



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 vulnerable adults: 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, Chris DiCorleto and Shane Reid on 5174 2060 if you have any concerns.

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After office hours - in case of an emergency please call 0448 529 712 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: Greg Imhagve Chairperson, Fr Francis, Sr Doreen, Lia Di Corleto, Watson Gomez, Jenifer Hanratty, Steve Kimani, Judi McLaughlin, Thomas Mathew, Amanda Reid, Kevin Taylor, Jodie Ware, Ros Joyner, Doug Doherty and Bev O'Brien.

Our Schools:

St Gabriel's School 5174 5515

Principal: Mrs Roslyn Joyner

St Michael's School 5174 3295

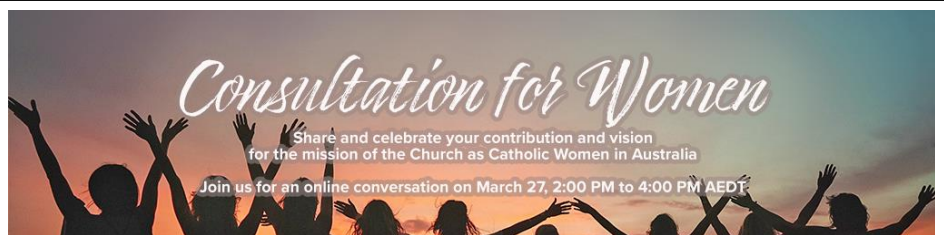
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Principal: Mr John Freeman

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NATIONAL CONSULTATION FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN:

Catholic women are being invited to participate in an online national consultation on March 27th, with the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry.

The consultation invites women to articulate and celebrate their contribution and vision for the mission of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse (BCELM Chairperson) and Bishop Michael Morrissey (Bishops Delegate for Women) will be present for the meeting to hear the voice of Catholic Women from around Australia.

Bishop Michael Morrissey said he is looking forward to hearing from Catholic women from across the country. "The thoughts, the voices and the actions of women within the Catholic Church are absolutely central to our life and mission, and the national consultation invites a sharing and listening that will benefit the whole Church," he said. "All the bishops have women acting in senior roles within their dioceses; this conversation provides another forum for broader national conversation."

Clara Geoghegan, the executive secretary of the Bishops Commission and one of the organisers of the consultation, said women she had spoken with were supportive of the idea of a national conversation. "Women are looking forward to the opportunity to speak with the two bishops and with one another and, as invited by the great document *Gaudium et Spes*, to share their joys and their hopes, their griefs and their anxieties, for the Church in Australia."

Consultation Details:

Date: Saturday 27 March

Time: 2pm-4pm AEDT

Platform: Zoom

Read more and register at <https://nce.catholic.org.au/catholicwomen>

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 5:00pm
Attendance numbers at our Masses are limited to 180 people. <u>Please arrive 15 minutes early to register your attendance.</u> Covid safety practices apply	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tues March 16	9:30am Mass 10:45am Mass, Margery Cole, residents only
Weds March 17	11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thurs March 18	9:30 am Mass
Fri March 19	9:30am Mass (GCPA)
Parishioners attending weekday Masses are asked to <u>arrive 15 minutes before Mass to ensure their attendance is recorded.</u>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Michael Hanratty, Martin Saul and Fr Tom O'Connell and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Rocchina Della Fortuna, Antonio Panozzo-Tilè, Dolara & Sam Vella, Myra King, Frank Valencic, Thomas Rigg, Jeanette Smith, Patrick Gorman, Enio Bastianutto, Mary Holmes and Ray Baker.

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK including Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, Fr Bernard Buckley, Conceicao Carvalho, Peter Dal Pra, Ann-Maree Daly, Anthony Derham, Sr Delia Donahoe, Gary Donchi, Bill Edgar, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Jenny Hansch, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Peter Lont, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah McKerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Maree Morris, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Jerry Templer, Julie Vaz, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, Wil Waanders, George Walkan and Roy Ward and all those we hold dear in our hearts.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Wednesday March 17

9:00am Weds am Prayer Group
Mary MacKillop Centre

1:00pm Weds pm Prayer Group,
Mary MacKillop Room

5:30pm Liturgy Team

Thursday March 18

10:30am Charismatic Prayer Group
Mary MacKillop Room

7:30pm RCIA, Parish Centre

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for baptism –

- **Jaeger San Diego**, son of Erbie & Maria:
- **Elle Cooper**, daughter of Sarah & Michael.

Congratulations to the Cooper and San Diego families from us all, we look forward to getting to know young Elle and Jaeger as they grow.

