



## 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.

### St Michael's Parish Information

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**After office hours** - in case of an emergency please call 0499 162 313 and leave a message and your contact details. All non-urgent calls should be made during office hours.

**Baptisms:** Six weeks notice required

**Weddings:** Six months notice required

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Fr Aju Varghese, Deacon Tony Aspinall, Ben Kennedy, Brett Van Berkel, Cath Hill, Cathy McLure, Elizabeth Joseph, Jenifer Hanratty, Jodie Ware, Judi McLaughlin (chairperson), Kim Zerafa, Michael Hansen (deputy chairperson), Michelle Charlton, and Roy Varghese.

### 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

## PARISH HALL START DATE MONDAY JULY 15!

It is finally happening! After many years and challenges, our parish hall project is moving forward and will begin on Monday July 15. Langden Constructions will take over the parish centre at this time to begin the demolition of the old outbuildings before beginning the construction of our new hall. You will soon see temporary fencing placed around the parish centre, however access to the church will remain the same.

Drawings are available in both church foyers and we encourage you to have a look at the improvements being made to our old Presbytery. We are removing extra bedrooms and bathrooms to make space for the new hall and updating the office space to make it more user friendly and fit for purpose.

During the build process we will not have access to the parish centre at all, nor to the Mary MacKillop Room or the Chapel. Our parish office will be closed and our staff mostly working from home, however we will still be available Tuesday to Friday from 9am – 4pm via phone and email. Our staff will be available at the St Vincent de Paul Centre on Tuesdays from 9am – 4pm, please call or email to make an appointment. Parish meetings will need to be held elsewhere so please contact the office to arrange a space and time for your group to meet. As the Adoration Chapel will be closed after the 15<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to join us for a final prayer service in the chapel on Sunday July 13 at 10am.

There will also be garage sale held in and about the Mary MacKillop Room on Sunday July 13 where you are invited to take anything that interests you, for a donation to the church. We have a lot of kitchen items, tables, chairs, lamps, pictures, office equipment, glassware and books that we don't have room to store and are in need of a new loving home. You are also welcome to pop into the parish office during the week if you would like to have a look and buy anything before then.

We thank you in advance for your patience during this time. It is very exciting that the build is finally happening but we understand that it will be difficult to be without a parish office for awhile. At this stage, the build is due for completion on March 15, 2025. We will keep you updated on our movements as things change and look forward to soon being together in our very own Parish Hall.



Sunday Mass Times		
Saturday	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	9:30am	Mass
	5:00pm	Mass
Weekday Mass Times		
Tuesday Jul 09	9:30am	Mass
Wednesday Jul 10	11:00am	Reconciliation
	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thursday Jul 11	9:30am	Mass*
Friday Jul 12	9:30am	Mass

\*This Thursday, Mass will be celebrated here at St Michael's Church, NOT St Gabriel's Primary School.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Tony Battista, Maria Zahra, Frank Falzon, Brian Hayes and Angelo Bau. Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** including Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Carolyn Gleeson, Jacqui Granville, Barbara Greaves, Ellen Hammond, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah Mckerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Maree Morris, Henry Polo, Joan Riggall, Theresa Rosello, Jerry Templer, Damiano Tripodi, George Walkan, Victoria Rolih, James Whitty, Peter Dal Pra, Jane Eric, Rose Xuereb, Peter Lorinc, Don Barnes, Paul Laurie, Gus Agostino, Sharon Veleff, Jenny Hansch, Rosemaree Kays, Fr Andrew Wise, Jaime Mack and all those we hold dear in our hearts. Please let the office know if you, or anyone you know would like a visit from the parish.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Join us on **Wednesday July 10 at 12:30pm** to help clean the church. Lots of jobs for everyone!

### PARISH GARAGE SALE AND BBQ

Next Saturday July 13, 9am – 12pm  
Mary MacKillop Room and Carport

We are moving out of the Parish Centre and have too many things to place in storage! Lots of items are available including furniture, pictures, glassware, kitchen items, books, office supplies. Make us your best offer!



**KEEP THE DATE:** St Michael's Parish Traralgon is hosting a **menALIVE Men's Weekend on August 10 and 11 2024**. This weekend provides an opportunity for men in Traralgon and neighbouring towns to explore what makes them fully alive. The men of St Michael's Traralgon, with the encouragement of our Parish Priest, Fr Aju Varghese, are inviting and encouraging men to become an active force of renewal in the community and the church. This event is a part of that renewal. Mass is included in the program.

August 10 & 11	Saturday	8:00am to 9:00pm
	Sunday	8:00am to 1:30 pm
Cost	\$50 per person (concessions available) Includes lunch & dinner (Sat) Refreshments tea/coffee – both days	
Venue	Mary MacKillop Hall	

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Wednesday July 10	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
12:30pm	Church Cleaning, St Michael's Church
Thursday July 11	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, St Michael's Church
Saturday July 13	
9am – 12pm	Parish Garage Sale, Mary MacKillop Room and Carport

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend we welcome for baptism **Tate Levi Juha**, son of Rachel and Cameron, **Oscar Tony Gatt**, son of Tayla and Jayke, **Roman Antonio** and **August Maria D'Alessandro**, children of Simone and Nicholas. Congratulations and welcome to our parish! Our next Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on **Tuesday August 13 at 7pm** in the church. Please contact the parish office for more information and to register your interest.



**RCIA:** Do you have a question about what Catholics believe or are you considering becoming a Catholic yourself? Come to the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) sessions where we can answer your questions and shed light on what Catholics believe. Please contact the parish office for more information or to register your interest.

