

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 adults at risk: 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 Shane Reid or Sally Darby on 5174 2060 if you have any concerns.

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Baptisms: Six weeks notice required

Weddings: Six months notice required

Parish Pastoral Council: Lia Di Corleto, Chairperson, Fr Aju, Steve Kimani, Greg Imhagwe, Watson Gomez, Jenifer Hanratty, Judi McLaughlin, Thomas Mathew, Amanda Reid, Jodie Ware, Michelle Charlton, and Doug Doherty.

Our Schools:

St Gabriel's School 5174 5515
Principal: Mrs Michelle Charlton

St Michael's School 5174 3295
Principal: Mrs Jodie Ware

Lavalla Catholic College 5174 5272
Principal: Mr Ryan Greer

Kildare Campus 5174 8111
St Paul's Campus 5174 7355



A Letter from Bishop Greg Bennet to Parishioners

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

At this weekend's Masses you will learn about the establishment of our new Diocesan Mission Council. This exciting initiative is a significant step in our response to Pope Francis' invitation to become a more synodal and missionary Church. The Synod on Synodality is now underway in Rome. There is a sense of anticipation as Pope Francis now gathers with delegates from around the world in truly walking as sisters and brothers in the Lord through prayer, listening, and discernment as they reflect communion, participation, and mission in Jesus Christ. It is my hope the Mission Council will assist me in investigating, discerning, and proposing practical priorities and strategies for the development of the Diocese's mission and pastoral life. The work of the Mission Council will be to model co-responsibility of ministries, charisms in service of good governance and pastoral life.

As you hear about the Diocesan Mission Council today, I hope you may feel the same energy and excitement that I share for this wonderful initiative which continues the great legacy of our Diocesan Assembly, which embrace the Decrees of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia and in dynamic response to the work of the international Synod.

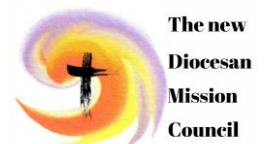
I am inviting you to prayerfully consider whether you have the gifts required to express your interest to serve on the Mission Council. You might wish to encourage another member of your parish community whose Christian witness and service to the Church would enrich the work of the Diocesan Mission Council by their positive engagement.

My hope is that we will receive Expressions of Interest from many parishioners across our Diocese, which encompasses the large growth corridor in the West, parishes along the Princess Highway, Orbost to the East, Omeo to the North, and those parishes in South Gippsland. Our Diocesan Mission Council will be entrusted with the hopes and expectations of all of us in responding to the kind of Diocese Jesus calls us to be.

I ask for your prayerful support as we launch the work of the Diocesan Mission Council entrusting our intercession to Our Lady of Perpetual Help!

Bishop Greg Bennet

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The new
Diocesan
Mission
Council

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Oct 10	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Oct 11	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Oct 12	9:30am Mass @ St Gabriel's
Friday Oct 13	9:30am Mass

***Mass this Thursday will be held at St Gabriel's Primary School with their Grade 5 and Foundation Students. All parishioners are warmly invited and encouraged to join them.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including William 'Bill' Edgar, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Nicholas Lis, Jean Lythgo, Sr Margaret Daly RSJ, Tony Tactor, Sophia Theissling, Russell Patten, Peter O'Malley, and Cathy Mesaric. *Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: including Ann-Maree Daly, Gary Donchi, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Carolyn Gleeson, Jacqui Granville, Barbara Greaves, Ellen Hammond, Jenny Hansch, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah Mc Kerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Maree Morris, Henry Polo, Joan Riggall, Theresa Rosello, Jerry Templer, Damiano Tripodi, Sharon Veleff, George Walkan, Roy Ward, Victoria Rohli, Fr John Speekman, James Whitty, John Waanders, Peter Dal Pra, Jane Eric, Rose Xuereb, Manuel Xuereb, Aileen Graham and all those we hold dear in our hearts.

MONTH OF ROSARY

ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL
EVERY SATURDAY OF OCTOBER 10AM

ROSARY IN CHURCH
30MINS BEFORE EVERY MASS

CONTINUOUS ROSARY
TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER - 10AM - 12

YOUTH WALKING ROSARY IN CHURCH
FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER 7PM

ROSARY AT THE GROTTA
SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 10AM

SYRO-MALABAR MASS & ROSARY
SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER 11.30AM

ST MICHAELS PARISH TRARALGON

CONTINUOUS ROSARY: On Tuesday October 10, all are invited to join our Catholic Women's League as they lead the continuous Rosary at St Michael's Church from 10am to 12pm. Afterwards join them for lunch at the Grand Junction Hotel.

This Week's Events	
Tuesday October 10	
10am – 12pm	Continuous Rosary, St Michael's Church
7:30pm	RCIA Meeting, Parish Centre
Wednesday October 11	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday October 12	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room
Sunday October 15	
5:00pm	Mass for Children Gone Too Soon, St Michael's Church

BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome for Baptism, **Luna Elise Rabino**, daughter of James and Vanessa. Congratulations and welcome to our Parish!



Our next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Tuesday **October 17 at 7:00pm** in the church. Please contact the parish office on 51742060 if you are interested in attending or would like some more information.



