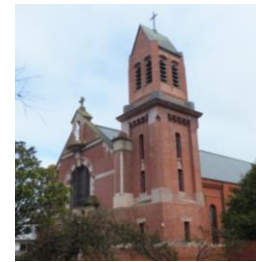




St Michael's Parish, Traralgon
in partnership with
St Mary's Parish, Yarram
and including
St Columbkille's, Glengarry
St Gerard's Woodside



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.

St Mary's Vision Statement: The Council aims to foster and encourage all baptized Catholics to grow in their love of Jesus, their fidelity to the Catholic Church and to reach out to all members of our worldwide community.

St Mary's Mission Statement: To foster and co-ordinate activities that encourage all baptized Catholics to take responsibility for the life and mission of their Church.

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

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Office hours –
Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm
Sacraments Admin: Mrs Jenifer Hanratty

Baptisms: Four weeks notice required
Weddings: Six months notice required

Parish Pastoral Council

Susan Grout Chairperson, Fr Francis, Fr Saji, Sr Doreen, Greg Imhagwe, Rose Pearson, Kevin Taylor, Ray Moretti, Rob Tarraran, Cathy Blackford, Ros Joyner, Doug Doherty and Chris DiCorleto.

Our Schools:

St Gabriel's School 5174 5515
Principal: Mrs Roslyn Joyner

St Michael's School 5174 3295
Principal: Mrs Cathy Blackford

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

NEW TESTAMENT REFLECTION by
Mary Coloe PBVM

'I am the living bread – anyone who eats of this bread will live forever.'

There are two experiences that lie behind the images used in this Gospel. The first was the experience of the Israelites when they escaped from Egypt and were fed by the manna in the wilderness. The second is the experience of Eucharist in the early Christian communities. Remember that this Gospel was written long after Jesus' death and Christians have been gathering for Eucharist for about sixty years. The evangelist affirms in very strong and vivid language the reality of Jesus' presence when Christians gather to eat and drink at the table of the Eucharist. Just as food nourishes ordinary human life, the bread and wine of the Eucharist nourishes the life of Christ in the believer.

By the first century, the gift of the manna was being linked to both Wisdom and the Law. So to speak of eating the manna/bread was a way of speaking about being nourished by God's wisdom and by the Law. Wisdom speaks:

'Come to me, you who desire me, and eat your fill of my produce...

those who eat me will hunger for more, and those who drink me will thirst for more.

Whoever obeys me will not be put to shame and those who work with my help will not sin.

All this is the book of the Covenant of the Most High God, the law which Moses commanded us as an inheritance for the

congregation of Jacob.' (Sirach 24: 19-23)

Even within Judaism, the story of the Manna in the wilderness was being spiritualised so that later generations could still think of themselves as the recipients of this gift. Eating the bread of Wisdom was a metaphorical way of speaking about living according to the Law.

'Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars.

She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.

She has sent out her servant girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,

"You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says,

"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed,

Leave simpleness and walk in the way of insight.'" (Proverbs 9:1-6)

John's Gospel continues this Jewish tradition of 'spiritualising' the manna, but takes it much further. Now, it is not the Law that provides the path to Wisdom, or can provide nourishment, but Jesus. Where the nourishment offered by Wisdom was such that people hungered for more, the nourishment Jesus offers is for eternity life since belief in Jesus draws the believer into Jesus' own life – 'whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in them.'

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

19th to 24th June, 2017

Mon 19	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word St Michael's
Tues 20	11:00am	Mass, St Mary's
	11:00am	Requiem Mass for Adrian Stasinowsky St Michael's
Wed 21	10:00am	Mass, St Mary's
	11:00am	{Exposition
	12:00pm	{Mass, St Michael's
Thurs 22	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
Fri 23	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
	9:30am	Mass, St Paul's Chapel, Lavalla Catholic College
Sat 24	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Adrian Stasinowsky, Betty Dowd and Lorraine Streiff and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Charles Glaubitz, Jack Brady, Justin O'Brien, Maureen & Kevin Lynch, Vladas Kozeniauskas, Bishop Richard Ryan, Kathleen Huffer, Patrick Deane, Michael Snee, baby Mikey McConnell, Nell Rogers, and Fr William McLoughlin.

