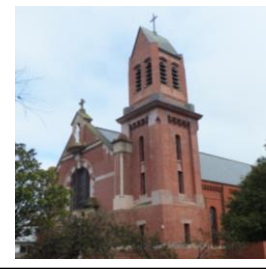




St Michael's Parish, Traralgon
in partnership with
St Mary's Parish, Yarram
and including
St Columbkille's, Glengarry
St Gerard's Woodside



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: St Mary's is a faith community that aims to make Jesus known and loved by living the Gospel message of acceptance, welcome and service to all members of the community.

St Mary's Mission Statement: At St. Mary's we strive to:

- *Continue to be an active, prayerful and sacramental faith community.
- *Grow in faithfulness to our Catholic tradition by full participation in Eucharistic celebrations sacraments and prayer. *Respect and value all creation.
- *Use our time, talents and treasures to provide quality human, financial and facility resources to sustain and serve our parish's faith community and the wider community. *Support lifelong Catholic education and faith formation.

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

Fr Francis Otopo Parish Priest

Fr Saji John Assistant Priest

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Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

Sacraments Admin: Mrs Jenifer Hanratty

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After office hours - in case of emergency, please call 5174 2060 and leave your details on the message service.

Baptisms: Four weeks notice required

Weddings: Six months notice required

Parish Pastoral Council: Greg Imhagwe
Chairperson, Fr Francis, Fr Saji, Sr Doreen,
Kevin Taylor, Ray Moretti, Amanda Reid,
Jenifer Hanratty, Steve Kimani, Marita
Kennedy, Rob Tarraran, Jan Fitzpatrick,
Ros Joyner and Doug Doherty, 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

From a letter from Bishop Pat O'Regan, dated January 30 2018.

Re Ash Wednesday Days of Fasting and Reparation

At the November Plenary of the Bishops of Australia, the following motion was passed – *'That the conference proclaim the days from Ash Wednesday until the Saturday after Ash Wednesday in 2018 as days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims.'*

To this end the Bishops Commission for Liturgy has produced resources for use of these days both for use at home and a Parish communal celebration.

The background is given in this draft version of a letter recently sent to us by the President of the Conference:

'Dear brothers and sisters, Last December, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse handed down its final report. Like the Australian Government and many other institutions, the Catholic bishops of Australia and leaders of religious institutes are currently studying the final report and its recommendations.

In the long years since the tragedy of child sexual abuse within the Catholic community became known, the Church has committed to policies, procedures and structures to respond better to survivors of abuse and their families, to establish professional standards for all ministers and Church workers, and to safeguard children and vulnerable people. For the Church, as for other

institutions, this has involved gradual learning and development, and so it will continue to be.

Through these years, Australia's bishops and other Church leaders have often expressed their sorrow and have offered their apology for what has occurred in the past – the harm suffered by victims, the instances of cover-up, the failure to believe survivors' stories and to respond with compassion and justice and the distress that many still experience. Our apologies have at time seemed too little – not because they were insincere but because trust has been broken. We stand firm in our resolve to ensure that the abuse of children never happens again in the Catholic Church and to build new bonds of trust.

With the Royal Commission concluded, our country and our Church enter into a new moment. We are calling upon the Catholic community in Australia to embrace this new moment by beginning the penitential season of Lent with three days of fasting and reparation. These are spiritual practices which express our desire for God's reconciling and healing grace. Through fasting, we stand in solidarity with the victims of abuse whose much deeper hunger is for healing and peace in their lives. Through reparation, we make amends for the sin of those in the Church who abused children or failed to listen and act when they should have.

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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

February 05 to February 10

Mon 05	9:00am	Liturgy of the Word, St Michael's
Tues 06	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
	11:00am	Mass, St Mary's
Wed 07	10:00am	Mass, St Mary's
	11:00am	{Adoration
	12:00pm	{Mass, St Michael's
Thurs 08	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
Fri 09	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
Sat 10	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 David Anderson and Pat Kamsma and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Noel Pendlebury, Marinus & Gezina Waanders, Vincenzina and Nicola Marino, Thomas, Roseanne and Tom Higgins

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including Lee Allman, Joy Cahill, Cornelia Bakker, Ken Vivian, John Besselink, Jan Gilmour, Dot Mulquiney, Ivy May, Celie Smith, Simon Panther, Maria Alessandrini, Joyce Martin, Marie Howard, Pat O'Mara, Robert Hazelman, Fr Frank Freeman, Carolyn Gleeson, Gary Donchi, Ann Lapuh, Peter Heron, Fr Frank Young



CHANEL COLLEGE 60th ANNIVERSARY REUNION for students of the Marist Fathers Era (1958 -1970) is being held in April, 2018. For details send your email address to chanel.geelong@gmail.com or your postal details to PO Box 3069 Geelong West 3218.

