



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 Imhagwe 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
 Principal: Mrs Jodie Ware
Lavalla Catholic College 5174 5272
 Principal: Mr John Freeman
 Kildare Campus 5174 8111
 St Paul's Campus 5174 7355

Life in the Spirit Seminar—save the date

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Sale Diocese is conducting a Diocese-wide Renewal Seminar for everyone in the Diocese of Sale. This follows the advice of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who encourages all Catholics (and all Christians) to embrace this spiritual renewal program. Bishop Greg has blessed this initiative. It will be an exciting moment with the Holy Spirit, please do not miss this opportunity.

Three seminars will be held in a central location in the Diocese as follows:

Venue: St Ita's, Drouin

Dates: Saturday, 17 April, God's promise of the Holy Spirit
 Saturday, 22 May, New Life in God's Spirit
 Saturday, 19 June, Community in the Lord;
 Commissioning Mass with Bishop Greg

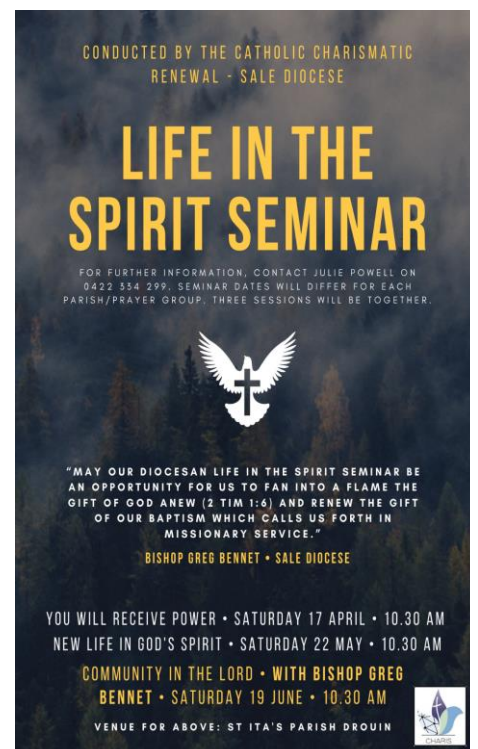
Time: 10.30 am each day.

The other seminars will be organised on Prayer Group/Parish levels. For parishes where there is no Prayer Group or leaders to facilitate the seminars, please contact one of the following Parishes/Prayer Groups:

- St Michael's Traralgon;
- St Mary's Bairnsdale;
- St Ita's Drouin;
- St Michael's Berwick;
- St Agatha's Cranbourne;
- St Patrick's Pakenham; and
- Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren.

For other general enquiries please contact: John Duiker (Coordinator) Anushka (Secretary), Julie Powell (Prayer Group leader, Warragul/Drouin), Fr Francis Otobo (Chaplain).

"May our Diocesan Life in the Spirit Seminar be an opportunity for us to fan into a flame the gift of God anew (1 Tim 1:6) and renew the gift of our baptism which calls us forth in missionary service." (Bishop Greg Bennet, Sale Diocese).



Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 5:00pm
Attendance numbers at our Masses are limited to 180 people. Please arrive 15 minutes early to register your attendance. Covid safety practices apply	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tues March 23	9:30am Mass
Weds March 24	11:00am Exposition
	12:00pm Mass
Thurs March 25	9:30 am Mass
Fri March 26	9:30am Mass
Parishioners attending weekday Masses are asked to arrive 15 minutes before Mass to ensure their attendance is recorded.	

REQUIEM MASS for *Wil Waanders* will be celebrated on **Monday March 22, at 1:000pm.**

Rosary will be recited on Sunday evening (March 21) following the 5:00pm Mass.

The church is still only able to seat 180 people, so parishioners may wish to assist Wil's family by livestreaming the Requiem Mass. To livestream the service you can go to the web page of Latrobe Valley Funeral Services, lvfs.com.au, and click on livestreaming.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including May O'Reilly, Wil Waanders, Leonie Allman, Allan Douch, Michael Hanratty and Martin Saul and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Brian Hourigan, George Hodgson, Simon Stoddart, John Melenhorst, Carmello Pizzi, Rocchina Della Fortuna, Antonio Panozzo-Tilè, Dolora & Sam Vella. **Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK including Maria Alessandrini, 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 Mc Kerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Maree Morris, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Jerry Templer, Julie Vaz, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, George Walkan and Roy Ward and all those we hold dear in our hearts.

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for baptism –

- *Lila Rentsch*, daughter of Stephen & Michelle.

Congratulations Stephen & Michelle from us all, we look forward to getting to know young Lila as she grows.

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.



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.



