



St Michael's Parish, Traralgon

St Michael's Church, Traralgon

St Columbkille's Church, Glengarry

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 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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After office hours - in case of an emergency please call 0448 529 712 and leave a message. 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, Kevin Taylor, Ray Moretti, Amanda Reid, Jenifer Hanratty, Steve Kimani, Thomas Mathew, Marita Kennedy, 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

OCTOBER DEVOTION

The month of October is traditionally referred to as the month of Mary. It is especially dedicated to the recitation of the Holy Rosary primarily because October 7 is the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary – the day on which the church in Europe registered victory against the Muslim Turks in 1571. The practise of dedicating the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary developed towards the end of the 1800s. Pope Leo XIII (papacy: 1878-1903) promoted the increase of devotion to the blessed Mother by encouraging the constant use of the Rosary – a scriptural prayer and a powerful spiritual tool given to us by our mother Mary. During this month, I encourage you all to please recite your rosary daily. As a parish community, besides our daily prayers and Rosary (starting at 9.00am each morning) before Mass, we have also scheduled the following evenings in the month of October for various prayer encounters with Mary, mother of Jesus and spouse of the Holy Spirit. Come let us celebrate our Mother.

1st October (Tuesday): Rosary, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers of intercession and Benediction. Reflection: Our Lady in the Scriptures.

10th October (Thursday): Liturgy of the Hours with Mary and Benediction. Reflection: Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

17th October (Thursday): An evening of reflection with Fr Noel Connelly: An Opportunity to Build a Listening Church (Sacred Heart school hall, Morwell). Details in the bulletin.

23rd October, (Wednesday): Evening prayers with Mary, intercessions and Benediction. Reflection: Our Lady of Fatima.

30th October (Wednesday): Liturgy of the Hours with Mary, Exposition and Benediction. Reflection: Our Lady of Mercy. **There would be an opportunity for reconciliation this evening.**

Venue: St Michael's Church Traralgon.

Time: 7.30-8.30 each evening.

A plate of supper to share in the MacKillop Room each evening would be appreciated. Mary Our Lady intercede for us, amen.

SAFETY FOR CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN OUR PARISH:

Catholic Professional Standards Ltd (CPSL) is committed to fostering a culture of safety and care for children and vulnerable adults within the Catholic Church of Australia. As such, the CPSL has developed the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards** to be implemented by all Catholic entities, ministries and organisations across Australia. They constitute a framework which articulates requirements for Catholic entities to promote the safety of children through the implementation of policies and activities to prevent, respond to and report concerns regarding abuse. They will help us drive cultural and behavioural change and promote accountability and transparency of Catholic Church leaders and their ministries and entities.

Posters of CPSL Standards can be seen in all entrances of the Church and Parish office and website. Please make yourself familiar with them.

Risk Management Committee.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday	5:30pm	St Michael's Traralgon
Sunday	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
	5:30pm	St Michael's Traralgon

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

September 23 to 27

Mon 23	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 24	9:30am	Communion Service
Weds 25	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Communion Service
Thurs 26	9:30am	Communion Service
Fri 27	9:30am	Mass

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 5:00pm, Wednesdays at 11:30am or any other time by arrangement with Father.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Br Bill Dillon, John Langmaid and Margaret Hall and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Kathleen Kennedy, Aileen Dixon, Alan Webber, Franco Fuoco, Mark Martin, Warren Wicks, Jim Birmingham, Wilhelmina Nijenjuis and Fr Tim Hourigan.

Lord, Let your perpetual light shine upon them. May the rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

including Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, Lulu Aragon, Fr Bernard Buckley, Dot Buckland, Conceicao Carvalho, Julie Dal Pra, Ann-Maree Daly, Gary Donchi, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Ron Grinter, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Ann Lapuh, Peter Lont, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah Mc Kerchar, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Ray Smith, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, George Walkan, Margaret West and Fr Frank Young.



TO BUILD A LISTENING CHURCH: Come and meet Fr Noel Connolly on **Thursday 17th October** at 7:00pm at the Sacred Heart School Hall, Cnr of Wilson St & Commercial Rd Morwell.

Fr Noel is a Columban Missionary Priest. He is a member of Catholic Mission's Adult Formation Team. Last year he was appointed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to the Facilitation Team for the Plenary Council 2020.

FR FRANCIS AWAY THIS WEEK: Please keep Fr Francis and all our Diocesan priests in your prayers, as they gather together for the Clergy Inservice in the next coming week.

BAPTISMS: We welcome for Baptism this weekend:-

- **Evie Grace Collins**
daughter of Ryan & Kylie; and
- **Jack Thomas Nye**
Son of Shannon & Grace.



Congratulations to the families, from us all.

Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday October 15th at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Office on 5174 2060 for further information.

PARISH DINNER:

Date: Friday October 25, 2019

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Del Mondo's Restaurant,
Post Office Place,
Traralgon.

Cost: \$47 per head, adults
\$17 for 12yrs and under,
Under 5 yrs free.

Tickets will be on sale in the Parish Office in coming weeks, watch this space!

