



Easter Sunday

April 04, 2021

## 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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**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

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**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  
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### Easter Message from Bishop Greg Bennet

**Christ Is Risen!**

Recently one of our beloved priests died. I was blessed to pray with him and his closest friends on that day. It was a sad, but beautiful occasion. As we sat around his bed, his friends shared their stories of how he had touched their lives; It was clear they loved him dearly and were grateful that he had been part of their family for so many years. It was clear to me he had loved them too and their presence brought him enormous reassurance.

As we talked, I could not help but think of the reality of the Paschal Mystery – dying and rising.

I reflected on this priest's life and wondered at all the Holy Thursdays, Good Fridays and Easter days he had celebrated. Just as I was about to leave he awoke unexpectedly! He gave me a huge smile and gave me his blessing – it was if heaven and earth met for those few minutes. He was ready and peaceful. He awaited that final breath when he would see God face-to-face.

It is no mistake that we see the reality of the paschal mystery all around us! The pattern of dying and rising. We see this across our beautiful diocese marked in the beauty of autumn and as we fast approach the cold winter – we do so in the knowledge of Spring days and Summer harvest. We experience this too in our lives – dying and rising – loving and letting go – remembering and living.

We are mindful of the suffering of those who have lived through the torrential rains and flooding waters and losses they face. Once again we see the goodness of so many who quickly come to the aide of friend and stranger with such compassion.

Our news reminds of us the deep yearning for peace in Myanmar and other countries where people live in turmoil. There are tragic stories of individuals whose lives are beset by the violence and whose vulnerability is exploited by others.

St Paul uses a beautiful ancient hymn in his Letter to the Philippians:

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
Did not count his equality with God something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
Coming in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself  
And became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

*(St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-8)*

We will soon commence our spiritual journey through these three holy days of 2021, remembering that God came among us in his most perfect self-expression in his son, Jesus. A God who assumed our human condition in all things, but sin. A God whose face has been revealed in Jesus. A God who enters our human story and our suffering bringing healing, compassion, mercy and draws us into the communion of love. We enter these Holy Days of the Triduum not only to remember, but to live the reality of the love of Jesus who emptied himself in order that we would be filled with his love, forgiveness and salvation. He has died that we might rise. *(Continued, Page 2)*

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 5:00pm
<b>Attendance numbers at our Masses are limited to 180 people.</b> <i>Please arrive 15 minutes early to register your attendance. Covid safety practices apply</i>	
Weekday Mass Times	
Tues April 06	9:30am Mass
Weds April 07	9:30am Mass
Thurs April 08	9:30am Mass
Fri April 09	9:30am Mass
Parishioners attending weekday Masses are asked to <u>arrive 15 minutes before Mass to ensure their attendance is recorded.</u>	

**REQUIEM MASS** for **Bill McMahon** will be celebrated on **Wednesday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.**

Rosary will be recited on Tuesday evening (April 06) at 6:00pm.

The church is still only able to seat 180 people, so parishioners may wish to assist

Bill'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](http://lvfs.com.au), and click on livestreaming.



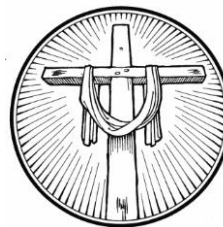
**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We remember those who have died recently including Bill McMahon and Jill O'Connor and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Damian De Martin, Peter Cunico, Wendy Houlihan, Arch Graham, and Denis O'Brien.

**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, 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.

**SACRAMENTAL NEWS:** We are blessed to have Bishop Greg coming to our Parish on June 17 and 18 to confer Confirmation on all those who are making this next step in their faith journey. Preparation for the Confirmation will commence early in Term 2.

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*Fr Francis, Fr Ajin, Deacon Tony, Sr Doreen and the Parish Staff wish all our parishioners and their families, a safe, happy and holy Easter.*

**RCIA NEWS:** Congratulations to **Bianca Grundy** and **Rachel Williams-Rankin**, who were received into the Church at our Easter Vigil. Wishing you and your families every blessing now, and in your future



Well done to the RCIA Team and sponsors.

**BAPTISMS:** The next Baptism Preparation meeting will be held in the Church on **Tuesday April 20 at 7:00pm.** Please contact the Parish office if you are wishing to attend.