STARTING OUR PARISH UP AGAIN:

As we gratefully return to Masses in our Church, we are again in need of volunteers to help our Parish function and our Masses to be well run and meaningful celebrations:- We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:-
 Readers Commentators Ushers Eucharistic Ministers
 Youth Ministry Leaders Church cleaning
 Money Counters Banking Team

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.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:	
Tuesday March 23	
7:00pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting Church
Wednesday March 24	
9:00am	Weds am Prayer Group Mary MacKillop Centre
1:00pm	Weds pm Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
5:30pm	Liturgy Team
7:30pm	Risk Management Team
Thursday March 25	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group Mary MacKillop Room
7:30pm	RCIA, Parish Centre



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

Attendance at our 3:00pm service on Good Friday must be booked through Trybooking.com. The Trybooking link to book is <https://www.trybooking.com/BPUMG>



To our children who have this week received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time:

Max Adrichem, Michael Alex, Alexander Alway-Peters, Lisa Annells-Evans, Estelle Archibald, Sienna Athanasiadas, Mason Athanasiadas, Nickolas Hollingsworth, Austin Ayres, Scarlett Baxter, Luka Beange, Georgia Blythman, Charlotte Bond, Tayler Bonnici, Javier Borg, Indi Bowen, Brodie Burnett, William Calabro, Noah Carney, Ruby Coles, Ceili Coulthard, Sian Coulthard, Connor Cummins, Harper Cummins, Faith Daniel, Ruby Darby, Quinlen Davidson, Zoe Day, Samuel Dodman, Aoife Doherty, Rowan Dunne, Darcie Evans, Mia Francolino, Oscar Frankland, William Frankland, Leigham Frendo, Harry Giblett, Nicolas Gilham, Sebastian Goicoa, Jared Green, Eve Hanratty, Hamish Harle, Audrey Heenan, Isla Hollands, Juliana Holmes, Darcy Hourigan, Paige Humphrey, James Hunt, Ekhai Imhagwe, Sofia Inchincoli, Jayden Joseph, Aaliyah Judilla, Tahnee Judilla, Angelica Jurial, Frank Kennedy, Nathan Kimani, Willow Kirby, Harper Kite, Kumen Konyi, Milla Koppen, Wynter Krausz, Jack Krieger, Harry Kurrle, William Lambert, Isabel Lavery, Rex Leech, Dante Lourensz, Jack MacGregor, Honor MacGregor, Hannah Mack, Mila Magaldi, Jaise Maiden, Jesse Mainella, Lewis Manzo, Liya Maria-Roy, Jack Marino, Oscar Marotta, Ryder McGregor, Braith McNeil, Miles Mathew, Oliver Mendez, Heath Monument, Ella Monument, Lachlan Moon, Rocco Moretti, Elijah Nicolopoulos, Alice Nye, Harry O’Neill, Levi Palmer, Ashton Pavich, LilyRose Peterson, Xavier Pettie, Evelyn Phillips, Benjamin Purcell, James Poursanidis, LilyRose Quinlan, Jack Rankin, Chloe Rawson, Clementine Reid, Ariana Risely, Pippa Roscoe, Anika Roscoe, Lexi Schroeter, Peyton Schroeter, Grace Seeber, Anna Shine, Hudson Smith, Carter Stone, Autumn Switzer, Chloe Szkwerek, Ruby Te Paa, Justin Te Paa, Tresamaria Thomas, Rosemaria Thomas, Lyla Tripodi, Olivia Uren, Ella Van der Meer, Jye Van Iwaarden, Karla Vella, Aayla Villani, Romeo Vitale, Phoebe Walker, Kaiden Warne, Alahni Watson, Parker Watts, Braxton Weller, Elicia Weston, Mila Williamson, Oliver Wilson, Max Wilson, Devana Winnell, Dustin Wood, Harper Wurlod, Layla Young, and Dean Zalesiak.

Well done! Thanks to their families for being the first example of faith to their children, to the Sacramental Team for all their hard work, to our hardworking stole maker, and to Deacon Tony, Fr Francis, Fr Ajin, Fr Solomon, Fr Jithin, Fr Siju and Fr James.

**PROJECT COMPASSION
BE MORE**

**Caritas
AUSTRALIA**



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

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

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

“I will be their God and they shall be my people.”- Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don’t know, just as God cares for each of us.

Rosters for Saturday March 27 & Sunday March 28, 2021

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Ushers
Sat 5:00pm	A Taylor / C DiCorleto	D Smith	A Ryan
Sun 9:00am	S Reid / S Reid	C McCabe	Volunteer required
Sun 10:30am	T Denny	L Van der Velden	Volunteer required
Sun 5:00pm	J Panozzo-Tilè	Volunteer required	Volunteer required

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 12:20-30

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 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15:47