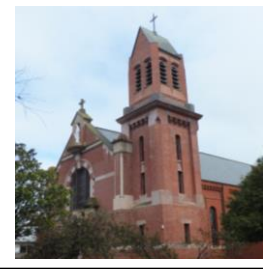




**St Michael's Parish, Traralgon**  
in partnership with  
**St Mary's Parish, Yarram**  
and including  
St Columbkille's, Glengarry  
St Gerard's Woodside



**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.

**St Mary's Vision Statement:** St Mary's is a faith community that aims to make Jesus known and loved by living the Gospel message of acceptance, welcome and service to all members of the community.

**St Mary's Mission Statement:** At St. Mary's we strive to:

- \*Continue to be an active, prayerful and sacramental faith community.
- \*Grow in faithfulness to our Catholic tradition by full participation in Eucharistic celebrations sacraments and prayer. \*Respect and value all creation.
- \*Use our time, talents and treasures to provide quality human, financial and facility resources to sustain and serve our parish's faith community and the wider community. \*Support lifelong Catholic education and faith formation.

**Statement of Commitment to the safety of children and vulnerable adults:** Central to the mission of St Michael's and St Mary's Parishes is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children, young people and vulnerable adults and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

**St Michael's Parish Information**

**Fr Francis Otopo** Parish Priest

**Fr Saji John** Assistant Priest

Parish Centre 5174 2060

Priests' Residence: 5174 6765

**Sr Doreen Dagge RSJ** 5174 9997

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Office hours –

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

Sacraments Admin: Mrs Jenifer Hanratty

Email: sacraments@smpt.org.au

**After office hours** - in case of emergency, please call 5174 2060 and leave your details on the message service.

**Baptisms:** Four weeks notice required

**Weddings:** Six months notice required

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Greg Imhagwe  
Chairperson, Fr Francis, Fr Saji, Sr Doreen,  
Kevin Taylor, Ray Moretti, Amanda Reid,  
Jenifer Hanratty, Steve Kimani, Marita  
Kennedy, Rob Tarraran, Ros Joyner and  
Doug Doherty, Bev O'Brien.

**Our Schools:**

**St Gabriel's School** 5174 5515

Principal: Mrs Roslyn Joyner

**St Michael's School** 5174 3295

Principal: Mrs Jodie Ware

**Lavalla Catholic College** 5174 5272

Principal: Mr John Freeman

Kildare Campus 5174 8111

St Paul's Campus 5174 7355

From a letter from Bishop Pat O'Regan, dated January 30 2018.

**Re Ash Wednesday Days of Fasting and Reparation**

At the November Plenary of the Bishops of Australia, the following motion was passed – *'That the conference proclaim the days from Ash Wednesday until the Saturday after Ash Wednesday in 2018 as days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims.'*

To this end the Bishops Commission for Liturgy has produced resources for use of these days both for use at home and a Parish communal celebration.

The background is given in this draft version of a letter recently sent to us by the President of the Conference:

*'Dear brothers and sisters, Last December, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse handed down its final report. Like the Australian Government and many other institutions, the Catholic bishops of Australia and leaders of religious institutes are currently studying the final report and its recommendations.*

*In the long years since the tragedy of child sexual abuse within the Catholic community became known, the Church has committed to policies, procedures and structures to respond better to survivors of abuse and their families, to establish professional standards for all ministers and Church workers, and to safeguard children and vulnerable people. For the Church, as for other*

*institutions, this has involved gradual learning and development, and so it will continue to be.*

*Through these years, Australia's bishops and other Church leaders have often expressed their sorrow and have offered their apology for what has occurred in the past – the harm suffered by victims, the instances of cover-up, the failure to believe survivors' stories and to respond with compassion and justice and the distress that many still experience. Our apologies have at time seemed too little – not because they were insincere but because trust has been broken. We stand firm in our resolve to ensure that the abuse of children never happens again in the Catholic Church and to build new bonds of trust.*

*With the Royal Commission concluded, our country and our Church enter into a new moment. We are calling upon the Catholic community in Australia to embrace this new moment by beginning the penitential season of Lent with three days of fasting and reparation. These are spiritual practices which express our desire for God's reconciling and healing grace. Through fasting, we stand in solidarity with the victims of abuse whose much deeper hunger is for healing and peace in their lives. Through reparation, we make amends for the sin of those in the Church who abused children or failed to listen and act when they should have.*

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### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm	St Michael's Traralgon
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
	10:00am	St Mary's Yarram
	10:00am	St Columbkille's Glengarry
	6:00 pm	St Michael's Traralgon

### WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

#### **February 12 to February 17**

<b>Mon 12</b>	11:00am	Requiem Mass for Pat Harrup
<b>Tues 13</b>	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
	11:00am	Mass, Crossley House, Yarram

#### **Ash Wednesday – Feb 14**

	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
	10:00am	Mass, St Mary's
	12:00pm	Mass, St Michael's
	6:00pm	Mass, St Michael's

<b>Thurs 15</b>	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
	7:30pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's

<b>Fri 16</b>	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
	7:30pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's

<b>Sat 17</b>	9.30am	Mass, St Michael's
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently, including James Patrick (Pat) Harrup and Simon Panther and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Noel Pendlebury, Marinus & Gezina Waanders, and Vincenzina and Nicola Marino.

***Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.***

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including Dorothy Buckland, Lee Allman, Joy Cahill, Cornelia Bakker, Ken Vivian, John Besselink, Jan Gilmour, Dot Mulquiney, Ivy May, Celie Smith, Maria Alessandrini, Joyce Martin, Marie Howard, Pat O'Mara, Robert Hazelman, Fr Frank Freeman, Carolyn Gleeson, Gary Donchi, Ann Lapuh, Peter Heron, Fr Frank Young



### BAPTISMS:

This week we welcome for baptism, Henry Leo Collins son of Paul and Stephanie: Wyatt David Dick, son of Daniel and Kerry: and Emma Christine Rankin, daughter of Troy and Rachael. The next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information



**FAREWELL TO FR SAJI:** Parishioners are invited to Fr Saji's farewell cuppa after 9:30am Mass on Sunday February 18. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate of morning tea to share.

### BAPTISM PROGRAMME

**FOR SCHOOL – AGED CHILDREN:** Our Parish is once more running a programme for children aged from 4 to 13 who wish to be baptized.

There will be three weekly sessions of one hour (4.30–5.30pm), held in the Parish Centre, starting on Wednesday February 28th. The other dates are Wednesday March 7th, and Wednesday March 14th. The children will be presented to the Parish community in the Rite of Reception on Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> at the 6.00pm Mass, with their baptisms being celebrated at the Easter Vigil on Saturday March 31st. Contact either the Parish Office on 5174 2060 or **Susan Grout (0412 671 308)** by Wednesday February 21st, if your child/children are interested.

There is a cost of \$20 for a baptism candle and \$20 for a baptism stole for each child to use in the baptism ceremony. Parents are asked to bring correct money for these to the meeting on February 28.

### THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

#### **Tues Feb 13**

**7:30pm** Information and Formation session for Eucharistic Ministers, both current and beginners.

#### **Weds Feb 14**

Weds am Cells Prayer Group  
Mary MacKillop room

#### **Thurs Feb 15**

**12:00pm** Valley Regional Pastoral Group Meeting, Moe

**LENTE REFLECTION GROUP:** The Lenten Reflection Group will run through the Mondays of Lent in the Parish Centre at 7:30pm each week.

### **Ash Wednesday Days of Fasting and Reparation** (continued from page 1)

*The days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims will be marked by prayer – in our homes and in our Catholic communities. Please take to heart the importance of these days in preparing the Church to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and to make the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We cannot undo the past. With God's help, we can make the future better."*

I ask that all parishes not only use the resources, but also schedule prayer that these may be prayed and that these be days of special fasting.

Bishop Pat O'Regan, January 31, 2018

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend our Parish's Evenings of Prayer for the Days of Fasting and Reparation on **Thursday and Friday evenings (Feb 15 & 16) at 7:30pm** in the Church.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated each Friday evening during Lent at 7:00pm in the Church. All are warmly invited to attend.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING:** An evening of information for all those who currently serve, or who would like to serve, as special ministers of the Eucharist at our Masses is being held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm** in the Parish Centre. All welcome!

**FIRST COMMUNION 2018:** Preparation for First Communion for our young students in Year 4 will commence early this Term. Dates to remember are :-

#### **Weds Feb 21**

6:45pm Parent Information Night

**Weds Feb 28** 4:00pm or 5:30pm.

Parent & Child Workshop 1,

**Weds Mar 14** 4:00pm or 5:30pm

Parent & Child Workshop 2.

**Sun Mar 18** 9:30am Mass

First Communion Celebration (i).

**Sat Mar 24** 6:00pm Mass

First Communion Celebration (ii)

**Catechist sessions:** will be held at 4:30pm on Thursday Feb 22, Tuesday Feb 27, Tuesday Mar 06 and Tuesday Mar 13.

**MONTHLY YOUTH MASS:**



This year we will be celebrating the Year of Youth. One way to do this is to continue having monthly Youth Mass celebrations. We invite children of all ages to be involved and take part in the various ministries. We have something for everyone. Please note the following dates:

**Training fun in the Hall - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 4.30pm – 5.30pm**

(All children Grade 5 and under are required to have a parent present at all training sessions.)