**CWL LADIES WALK:** CWL ladies will again walk this coming Tuesday, April 06, 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.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** will gather at 10:30 am on Thursdays, in the Mary MacKillop Room. For enquiries, please contact Cathy McLure, as attendance numbers are still limited by the pandemic restrictions. Cathy's number is 5174 3001.

**Bishop Greg's Easter Message** (Continued from page 1)

Our spiritual journey commences as we enter:

**Holy Thursday** recalling the Last Supper and the call to service in the washing of the feet.

**Good Friday** we will remember the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross. We will witness one another place our sufferings and prayer at the foot of the cross.

**Easter Night** we will gather around the fire recalling that the Risen Christ has conquered the darkness of sin and death.

Each year we celebrate this great Feast, we know the story, yet we hear it differently through the lens of our experience.

We remember our personal call to service as followers of Jesus and his enduring presence to us as we gather for Eucharist;

We remember our sorrows and painful losses;

We remember that our dying leads to life.

**May the joy of Easter shine forth in us – may it illumine the darkness – may it bring comfort in our sorrow – may it be our gift in our dying.**

**Christ is Risen, alleluia!**

Bishop Greg Bennet  
Bishop of Sale

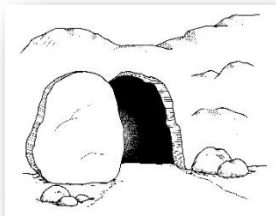


**Pope Francis' Prayer to Saint Joseph**

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.



**TAKING A BREATH:** Our **Wednesday AM Prayer Group** will take a breather, meeting next on Wednesday May 05 at 9:00am and thereafter on the first Wednesday of the month.

Our **Wednesday PM Prayer Group** will next gather together again on Wednesday April 21, then meeting weekly.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR:** Our Parish is joining with other parishes across the Diocese in this exciting seminar. The dates for the gatherings held at 10:30am in our Parish church are as follows:

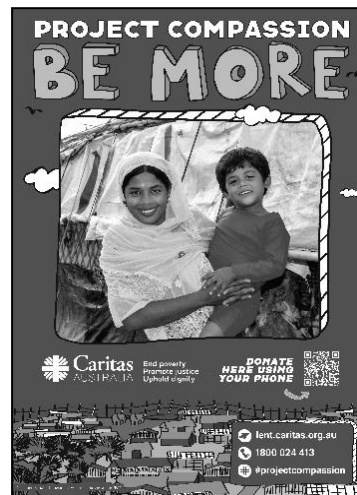
- April 29 The Father's Love
- May 06 The Joy of the Gospel
- May 13 The Gift of the Spirit
- May 20 Unwrapping God's Gift
- May 27 Living in the Spirit.

Other sessions will be held in Drouin on April 17, May 22 and June 19 at St Ita's Parish, Drouin.

Please come along and see for yourself what God wants to do in your life.



**Thank You!**



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**THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:**

**Thursday April 08**

10:30am Charismatic Prayer Group  
Mary MacKillop Room

**ST GABRIEL'S, ST MICHAEL'S & LAVALLA:** Wishing all our students and their families, our school staffs and their families a happy, safe and holy Easter and two weeks of rest and relaxation throughout the school holidays. We look forward to your returning with renewed vigour on April 19.

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS**

*"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - COLOSSIANS 3:2*

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

**Rosters for Saturday April 10 & Sunday April 11, 2021**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Ushers
Sat 5:00pm	R Webber	D Smith	A Ryan
Sun 9:00am	M Hansen	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Sun 10:30am	J Dal Pra	L Van der Velden	Volunteer required
Sun 5:00pm	C Hill / E Hill / S Hill		Volunteer required

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6

*I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia,  
alleluia.*

**First Reading** Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

**(R.)** *This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Next week's Readings	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter
First Reading:	Acts 4:32-35
Second Reading:	1 John 5:1-6
Gospel:	John 20:19-31

**Second Reading** 1 Col 3:1-4

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

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let our thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**Gospel Acclamation** 1 Cor 5:7-8

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;*

*Let us feast with joy in the Lord.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb; she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciples who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



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