have joined us to pray the Rosary. This Thursday October 31 we will have a special time of dedication for our Malayalam community, with Adoration, Rosary and Benediction in the church from 6pm. All are invited and welcome to join in.

**St Michael's Church, Thursday October 31 from 6pm**  
**Adoration, Rosary & Benediction in Malayalam**



**OUR STORIES - OUR CHURCH - OUR MISSION**

**DIOCESAN CONSULTATION- PHASE 2- LOOKING FORWARD:**

Our parish has now finished phase two of the consultation process where we looked forward in preparation for our Diocesan Assembly which will be held on February 14-15 2025. Thank you to all those who came along to one of our sessions, your comments and ideas will help set the agenda for the upcoming Diocesan Assembly and ultimately the pastoral needs of the whole diocese for the next five years. For those unable to join our parish workshops, you can submit your response online at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/assembly24-25>.



**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.



**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Thank you for your generous support of Catholic Mission and World Mission Sunday. Our leaving collection raised \$1,266.80 and our J-Walkers Coffee Cart raised another \$254.30, totaling \$1,521.10 which will go directly to communities in need.. Thank you to all who donated to support the important work of Catholic Mission. If you missed out on the chance to donate, it is not too late. You can place your donation in one of the Mission Sunday envelopes in the foyers and then put it in the collection plate or hand to Father Aju after mass.

**ALPHA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE: Melbourne November 8-9** '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. It would be great for our parish if we could have some people go and bring back some ideas, please contact Cath or Jen in the parish office if you would like some more information or to register your interest.

**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 this **Sunday 27 October 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.

**SHINING A LIGHT:** In today's gospel Bartimeus called for help and received two types of responses. Many in the crowd scolded him and told him to keep quiet while Jesus heard Bartimeus, recognised his need and responded to him. When someone talks to us about their experiences of domestic and family violence, we can choose to act like the crowd or like Jesus. Of the two choices, only Jesus's led to healing. We see his actions reflected in the 3Rs to break the cycle of domestic and family violence: Recognise, Respond and Refer. From **October 27th to November 17th**, parishes across the Sale Diocese will unite in **Shining a Light** on domestic violence and praying for its end. Let us stand together to create a safer, more compassionate community.



**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](mailto:soupvans@svdp-vic.org.au) or contact the Traralgon co-ordinator Marg Morrison on 0439 600 899.

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS**

*"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (Mark 10:52)*

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

Rosters for November 02 & 03, 2024			31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B		
	Lector	Commentator	Welcomer	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday Nov 02 5:00pm</b>	C Di Corleto	M Noone	M Giddens & Volunteer	B O'Brien & B Purcell	Jane & Simon
<b>Sunday Nov 03 9:30am</b>	U & E Imhagwe	M Wilkinson	P & J Dal Pra	E Ryan, T Caldwell & R Varghese	Filipino Choir
<b>Sunday Nov 03 5:00pm</b>	V Vaz & S Harikrishna	C Hill	J & M McLaughlin	2 x volunteers	Jane & Simon
Church Cleaning	November 04	Collis Team			
Mick's Kitchen	October 31	McLaughlin/Hill Team		November 07	Cartledge Team
Touring Statue of our Lady	October 27	K & A Watts		November 04	St Michael's School



**First Reading** Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.*

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!  
See, I will bring them back from the land of the North  
and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of  
them: the blind and the lame, women with child,  
women in labour: a great company returning here.

They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead  
them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by  
a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-  
born son.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 125 R v3

**(R.)** *The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
It seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and  
is appointed to act for men in their relations with God,  
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can  
sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain  
because he too lives in the limitations of weakness.  
That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself  
as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on  
himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was.  
Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high  
priest, but he had it from the one who said to him:  
You are my son, today I have become your father,  
and in another text: You are a priest of the order of  
Melchizedek, and for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 5:3

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away  
with death,*

*and brought us life through his gospel.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Mk 10: 46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Master, grant that I may see.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large  
crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a  
blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When  
he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to  
shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on  
me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to  
keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of  
David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call  
him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,'  
they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off  
his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus  
spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?'  
'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me  
see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has  
saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and  
he followed him along the road.

Next week's Readings  
31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Second Reading:	Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel:	Mark 12:28-34