

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.

St Michael's Parish Information

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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

Principal: Mrs Jodie Ware

Lavalla Catholic College 5174 5272

Principal: Mr John Freeman

Kildare Campus 5174 8111

St Paul's Campus 5174 7355



HOLY WEEK 2021

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
(booking to attend this service is essential)

Sat April 03

Holy Saturday

7:30pm Easter Vigil

Sun April 04

9:00am Mass

10:30am Mass

(Please note, no evening Mass on Sunday)

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>

Attendance numbers at all services are limited to 180 people. Please arrive 15 minutes early to register your attendance.

Covid Safety practices apply



Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am
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Weekday Mass Times	
Tues March 30	9:30am Mass
Weds March 31	9:00am Mass
Thurs April 01	9:30 -10:30am Reconciliation
	7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri April 02	10:00am Stations of the Cross
	3:00pm Service of the Lord's Passion
Parishioners attending weekday Masses are asked to <i>arrive 15 minutes before Mass to ensure their attendance is recorded.</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including May O'Reilly, Wil Waanders, Leonie Allman and Allan Douch and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Peter Cunico, Wendy Houlihan, Arch Graham, Denis O'Brien, Brian Hourigan, George Hodgson, Simon Stoddart, John Melenhorst and Carmello Pizzi.

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 Mckerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Maree Morris, Kaye Nailer, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Jerry Templer, Damiano Tripodi, Julie Vaz, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, George Walkan and Roy Ward and all those we hold dear in our hearts.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Tuesday March 30

10:00am C W L Meeting
to 12:30pm Mary MacKillop Room

Wednesday March 31

9:00am Weds am Prayer Group
Mary MacKillop Centre
1:00pm Weds pm Prayer Group,
Mary MacKillop Room

Thursday March 25

10:30am Charismatic Prayer Group
Mary MacKillop Room

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Stations will be celebrated on Good Friday morning at 10:00am.

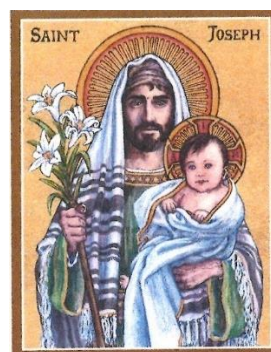


RCIA NEWS: Please remember to keep Bianca Grundy and Rachel Williams-Rankin, their families and the RCIA Team in your prayers, as they continue their journeys to Easter.



CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The next meeting of the CWL will be on Tuesday March 30 at 10:00am in the Mary MacKillop Room. All ladies of the Parish are warmly invited to attend.

TENEBRAE SERVICE: On Tuesday, March 30 at 7:30pm we will celebrate the Tenebrae service (the service of shadows), a great preparation for Easter. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. We'll have a cuppa afterwards in the Mary MacKillop room.



Pope Francis' Prayer to Saint Joseph

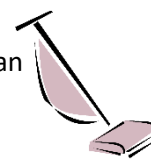
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

MOBILE PHONES: Parishioners are reminded that it is polite to turn their mobile phones off or at least on to 'silent' when in Church. Your calls can be very distracting to others.

HELP NEEDED: As we come to Holy Week, we are asking for two teams to clean our Church.



It would be marvellous if we could have three or four people with vacuum cleaners and dusters who could spare around 45 minutes to give the Church a good dusting and vacuuming. We would hope for two sessions:-

- **Tuesday March 30** after our 9:30am Mass; and
- **Friday April 02**, after the Stations of the Cross at 10:00am.

Thank you.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION – GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 02, 2021

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. This Collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Last year, due to the pandemic, it was an extremely difficult year with very little income due to the absence of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australian Catholics did donate \$406,00 (compared to \$1.3 million in 2019).

Catholics around the world are being urged to be as generous as possible this year. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday, and please keep them in your prayers.

Donations may be made

- in cash on Good Friday or
- by credit cards (please use donation sheet attached to Holy Land Collection envelopes), or
- by Electronic Transfer to the CBA, Waverley NSW, Account - Holy Land Commissariat, BSB 062 267, Account 10014847, Reference *Diocese+town+postcode+Traralgon Parish, St Michael's* (use abbreviations if necessary). Please notify the details of your electronic transfer to admin@franciscans.org.au.

FINANCE MATTERS: February 2021

Planned Giving	(Church Account)	
Envelopes 07/02	\$ 1,407.00	
Envelopes 14/02	-	
Envelopes 21/02	\$ 2,085.00	
Envelopes 28/02	<u>\$ 2,323.00</u>	\$ 5,815.00
	Credit Card	\$ 2,025.00
	<u>Direct Debit</u>	<u>\$ 5,893.00</u>
February Total Received		\$13,733.00
<i>Feb Planned Giving amount pledged</i>		<i>\$18,521.00</i>

Loose Collections	Feb 07	\$ 889.05
(Presbytery Account)	Feb 14	\$ -
	Feb 21	\$ 1,321.15
	Feb 28	<u>\$ 833.15</u>
		\$ 3,043.35
<u>Electronic giving</u>		<u>245.00</u>
<u>February Loose Collections</u>		<u>\$3,288.35</u>



For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation’s longest running charity campaigns.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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

Please return filled Project Compassion boxes to the Church or Parish Office by Sunday April 25, 2021.

STEWARDSHIP 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. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

‘Newman and the Nineteenth Century Church’
 Online unit of study via zoom on 12 Saturday mornings.
 Lecturer: Rev Prof Austin Cooper OMI AM
 Audit, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Options available.
 Enquiries to Dr Rosemary Canavan, Academic Dean
 Ph: 9412 333 Email: dean@ctc.edu.au

Rosters for Saturday April 03 & Sunday April 04, 2021

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Ushers
Sat 7:30pm Easter Vigil	RCIA	RCIA	Volunteers required
Sun 9:00am	C McLure / R Diaz	C McCabe	Volunteer required
Sun 10:30am	T Denny	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Sun 5:00pm	No Mass		

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

*Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:*

** Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant
mercy!*

*O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.*

** Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant
mercy!*

First Reading Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will
not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9 17-20 23-24 R v2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him
on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave
him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of
endless glory!*

Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 14:1-15:47.



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