



St Michael's Parish, Traralgon

St Michael's Church, Traralgon

St Columbkille's Church, Glengarry

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 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 Otobo Parish Priest
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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, Jan Fitzpatrick, 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
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To the people of the Church of Australia, on GOOD FRIDAY 2018 –

Since 2011, the civil war in Syria has inflicted unspeakable suffering on the people. The Franciscan friars are still doggedly present in demolished cities such as Damascus, Homs and Aleppo.

"Welcome to Aleppo!" The road sign reads like a joke. But the town has slowly started to come back to life. Some Christian families have heard that the Church is ready to donate a first-aid food package, also to assist in rebuilding their damaged homes and to help a father to find a job. They have decided to return home. Parish Priest Fr Ibrahim Alsabagh OFM sees this as a great sign of hope for the exhausted local community and for the Franciscans who have always been alongside the people. "It encourages us to keep on going."

Visiting Aleppo, Fr Luke OFM from Rhodes reports, "Our friars and nuns really have done a wonderful job. The two Catholic hospitals have remained open throughout. The soldiers are used to seeing the Franciscans about on foot, visiting the poor and gathering the children for the creches and for Catechism. Even a few kind words from us help the people. They see in us determination to be with them and near them despite the danger."

Syria has captured our attention, but the Custody of the Holy Land embraces also Israel and Palestine, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Rhodes and Cyprus.

Fr Michael Perry OFM, Minister General, visited the Custody of the Holy Land and reported, "I admire the courage and determination of the Christians who do not want to leave their country... I saw that the friars are united, they pray and work together, although they are tired and worn out by the situation... Then I listened to the local Christians, who spoke of the presence of the friars in their midst like real men of God capable of love and welcome."

Our Pope's world-wide Good Friday Collection offers us Australian Catholics an opportunity to contribute to the upkeep of the Holy Places and to express our solidarity with Christians in the Custody of the Holy Land. Our parishioners, Parish Priests and Bishops have always been most generous. Our donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in the Custody of the Holy Land. I thank you all wholeheartedly on their behalf.

Carl Schafer OFM

Friar Carl Schafer OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land (Australia)

Above is a letter from Friar Carl Schafer OFM, Commissary of the Holy Land (Aust). We will have a collection for the Holy Land Commissariat on Good Friday. Please support this worthwhile cause.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday	6:00pm	St Michael's Traralgon
Sunday	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
	10:00am	St Columbkille's Glengarry
	6:00 pm	St Michael's Traralgon

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

March 19 to 24

Mon 19	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 20	10:45am	Mass, Marjery Cole
	1:30pm	Funeral Prayers for Joan Jennings
Weds 21	11:00am	{Exposition
	12:00pm	{Mass
Thurs 22	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
Fri 23	9:30am	Mass
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 24	9.30am	Mass

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 10:15am & 5:30pm or any time by arrangement with Father.

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for Baptism Lincoln Emanuel Cassar, son of Aaron and Renee. Congratulations from us all.



The next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Tuesday 17th April at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be celebrated each Friday of Lent at 7:00pm in the Church. This coming week (Friday March 16) will be led by the Youth Group.

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

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS:

Our next Youth Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 21st April at 6:00pm Mass. Come and join in with our enthusiastic, energetic group of youngsters.



FIRST COMMUNION 2018:

Dates to remember are:-

Sun Mar 18 9:30am Mass

First Communion Celebration (i).

Sat Mar 24 6:00pm Mass

First Communion Celebration (ii)

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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 23rd March

Easter & Games Night

Join in an Easter egg hunt and discover the real meaning of Easter as we participate in the Stations of the Cross. Indoor & Outdoor games and activities. Cost \$3:00, and bring some canned food for donation to St Vincent de Paul society. 6:30-8:30pm. Phone Lou 0414 540 296 for info.

MASS OF THE OILS: Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Mass of the Oils in St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 27th March at 11:00am. This is a wonderful celebration when Oils are blessed and consecrated and distributed to the parishes for use in our sacramental life.