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including Rita Sweeney, Ken Giles, Vincent O'Neill, Tom Clarke, Maria Alessandrini, Barbara Greaves, John Besselink, Damian Black, Joyce Martin, Jenny Hansch, Ken Vivian, Marie Howard, Adrian Stasinowsky, Pat O'Mara, Robert Hazelman, Alan Douch, Veronica Barter, Fr Frank Freeman, Carolyn Gleeson, Gary Donchi, Anna Lapuh, Peter Heron, Father Frank Young, Sarah Parker and all who seek our prayers.



WELCOME HOME: Fr Francis is back with us again this weekend. We hope your pilgrimage was a time of replenishment and wonder. With thanks to Fr Saji and Fr Herman for looking after us over the past two weeks.

BAPTISMS: The next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday 21st June at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.**

Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information.



YOUTH MASS INFO MEETING



A reminder to all our Young People and their families, there will be a meeting on **Thursday June 22 from 5:00 – 6:00pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. Come along for a bit of fun and sign up for participating in our monthly Youth Mass. Contact Jen on 0437 392 349**

R.C.I.A.:

These letters stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the ancient Rite of welcoming people into the Church.



St Michael's Parish warmly invites anyone interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith to attend our meetings on Thursdays, in St Michael's Parish Centre, 35 Kay Street, Traralgon. We start at 7.30pm sharp, and finish by 9.00pm sharp. This year's starting date is August 3rd. All are very welcome.

Contacts: Susan Grout (0412 671 308) or Parish Office (5174 2060) – but you can just turn up!

'CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: The CPG meets every Thursday evening at 7:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall.

All are welcome to come and join in! Enquiries to Cathy on 5174 3001.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



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good works

is presently conducting its **Annual Winter Appeal.** Funds raised will assist in providing material aid and financial assistance to the increasing number in our community who are experiencing disadvantage and poverty. There are donation envelopes in the church foyers. All donations are used locally. We thank you for your support.

PLANNED GIVING NEWS:

Our current giving envelopes run out on July 9th. Parishioners who give by envelope will receive one years supply of envelopes, to take them through to July 2018.

The new envelopes and giving statements are in the Church this weekend. Could all parishioners please collect your box of new envelopes and your giving statement. Giving statements for direct debit and credit card givers will be available in the Church from Sunday 9th July for collection by parishioners.

We are hopeful that the Parish will not have to mail out any boxes of envelopes, so please remember to collect yours from June 18. Thank you.

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 JUNE . . PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Walking dinner around Traralgon. Meet at St Michael's Church, 6:30pm. Pick up from Church 8:30pm. Permission slip required – can be filled out on the night. Cost around \$10. - **All Welcome!** Contact Sally 0403 282 630



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Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading Dt 8:2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

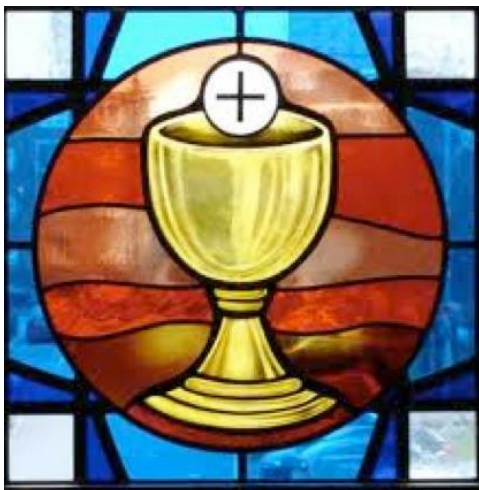
Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**
2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 10:16-17

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

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;

whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Next week's Readings: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33