**YOUTH NEWS:** Our Youth Ministry is working hard to raise funds for their upcoming trip to the Ignite Youth Conference in Sydney and are grateful for your support to date. It is not too late to register, so if you or someone you know is interested in attending, contact the parish office for more information.



**J-WALKERS YOUTH MARKET STALLS:** Our J-Walkers will be fundraising after Masses in the coming weeks to help raise funds for their Ignite Conference. They will also run two Market days in the Mary MacKillop Hall alongside the Coffee Cart and invite you to come along and join them.

**July 21 after 9.30am Mass**

**August 18 after 9.30am Mass**

Please come along and support our young people while enjoying a day of parish building and connection. We will also happily take any donations of goods or money that can be sold/raffled to help with their fundraising efforts. Please continue to keep the J-Walkers, their families and leaders in your prayers.

### BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN:

Have you ever thought about Baptising your school aged child? Are you wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Enrolments are now open for our Term 3 program. Two workshops will be held on **Sunday July 21 and Sunday July 28** with the sacrament of Baptism celebrated the following weekend on **Sunday August 04**. At least one parent must be a baptised Catholic. Please contact Cath or Jen in the parish office for more information or to enrol your child.





**OUR STORIES - OUR CHURCH – OUR MISSION**

**PARISH DIOCESAN CONSULTATION**

**MEETING- PHASE ONE– REVIEW:**

The First Phase of the Diocesan Consultation has begun in parishes throughout our Diocese. The aim of this first consultation is to look back over the past five years (2019 to 2024),

and together, to reflect on the question: *“As people of faith and mission, what has God’s Spirit been doing in and through us during these past five years?”* The simple meeting process invites participants to be guided by God’s Word and prayer, to engage in attentive listening to themselves, to each other, and to the Holy Spirit, using a method called, ‘Conversations In The Spirit’. This will be explained at the meeting. It is important that everyone’s stories, memories and perspectives are heard so we invite you all to join us in the Mary MacKillop Hall on:

**Friday July 19 from 6:30 – 8:30pm or**

**Saturday July 27 from 2:00 – 4:00pm.**

All current and past parishioners are invited and encouraged to come along for a time of sharing and reflection. Let us continue to pray to the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to engaging in this process of prayerful listening and sharing.

**DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY PRAYER:**

*Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come!*

*Startle us anew with your power and energy.*

*Blow fresh life through our tired dreams.*

*Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us.*

*Light up the windows of our joy and purpose.*

*Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us.*

*Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible.*

*May we listen attentively*

*to your quiet whisper at our very core.*

*May we discern your call*

*expressed in the voices and stories of others.*

*May we build a Church*

*that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.*

*May we be at one with all of humanity*

*and the rest of God’s creation.*

*May we develop the courage to be people of mission,*

*alert to opportunities,*

*always on the move,*

*bringing Good News to our needy world,*

*Wind and Fire for one another.*

*Amen.*

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help.*

*Pray for Us.*



**A CENACLE OF PRAYER:** You are invited to the Fatima Centre, 205-207 Poath Road, Murrumbena on Friday July 19. The Marian Movement of Priests are conducting a Cenacle of Prayer. Starting at 10:30am Holy Rosary with Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy

Mass and a talk by Fr Peter Ferwerda on our Blessed Mother from 12pm, followed by BYO lunch at 1pm. All are welcome.

For further information, contact Kathleen on 9569 9653 or Grace on 0420 344 189.

**SEASONS OF CREATION**

**CONVOCATION:**

Catholic Earthcare, part of Caritas Australia, is inviting

you to join the Season of Creation Convocation. We are called to ‘Wonder’, ‘Weave’ and ‘Heal’ Earth and the whole of creation. Gather online during Day 1 and 2 to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. Day 3 of the convocation has us gathering together in our diocese to transform our learnings into action.

**Date: Thursday September 12 – Saturday September 14**

The cost is \$100 for 3 days, however groups of 4 or more receive a 50% discount. You can also register for 1 or 2 days with the same group discount. The Diocesan Hub experience includes morning tea and lunch. For more information and to register visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation>).



**ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST:** The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. For more information and application forms visit [pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship](http://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship) Applications close July 31.

**STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:**

*“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you...’” EZEKIEL 2:2-3*

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn’t leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God’s call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn’t call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

**Rosters for July 13 & 14, 2024**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

	Lector	Commentator	Welcomer	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday Jul 13 5:00pm</b>	R Webber	S Luscombe	M Giddens & Volunteer	A Meredith & Volunteer	
<b>Sunday Jul 14 9:30am</b>	M Hansen & C Muvhundu	M Tainsh	P & J Dal Pra	E Ryan & T Caldwell	Diamante Family
<b>Sunday Jul 14 5:00pm</b>	T Denny	Volunteer	2 x Volunteers	M & J McLaughlin	

Church Cleaning July Catholic Women’s League

Mick’s Kitchen July 11 Burns Team

July 18 Van Berkel Team

Touring Statue of Our Lady July 07 B & M Kennedy

July 14 L Panozzo-Tile

**First Reading**

Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 122. R. v.2

**(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.**

To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords. **(R.)**

Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he shows us his mercy. **(R.)**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

2 Cor 12:7-10

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

*I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Lk. 1:76

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

Mk 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

**Next week's Readings:****15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading:	Amos 7:12-15
Second Reading:	Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel:	Mark 6:7-13