The next Baptism Preparation meeting will be held in the Church on **Tuesday March 23 at 7:00pm**. Please contact the Parish office if you are wishing to attend.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Parish is planning to celebrate the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.



"THE FIVE WOUNDS OF CHRIST – A Reconciliation"

This service will be held on Thursday 25th March at 7:30pm in the Church. All are warmly invited to attend.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: will be celebrated in the Parish on **March 17, 18 & 19**.

Our **Piety Stall** will be opened on Weds March 17 and Thursday March 18 from 5:30 – 6:00pm.

RCIA NEWS: Please remember to keep **Bianca Grundy** and **Rachel Williams-Rankin**, their families and the RCIA Team in your prayers, as they continue their journeys to Easter.

CWL LADIES WALK: CWL ladies will again walk this coming **Tuesday, March 16 10:00am -11:00am**, meeting at Our Lady of the Way grotto. For further information please call 0413 489 704. *These walks are held on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month.*

COMMEMORATION OF THE SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT

On Sunday 21 March 2021, the refurbished grave of the 5 children who died in this accident in 1960 will be blessed at 2pm, followed by a gathering in the Oak Function Room to share stories and look over the history of this event.

The five students are buried in a communal grave near one of the Catholic Sections at Traralgon Cemetery.

Traralgon Cemetery Trust are hoping families and community members will be able to join them on

Sunday 21 March 2021

at 2pm at Gippsland Memorial Park

at the refurbished grave which will be blessed by Fr Francis followed by a gathering in the Oak Room for afternoon tea. ALL WELCOME. Please contact the Cemetery office on 5174 9071 for catering purposes

REGISTERING YOUR ATTENDANCE AT MASS: We now have a QR code available for parishioners to use to record their attendance at Mass. If you have a smart phone, you only need to scan in the QR code, and register your name via your phone. Your details are recorded directly with the Department of Health and Human Services.

If you do not own a smart phone, then do not fear. You may record your name and phone number on the attendance sheets provided using either your own pen or a 'clean' pen. **Please arrive to Mass 15-20 minutes early to ensure your attendance is recorded.**



HOLY WEEK 2021

Palm Sunday	March 28, 2021
	March 27 5:00pm Mass
	March 28 9:00am Mass
	10:30m Mass
	5:00pm Mass
Tues March 30	9:30am Mass
	7:30pm Tenebrae Service
Weds March 31	9:30am Mass
	5:30 - 6:30pm Reconciliation
Thurs April 01	9:30am – 10:30am Reconciliation
	7:30pm Holy Thursday Mass
Fri April 02	Good Friday
	10:00am Stations of the Cross
	3:00pm Service of the Lord's Passion
Sat April 03	Holy Saturday
	7:30pm Easter Vigil
Sun April 04	9:00am Mass
	10:30am Mass

Parishioners are advised they will need to book to attend the Good Friday 3:00pm Service of the Lord's Passion. The Trybooking.com link will be advertised in next week's bulletin. You may ring the office to book if you are unable to use Trybooking.com.

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop

We invite you to order your free copy of *Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer*

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to **"take fresh courage..."** as Mary did so often.

These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to:
www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book
 or call us on Ph: 02 8912 2777

MARY MACKILLOP
today



Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

DIOCESAN LAUNCH OF THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:

Bishop Gregory Bennet invites us to join the launch of *"Lets Connect!"*, the new Diocesan resource for Families, along with the launch of the Year of St Joseph.

Evening Prayer

Solemnity of St Joseph

4:00pm Friday 19th March 2021

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Warragul

Bookings essential. Register at

www.trybooking.com/BPIII

RSVP by Wednesday March 17th.

Enquiries to Soph Morley,

Phone 5622 667, Email smorley@sale.catholic.org.au

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."

- John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

Rosters for Saturday March 20 & Sunday March 21, 2021

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Ushers
Sat 5:00pm	R Foote / T Larkin	D Smith	Volunteer required
Sun 9:00am	M Hansen	C McCabe	Volunteer required
Sun 10:30am	S Luscombe	S Grout	Volunteer required
Sun 5:00pm	E Joseph	M Noone	Volunteer required

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 66:10-11

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

First Reading 2 Chron 36:14-16 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 136 R v6.

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps. **(R.)**
2. For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' **(R.)**
3. O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **(R.)**

4. O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! **(R.)**

Second Reading Eph 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only
Son,
that all who believe in hi might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel Jn 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Next Week's Readings: Fifth Sunday of Lent	
First Reading:	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Second Reading:	Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel:	John 11:1-45

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