BAPTISMS: The next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday 7th February at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information



BAPTISM PROGRAMME

FOR SCHOOL – AGED CHILDREN: Our Parish is once more running a programme for children aged from 4 to 13 who wish to be baptized.

There will be three weekly sessions of one hour (4.30–5.30pm), held in the Parish Centre, starting on Wednesday February 28th. The other dates are Wednesday March 7th, and Wednesday March 14th. The children will be presented to the Parish community in the Rite of Reception on Saturday March 17th at the 6.00pm Mass, with their baptisms being celebrated at the Easter Vigil on Saturday March 31st.

Contact either the Parish Office on 5174 2060 or **Susan Grout (0412 671 308)** by Wednesday February 21st, if your child/children are interested.

There is a cost of \$20 for a baptism candle and \$20 for a baptism stole for each child to use in the baptism ceremony. Parents are asked to bring correct money for these to the meeting on February 28.

FAREWELL TO FR SAJI: As you can see from the Clergy Appointments, we will say goodbye to Fr Saji at the end of this month.

Parishioners are invited to Fr Saji's farewell cuppa after 9:30am Mass on Sunday February 17. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate of morning tea to share.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Weds Feb 07

9:00-11:30am Weds am Cells
Prayer Group Mary
MacKillop
room

1:30pm Sacramental Team
Mary MacKillop room

7:00pm Baptism Preparation
Meeting, Parish Centre

7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council
Mary MacKillop Room

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP: The Lenten Reflection Group will run through the Mondays of Lent in the Parish Centre at 7:30pm each week.

Please let Bev know at the Parish office (5174 2060) by Wednesday Feb 07, to enable ordering of resources.

There is room for six people to join this group.

Ash Wednesday Days of Fasting and Reparation (continued from page 1)

The days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims will be marked by prayer – in our homes and in our Catholic communities. Please take to heart the importance of these days in preparing the Church to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and to make the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We cannot undo the past. With God's help, we can make the future better."

I ask that all parishes not only use the resources, but also schedule prayer that these may be prayed and that these be days of special fasting.

Bishop Pat O'Regan, January 31, 2018

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS: The Bishop of Sale, Bishop Pat O'Regan has announced the following appointment of priests in the Diocese of Sale effective as of March 1st, 2018.

- * Fr Malcolm Hewitt, parish priest of Cowes will retire on March 1.
- * Fr Manny Lomagno will be parish priest of Cowes.
- * Fr Darren Howie will be parish priest of Wonthaggi.
- * Fr Janeesh Jose will be parish priest of the Parishes of Yarram and Foster, residing in Yarram.
- * Fr James Fernandez will be parish priest of the Parishes of Morwell and Churchill.
- * Fr Siju Xavier will be parish priest of Maffra.
- * Fr Saji John will be Assistant Priest in Narre Warren and will share duties with the Syro-Malabar Eparchy.

This will mean that –

- * Fr Francis Otober will be the sole priest in Traralgon.
- * Fr Aju Varghese will remain parish priest of the Parishes of Leongatha and Korumburra.

So, you can see that again there is a lot of movement in the Diocese. Please pray for all those priests who are moving and for the Parishes where change is occurring. Perhaps now is a good time to remember to pray for vocations also.

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS:



This year we will be celebrating the Year of Youth. One way to do this is to continue having monthly Youth Mass celebrations. We invite children of all ages to be involved and take part in the various ministries. We have something for everyone. Please note the following dates:

Team Leaders Meeting - Thursday 8th Feb 5pm – 6pm

Training fun in the Hall - Thursday 22nd Feb 4.30pm – 5.30pm

(All children aged 10 and under are required to have a parent present at all training sessions.)