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The next meeting of the CWL will be held on Tuesday 24th September in the Mary MacKillop, commencing at 10:00am. All women of the Parish are warmly invited to attend.

OUR ROSTERS: if you have a look at our Rosters (pg 3), you'll notice that the person most frequently mentioned is 'Volunteer'. Thanks to all those who are already on the rosters, your response to your baptismal calling certainly is appreciated, and helps make our Masses meaningful celebrations. Without your support our Masses would be very stark indeed.

We are currently seeking volunteers to help make our Masses well run, vibrant celebrations, and are in need of :-

- *Commentators
- *Eucharistic Ministers,
- *Welcomers
- *Sacristans
- *Musicians
- *Money Collectors.
- *Church cleaning

Please help enrich your Parish life by becoming a volunteer, training is available. These ministries are a very rewarding way of living our faith, and enhancing our Parish life. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you would like to help out or require any further information.

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday 24

7:30pm Alpha Training Meeting
Parish Centre

Wednesday 25

9:00 -12:30 Icon School,
Parish Centre

Thursday 26

7:30pm RCIA Meeting,
Parish Centre

Friday 27

11:00am Nursing Home Ministry
Team, Parish Centre

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: our parish is in need of two new members on the Parish Council. Please consider this need prayerfully, and send nominations to the Parish Office **by Friday October 04.**

RCIA: St Michael's Parish warmly invites anyone interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith to attend our meetings on Thursday evenings, in St Michael's Parish Centre. We start at 7.30pm sharp, and finish by 9.00pm sharp.
Contacts: Susan Grout (0412 671 308).



FR ANTHONY PHILLIPS (LAKES ENTRANCE):

Bishop Pat has written to us ~
'Of his own free will and after a period of prayer and discernment, Fr Anthony Phillips has informed Bishop O'Regan that he will cease his relationship with the Diocese of Sale, effective on Sunday 29th September, 2019. This period of discernment includes the fact that his also taking the step of ceasing to be in active priestly ministry. He has been priest-in-residence in the Parish of Lakes Entrance since February 2016.

The Bishop would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr Anthony for giving to us in the Diocese of Sale, this time of his life in ministry to God's Holy People and in wishing him good health into the future. May God's continued blessings be in his life'.

Feast Day of St Michael ~ Sunday September 29, 2019

Next Sunday, we celebrate the Feast day of St Michael, our patron Saint. We will also celebrate the launch of the 2019 Social Justice Statement.

Following the 9:30am Mass, all parishioners are warmly invited to come for a cuppa in the Mary MacKillop hall. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share.

St Michael's Parish Pastoral Council **2019 Nomination of Parishioners for the PPC**

I wish to recommend the following member of our parish for membership of our PPC.

I recommend

Of (address or email).....Phone

I consider this person would bring to the PPC the following talents, qualities and experience:

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(signed – optional).....

Please put your completed nomination forms in the plate at Mass over the next three weekends or drop it into the Parish Office BEFORE FRIDAY OCTOBER 04. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." (Luke 16:13)

Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

Should you wish to have information about our Planned Giving program please contact the Parish Office. Counters - see Rosters

LAMP Youth Event October 05 - St Peter's College, Clyde North 8:30-4:00pm for young people aged 12 to 25. \$5.00 entry. To register call Jen on 5174 7703 before October 01.

FORMATION SESSION: Oct 11 7:00-8:30pm for our Yr 6 to Yr 12 people in the Parish Centre. Susan Grout is the next guest speaker.

SM@YL Friday October 18, Whizz Bang Games Night Mary MacKillop Hall 6:30-8:30. Please call Scott on 0435 779 931 for further information.

YOUTH MASS: Our next Youth Mass will be at **9:30am Mass on October 20**, with the Lavalla College Liturgical Choir leading our music that morning.



PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS:



Receipts for Planned Giving for the months June to August 2019 are now available for collection from the table by the Piety Stall door. Please take yours with you to help keep our postage costs down. Thank you.

Rosters for September 28 & 29 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	W Gomez B O'Brien	S Grout	J & M McLaughlin, C DiCorleto, Volunteers x 2	Volunteers required	Jane	A Symonds
9:30am	J Dal Pra T Denny	H Daly	D Bau, Volunteers x6 (or Deacon Tony and 5 Volunteers)	Volunteers required	Jane	P & L Van der Velden
5:30pm	R Webber	Volunteer required	J Reid, Volunteers x3	Volunteers required	Jane	Volunteer Required

- **Altar Cleaning:** Sept 22 S MacManus Sept 29 M Tainsh
 - **Church Cleaning:** Sept McLaughlin Team October Couling Team
 - **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sept 22 School holidays Sept 29 School holidays
 - **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Sept 22 S & S Wandue Sept 29 E & B McNulty
- 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:** Sept 26 Scholtes Team Oct 03 Hemming Team
 - **Counters:** Sept 22 Morris Team Sept 29 Mitchell Team

Entrance Antiphon

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.*

First Reading Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4 12-13 17 19 R Lk 15:18

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **(R.)**
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Tim2:1-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Next weeks Readings

September 29, 2019

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Amos 6:1 4-7

2nd Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel Luke 16:19-31