THE EUCHARIST . . . is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak. (Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 47)

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE: All parishioners are warmly invited to attend a Taizé Lenten Prayer service at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 249 Kay Street, Traralgon on Friday 23rd March at 11:00am to midday.

The Lavalla Catholic College liturgical choir will lead the congregation in the Taizé chants.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently, including Joan Jennings, Ken Vivian, Frank Valencic and John Zahra and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Sergio Innocenzi, Daniel and Mary Allman, Ann Campbell.

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including Joan Lamont, May O'Reilly, Brian Vivian, Graham Carney, Dorothy Buckland, Lee Allman, Joy Cahill, Cornelia Bakker, 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.



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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Please keep **Thursday April 26 at 7:00pm** free to come and attend an Open Meeting with Bishop Pat about preparation for the 2020 Plenary Council Meeting. Bishop Pat will speak about the direction the Australian Bishops Council, and the Diocese of Sale are moving in, and what our Parishes will be asked to do.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Mon 19

7:30pm Lenten Reflection Group, Parish Centre

Weds 21

9:00am Weds am Cells Prayer Group Mary MacKillop room

1:00pm Weds pm Cells Prayer Group, Parish Centre

GOOD FRIDAY WALK WITH THE CROSS:

The Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of the Cross will begin in front of our Church at 11:00am it will process down Church Street to the highway and then across to Victory Park. All parishioners are warmly invited to join in.



Holy Week

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Palm Sunday

Masses	Saturday March 24	6:00pm	St Michael's
	Sunday March 25	9:30am	St Michael's
		10:00am	St Columbkille's, Glengarry
		6:00pm	St Michael's
Tuesday 27th March		9:15am	Mass, St Michael's
		7:30pm	Tenebrae Service, St Michael's
Wednesday 28th March		9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
Thursday 29th March		9:30am	Reconciliation, St Michael's
		7:30pm	Holy Thursday Mass, St Michael's
Friday 30th March (Good Friday)		10:00am	Stations of the Cross, St Michael's
		3:00pm	Service of the Lord's Passion, St Michael's
Saturday 31st March (Holy Saturday)		7:30pm	Easter Vigil, St Michael's
Sunday 1st April (Easter Sunday)		8:30am	Mass, St Michael's
		10:00am	Mass, St Columbkille's, Glengarry
		10:30am	Mass, St Michael's

**please note, no 6:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday*



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

Ditosa, a young girl from Mozambique, is cared for by her grandmother after her parents died of AIDS related illnesses. In 2018, thanks to Caritas Australia's support, Ditosa has now graduated from school and hopes to go to university and secure an even brighter future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help Young women like Ditosa to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with a just future.

A Just Future starts with your support!

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



FINANCE MATTERS:

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

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

Counters: **Mar 18** Mitchell Team
Mar 25 Waanders Team

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	S Grout	S Hill	J Scholtes, R Tactor, Volunteers x 2	S Frankland, L Kennedy	Jane	A & M Giddens
9:30am	M Hansen/N Georgeson	M Tainsh	W Detering, C Payne, J Cahill, C Mesaric, M Hanratty, Volunteer	C Collis, E Freeman	Lavalla Choir	G Imhagwe
6:00pm	R Tarraran	R Tarraran	Volunteers x 4	G Edgar, J Sykes	Jane	L Theissling

• **Altar Cleaning:**

• **Church Cleaning:**

• **Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

• **Touring Statue of Our Lady:**

March 18 L Kennedy
 March Hanratty Team
 Shane and Amanda
 March 18 J & D Doherty
 March 25 M Giddens
 April Collis Family
 March 25 U & G Imhagwe
 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

• **Mick's Kitchen:**

March 22 Burns Team

March 29 Moretti Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 42:1-2

*Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.*

First Reading Jer 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt,
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Heb 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel Jn 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Next week’s Readings: Palm Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 21:8-9, 17-20 23-24, Rv2

Gospel: John 15:1-39