



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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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

menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry to Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church.

The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

Through a variety of events and programs, men are invited to explore what God would want for their lives and how they might come to experience the fullness of life that God wants for us all.

www.menalive.org.au

God is glorified when men are fully alive
St Irenaeus

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. We invite and encourage all men to become an active force of renewal in the community and the church and this event is a part of that renewal. Mass is included in the program. For more information and to register, please scan the QR code below.



Date: Saturday August 10 8:00am to 9:00pm
Sunday August 11 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

Sunday Mass Times		
Saturday	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	9:30am	Mass
	5:00pm	Mass
Weekday Mass Times		
Tuesday Jul 23	9:30am	Mass
Wednesday Jul 24	11:00am	Reconciliation
	11:00am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Mass
Thursday Jul 25	9:30am	Mass*
Friday Jul 26	9:30am	Mass

*This Thursday, Mass will be celebrated at St Gabriel's Primary School with their Grade 2 students, not at St Michael's Church. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to join them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently including Froilan San Diego and Orlando Cruz, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Robert Blizzard, Barbara Mooney, Anna Douglas, Bambina Damiano, Elizabeth Jacob, William Higgins, and Victoria Sanchez. *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, Greg Doyle 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.*

CHANGES TO NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES: There will be no weekend masses held at St Michael's Church next weekend. Instead, the Saturday 5pm Mass and Sunday 9:30am Mass will be held at the LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE HALL, KILDARE CAMPUS 33-39 Kosciuszko Street Traralgon. There will be NO 5pm Mass Sunday Night. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. See page 3 for more details.

THANK YOU: To the wonderful parishioners who have helped us pack up the parish centre over the past two weeks. We have had 50 years of memories and treasures (and a little bit of junk) to sort through, file and store. We are so grateful to all who have offered their help and support, who have helped pack boxes, moved furniture, planned and organised our garage sale and helped find storage spaces. We would especially like to thank the team at St Vincent de Paul for sharing their space with us over the coming months, and their ongoing support of our parish. It has truly been a team effort and we thank everyone for their patience and support during this time.

CHURCH CLEANING: Join the Catholic Women's League on **Wednesday July 24 at 12:30pm** to help clean our church. There are lots of jobs for everyone, so come along and help out if you can. Many hands make light work!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:	
Wednesday July 24	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
12:30pm	Church Cleaning, St Michael's Church
Thursday July 25	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, St Michael's Church
Friday July 26	
11:30am	St Michael's Whole School Mass, St Michael's Church
Saturday July 27	
2:00pm	Parish Diocesan Consulation Meeting, St Vincent de Paul Centre

BAPTISMS: 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.



BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN: We have now begun our Baptism program for school aged children and welcome these families to mass this weekend. The sacrament of Baptism will be on **Sunday August 04** at our 9:30am mass. Please keep our baptism families in your prayers during this time.



CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to Thomas, Sebastian, Harper, Jack, Alice and Ella who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with us this weekend at our 9:30am Mass. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide them as they become strong disciples of Christ.

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. Enrolments are closing soon so please contact the parish office for more information or to register your interest as soon as possible.



YOUTH NEWS: This month's Youth Mass was scheduled for next Sunday July 28 at 5pm however this has now been cancelled. We invite you all to join us for next month's Youth Mass which will be held on Sunday August 25 at 5pm.

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

Sunday July 21 after 9.30am Mass
Sunday 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 as they journey towards Ignite24.



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’. It is important that everyone’s stories, memories and perspectives are heard so we invite you all to join us at the **St Vincent de Paul Centre, 43 Kay Street on Saturday July 27 from 2:00 – 4:00pm** if you are unable to attend this Friday’s session. 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.

PARISH HALL UPDATE: The builders have taken possession of our parish centre in preparation for upcoming renovations. During this time our staff will be mostly working from home but are available by appointment on Tuesdays in the St Vincent de Paul Centre. You can also contact them by our usual phone and email addresses Tuesday to Friday from 9am – 4pm.

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. We will keep you updated on our movements as things change and look forward to soon being together in our very own Parish Hall.

ASBESTOS REMOVAL: We have been informed that the asbestos from the Parish Centre/Old Presbytery will be removed next weekend (subject to weather), July 27 & 28. There will also be trucks entering and leaving via the gate between the church and the school hall throughout the weekend which poses more risks to people entering and leaving the church. Whilst the asbestos will be removed and disposed safely by professionals in accordance with all relevant rules and regulations, to ensure the absolute safety of our parishioners, we have decided it is best to move the Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9:30am masses to the Hall at the Lavalla Kildare Campus, 33-39 Kosciuszko Street Traralgon. The Sunday night youth mass has been cancelled. Can you please also help spread the word amongst your own network so we can ensure as many people as possible are told of the changes. **Unfortunately there will be NO masses held at St Michael’s Church next weekend.** We are trying to minimise any disruption to weekend masses during the build project, however in this instance, this could not be helped. Next Saturday is the second session of our Parish Consultation meeting as part of the upcoming Diocesan Consultation and Assembly. This will be moved to the St Vincent de Paul Centre at the advertised time of 2pm-4pm on Saturday July 27. We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you in advance for your patience and support regarding this matter.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

“...come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile.” MARK 6:31

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some “alone” time with God.

Rosters for July 27 & 28, 2024			17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B		
	Lector	Commentator	Welcomer	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday Jul 27 5:00pm*	S & S Reid	B Purcell	L Kennedy & 1 volunteer	B O’Brien & C Payne	Diamante Family
Sunday Jul 28 9:30am*	C McLure & R Diaz	T Denny	M Wilkinson & M Noone	E Ryan & 1 volunteer	Jane & Simon
*ALL MASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE LAVALLA HALL, KILDARE CAMPUS, 33-39 Kosciuszko Street, Traralgon					
There will be NO 5pm mass Sunday Night					
Church Cleaning	July	Catholic Women’s League			
Mick’s Kitchen	July 25	McLaughlin Team	August 01	St Michael’s Staff	
Touring Statue of Our Lady	July 28	E Membrey	August 04	B McNulty	

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.2

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff,
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Next Week's Readings: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	2 Kings 4:42-44
Second Reading:	Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel:	John 6:1-15

Second Reading

Eph 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

see Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.*

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 6:30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