Youth Mass - Sunday 25th Feb 6pm

Please let Jen Hanratty know if you are interested on 0437492349.

FIRST COMMUNION 2018: Preparation for First Communion for our young students in Year 4 will commence early this Term. Dates to remember are :-

Weds Feb 21

6:45pm Parent Information Night

Weds Feb 28 4:00pm or 5:30pm.

Parent & Child Workshop 1,

Weds Mar 14 4:00pm or 5:30pm Parent & Child Workshop 2.

Sun Mar 18 9:30am Mass

First Communion Celebration (i).

Sat Mar 24 6:00pm Mass

First Communion Celebration (ii)

Catechist sessions: will be held at 4:30pm on Thursday Feb 22, Tuesday Feb 27, Tuesday Mar 06 and Tuesday Mar 13.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

- Join the international Pray to End Abortion campaign this Lent with other pray-ers on Wellington Parade, outside Jolimont Station anytime between 7 am and 7 pm daily, from February 14 to March 25. Register at www.40daysforlife.com/melbourne, or phone 0407 350 948 for further information.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE PRESENCE OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH IN ST. MARY'S PARISH YARRAM:

On Sunday, 18th February St Mary's Yarram will be celebrating 100 years of the presence of the Sisters of St. Joseph in our parish. Bishop Patrick O'Regan will be celebrating Mass at 10.00am. This will be followed by lunch in the Mary MacKillop Hall with an opportunity to look at our newly refurbished school. If you are a past student or parishioner, wishing to join us in our celebrations, could you please contact the Parish Office on 5182 5028 on Tuesdays or email stmarysyarram@bigpond.com

PROCLAIM 2018: The biennial Proclaim conference is being held in July (12-14), 2018. The theme for this conference is "Make Your Home in Me". The conference will be held in Brisbane and will focus on enhancing parish renewal and is organised and hosted on behalf of the National Centre for Evangelisation, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Please go to www.proclaimconference.com.au for further information, and let Fr Francis know if you are interested in attending.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: The CPG meets every Thursday evening at 7:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Room (until the Hall is available for use again). All are welcome to come and join in! Enquiries to Cathy on 5174 3001.



CHOIR FOR RITE OF ELECTION: The Rite of Election for Catechumens and the Formal Recognition of Candidates will be celebrated by Bishop Pat O'Regan at St Mary's Cathedral at 3.00 pm on Sunday 18th February 2018.

As always, a Diocesan Choir is being formed to lead the congregation's singing for this beautiful liturgy. Most of the music will be already familiar to you. If you are interested to join, please contact Sophy Morley at smorley@sale.catholic.edu.au or on 0413 590 007.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 Corinthians 10:31
Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

We are now over half way through our current Planned Giving Programme, and would like to extend a huge vote of thanks to all who honour their faith commitment through this particular ministry. Receipts were sent out early in December, could everyone please ensure that their giving is up to date.

If you wish to have information about our Planned Giving programme please contact the Parish Office.

Counters: Feb 04 Morris Team
Feb 11 Mitchell Team



Rosters for February 11, 2018 ~ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
6:00pm	A Taylor	D Smith	J Scholtes, R Tactor, Volunteers x 2	G & D Bassett	Jane	D Buckland
9:30am	T Denny	H Daly	W Detering, D Prestipino, B & S Edgar, G Imhagwe, Volunteer	C Payne	Jane	M Hanratty
6:00pm	J Panozzo-Tilè	S Luscombe	J Fleming, Volunteers x3	M Noone	Jane	L Theissling

- **Altar Cleaning:** February 04 F Rycak February 11 L Kennedy
- **Church Cleaning:** February St Michael's Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Alison, Tamille and Josephine
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** February 04 G & I Edgar February 11 K & N Fitzsimon
Please contact the family before you leave the statue to make sure they are home. Thank you. For further information regarding roster please contact: Marie Moulton 5174 0938 Email: memou_38@bigpond.com
- **Mick's Kitchen:** February 08 Townsend Team February 15 Van Berkel Team

Entrance Antiphon Ps 105:47

*O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.*

First Reading Job 7:1-4 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than
pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have
passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 9:16-19 22-23

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

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:8:17

*He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

Readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45