**Youth Mass - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 6pm**

Please let Jen Hanratty know if you are interested on 0437492349.

**SMY@L – St.Michael's Parish Youth Group**

St.Michael's Youth group is for all young people from **Year 5, 6 & lower secondary levels (from any school)**. SMY@L meet in the Mary MacKillop Hall a few times each school term, and run a variety of activities in a safe, friendly environment with leaders from our Parish Community who all have current Working With Children Checks. We meet on a Friday night.

Participants are signed in and out at the end of each session. Our leaders all have experience in working with young people.

**FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**The Annual Messy & Gross Games Night!**

*Warning!!!! YOU WILL GET MESSY!!!!*

*Don't let your friends miss out on this one. Wear old clothes or bring a spare set and a towel.*

*Meet at St Mary MacKillop Hall, 6:30-8:30pm. Cost \$3, lucky door prize. Contact Leah 0438 811 709 for info.*

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** The CPG meets every Thursday evening at 7:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Room (until the Hall is available for use again).

All are welcome to come and join in! Enquiries to Cathy on 5174 3001.

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE PRESENCE OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH IN ST. MARY'S PARISH**

**YARRAM:** On Sunday, 18th February St Mary's Yarram will be celebrating 100 years of the presence of the Sisters of St. Joseph in our parish. Bishop Patrick O'Regan will be celebrating Mass at 10.00am. This will be followed by lunch in the Mary MacKillop Hall with an opportunity to look at our newly refurbished school. If you are a past student or parishioner, wishing to join us in our celebrations, could you please contact the Parish Office on 5182 5028 on Tuesdays or email [stmarysyarram@bigpond.com](mailto:stmarysyarram@bigpond.com)

**PROCLAIM 2018:** The biennial Proclaim conference is being held in July (12-14), 2018. The theme for this conference is "Make Your Home in Me". The conference will be held in Brisbane and will focus on enhancing parish renewal and is organised and hosted on behalf of the National Centre for Evangelisation, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Please go to

[www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au) for further information, and let Fr Francis know if you are interested in attending.

**FINANCE MATTERS:**

*"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

**FINANCE MATTERS:** Sincere thanks to all for their continued financial support of our Parish. As in all things parish, nothing would ever happen if it weren't for each and every contribution so generously made.

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:**

If you wish to have information about our Planned Giving programme please contact the Parish Office.

**Counters:** Feb 18 Burns Team  
Feb 25 Arend Team

**CHANEL COLLEGE 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**REUNION** for students of the Marist Fathers Era (1958 -1970) is being held in April, 2018. For details send your email address to [chanel.geelong@gmail.com](mailto:chanel.geelong@gmail.com) or your postal details to PO Box 3069 Geelong West 3218.



**Rosters for February 18, 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	C DiCorleto	S Hill	B Power, M Giddens, D Buckland, T D Koke	Haroldo Luque	Diamante Family	Volunteer required
9:30am	N Georgeson	M Moulton	P Carlin, T Denny, J & W Waanders, L Panozzo-Tilè, Volunteer	Richard Benbow & M Blanchard	Charismatic Choir	P & L Van der Velden
6:00pm	R Tarraran	R Tarraran	J Reid, D Locke, Volunteers x2	D Buckland	Jane	A O'Neill

- **Altar Cleaning:** February 18 M Giddens February 25 M Tainsh
- **Church Cleaning:** February St Michael's Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Shane and Amanda
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** February 11 K & N Fitzsimon February 18 C & C Medhurst  
Please contact the family before you leave the statue to make sure they are home. Thank you. For further information regarding roster please contact: Marie Moulton 5174 0938 Email: [memou\\_38@bigpond.com](mailto:memou_38@bigpond.com)
- **Mick's Kitchen:** February 15 Van Berkel Team February 22 Mitchell Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 30:3-4

*Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your  
name.*

**First Reading** Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

**(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of  
salvation.**

- Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom the Lord  
imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. **(R.)**
- But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.  
I said: 'I will confess  
my offence to the Lord.'  
And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. **(R.)**
- Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation** Lk 7:16

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

**Readings for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

<i>First Reading:</i>	<i>Genesis 9:8-15</i>
<i>Second Reading:</i>	<i>1 Peter 3:18-22</i>
<i>Gospel:</i>	<i>Mark 1:12-15</i>