YOUTH MINISTRY: Join our J-Walkers this weekend as the coffee cart re-opens for Term 4. Coffees and Hot Chocolates will again be available from the Mary MacKillop

Hall after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

Ignite Conference- After 4 days of formation, faith and encounter our J-Walkers Youth have returned from Sydney tired but also renewed in the spirit and open to what God has in store next. They experienced powerful music, praise and worship, guest speakers, testimonies, Adoration, Masses, Reconciliation, prayer teams, small groups and so much more. Seeing our Church alive and full of joy with so much reverence to the Sacraments was powerful for the group. It was also a great reminder of our Baptismal call to be on mission and spread the Gospels to all those we meet. They are looking forward to speaking at the next Youth Mass on Sunday October 29 at 9.30am and sharing their experience with you all.

Here are some of the things they learnt and discussed at Ignite: Romans – control the tongue – how we speak about others but also how we speak about ourselves. There are 2 types of leaders – a dictator and a servant. After sin – a saint will get back up, but a sinner stays down in the sin. Holy Spirit comes at random times – be ready and listen and then act. Everyone has a purpose – start dreaming. Little or big – no one can take that from you. Help each other discover our Gifts and use them to build the kingdom of God. Ignorance of scripture is an ignorance of Christ. Read the bible every day. How you treat creation is how you feel about the CREATOR.

FOUR TIPS TO GROW CLOSER TO GOD-

1. Pray everyday
2. Be in a Christian community
3. Participate in the sacraments regularly
4. Find a Spiritual director or friend to talk about your faith

NEXT YOUTH MASS
SUNDAY OCTOBER 29 @ 9:30AM



MASS FOR CHILDREN GONE TOO SOON:

Coming together in prayer to remember children gone too soon. Entrusting them to the care of our loving God, placing a flower in their memory and recalling Mary's loss at the death of her Son, Jesus. Join us for a special mass dedicated to our children who have gone too soon. All are welcome.

St Michael's Church - Sunday October 15 @ 5pm

FEAST OF ST MICHAEL: Thank you to everyone who came along last Friday to celebrate the Feast of St Michael. Everyone had a wonderful time and Father Aju is looking forward to organising something even bigger and better next year!

SACRAMENTS NEWS: Parents of children preparing for the sacrament of communion are invited to an information meeting in the church on Wednesday October 25 at 6pm. First Communion will then be celebrated at parish masses on the weekend of 25/26 November. Please contact Jen in the parish office if you have any questions or would like any further information.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

This year, Pope Francis writes in his Message for World Mission Day 2023, "...it should be remembered that breaking our material bread with the hungry in the name of Christ is already a work of Christian mission. How much more so is the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, which is Christ himself, a work of mission par excellence, since the Eucharist is the source and summit of the life and mission of the Church." It is in this spirit that Catholic Mission invites parishioners in every diocese in Australia to join with us again and support our brothers in sisters in Timor-Leste. Envelopes and more information are available from both church entrances. Mission Sunday will be celebrated around the world on the 21/22 October. We will have a leaving collection after each of the masses that weekend.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

News and Events from around the Diocese

NEW DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL: This weekend Bishop Greg Bennet announces the formation of the new Diocesan Mission Council (DMC) and invites the people of the Diocese to submit Expressions of Interest in becoming a member of the Council. Information about the DMC can be accessed via this link: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/dmc>

Speak to Father Aju if you have any questions or about your intention to put your name forward. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with us all during this time of discernment and development.

ST MARY'S BAIRNSDALE - NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT: St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale is hosting an 8-week seminar to establish and deepen a personal relationship with Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. Each session includes praise and worship, scripture, prayer, guest speakers and group discussions. **Fridays from 6:45pm to 8:30pm October 13 – December 01.**

Please register by emailing stm.michelleg@gmail.com or by phoning 5152 2942 by October 03. All are welcome.

ST MICHAEL'S BERWICK - COME AND SEE: Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Michael's Parish Support Centre - 121-123 High Street Berwick, on **Sunday October 15 at 2:00pm**. Particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest, or who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered.

ST ITA'S DROUIN - GROWING IN CHRIST: All are invited to a one day spiritual renewal program featuring Holy Mass, encouraging and inspiring talks, healing prayers, adoration, praise and worship, and fellowship. Guest speakers include Bishop Greg Bennet and Bro Lalith Pereira, hosted by CCR Sale Diocese.

Saturday October 21, 10:45am – 4:00pm

"Let us grow together in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ" 2 Pet 3:18

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

All Saints Day Wednesday November 01

Adoration and Reconciliation from 11am

Mass at 12pm at St Michael's Church

All Souls Day Thursday November 02

Mass for Departed Souls 11am

Rose Chapel, Traralgon Cemetery

Rosters for October 14 & 15, 2023		28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		
	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
Saturday Oct 14 5:00pm	R Webber	A Taylor	A Membrey	Alison, Jeanne & Amanda
Sunday Oct 15 9:30am	M Hansen & C Mavhundu	M Tainsh	M Wilkinson	Charismatic Choir
Sunday Oct 15 5:00pm	S Luscombe	J Fleming	M Noone	Jane & Simon
Church Cleaning:	October 18	Volunteers		
Touring Statue of Our Lady:	October 08	S & S Kimani	October 15	O & N Pretto
<i>Mick's Kitchen:</i>	October 12	Hemming Team	October 19	Scholtes Team

First Reading Is 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes.

Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
(R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be
saved. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Phil 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Next weeks Readings: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14