



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.

www.smpt.org.au

email: sec@smpt.org.au

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. Please contact our Safeguarding Officers, Chris DiCorleto and Shane Reid on 0417 572 546 if you have any concerns.

St Michael's Parish Information

Fr Francis Otobo Parish Priest

Fr Ajin Albarnas IVD Assistant Priest

Parish Centre 5174 2060

Priests' Residence: 5174 6765

Deacon Tony Aspinall

Phone 5174 8167

Em: deacontony8@gmail.com

Sr Doreen Dagne RSJ 5174 9997

Monsignor John Allman

O'Mara House 5174 9674

St Michael's Parish Office 5174 2060

35 Kay Street, Traralgon

PO Box 103, Traralgon 3844

Office hours –

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

Parish Secretary: Bev O'Brien

Email: sec@smpt.org.au

Sacraments / Youth Jenifer Hanratty

Email: sacraments@smpt.org.au

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: currently in abeyance

Weddings: currently in abeyance

Parish Pastoral Council: Greg Imhagwe Chairperson, Fr Francis, Sr Doreen, Lia Di Corleto, Watson Gomez, Jenifer Hanratty, Steve Kimani, Judi McLaughlin, Thomas Mathew, Amanda Reid, Kevin Taylor, 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

St Paul's Campus 5174 7355

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:

Our PPC met on Wednesday evening, via Zoom. It was great to see familiar faces, even if they were in boxes across our screens.

Fr Francis reported –

- * Fr Peter Slater has been elected as the Diocesan Administrator now that Bishop Pat is now 'Archbishop Pat O'Regan', the 9th Archbishop of the Adelaide Diocese.
- * Easing of Covid-19 restrictions – we are now allowed to have 20 people attending Mass, subject to Government and Diocesan regulations. Many of our parishioners have expressed a yearning to again be involved in Mass. For the time being, baptisms (for those families who have already attended the preparation meeting) will be offered within the Mass setting. Further bookings for baptism to wait until a new meeting structure can be set up.
- * Glengarry - a meeting will be set up, possibly via Zoom, to discuss the Parish's position with regards to the St Columbkille site.
- * CDF have approved our loan for the Parish Centre Development. The Parish need to first answer some concerns raised by the Priests Consultors Meeting and then take our proposal to the Diocesan Finance Committee for final approval. Waiting to see how the Parish is situated when life returns to normal seems to be the wisest course at the moment.

School reports - all three schools reported that the staggered return to classrooms has gone well, with children very happy to be there and their parents also. They are all looking forward to having their full complement of students on site again next week.

Coming to Mass: PPC Members expressed uncertainty about whether they should be booking to come to Mass, or leaving the available spaces for others. Generally, the feeling of the meeting was that it is important for our leaders to be seen to be with our parishioners, even if they only attend Mass once a fortnight.

Meeting our Covid-19 Mass requirements: the Parish must be able to show that proper cleaning of the Church is taking place after each Mass, including the cleaning of the toilet. Volunteers to be called for to fulfil this role. Masses cannot proceed unless we can show that we are obeying all directives.

Isolation Experiences: PPC are hopeful that we might create a St Michael's Parish Traralgon Isolation Experience Journal. We are asking parishioners to provide a 100-200 word account of what being a parishioner in isolation has mean to them. Please submit your Isolation Experience via email to sec@smpt.org.au. These anecdotes will be shared in our Bulletin, and on our Website. People do not have to use their own name in these writings.

Other Business

- * Our Youth Ministry and Sacramental Programme are still in abeyance.
- * Our FaceBook page is doing well, being well read and received. Jenifer Hanratty is working on an Instagram page which will hopefully be ready in the near future.

May God bless us all.

Fr Francis

Sunday Mass Times		
Saturday	4:00pm	5:30pm
Sunday	9:00am	10:30am
	4:00pm	5:30pm
Weekday Mass Times		
Tuesday to Friday	9:30am	
Attendance at Mass is limited to 20 parishioners.		
ATTENDANCE MUST BE BOOKED AT THE PARISH OFFICE.		

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Megan Agostino and Grace Bernadette Econar and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Antonio Ryan, Teresa Dal Pozzo, Wladyslaw Trochimczuk, Jenny Cukier, Glenice Canny and Walentyna Trochimczuk.

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK including, including Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, Lulu Aragon, Cath Boers, Fr Bernard Buckley, Conceicao Carvalho, Peter Dal Pra, Ann-Maree Daly, Anthony Derham, Gary Donchi, Bill Edgar, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Peter Lont, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah McKerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Ray Smith, Jerry Templer, Julie Vaz, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, George Walkan, and Fr Frank Young, and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



MASS OFFERINGS: During the week Mass will be offered for Dan & Vanessa Lugtu and family, Vicky Pearson, Corrie Howben.

PLENARY COUNCIL NEWS: Six Discernment & Writing Groups, one for each of the six national themes were tasked with writing papers to bring some major themes and issues into focus.

The papers are an important contribution to the Church in Australia's ongoing discernment towards the Plenary Council.

They will be foundational to the next stage of discernment toward the Plenary council – the development of the working paper, or Instrumentum Laboris – and ultimately the agenda for the Council assemblies.

To read the papers, the fruits of the labours of so many throughout Australia, please go to <https://cathnews.com/cathnews/38106-discernment-papers-help-sharpen-focus-for-plenary-council?>



Our New Way of Being St Michael's Parish:

Parish life is very different now, and changing all the time.

How we are at the moment:-

- * We are able to offer Mass for up to 20 parishioners only. *Attendance must still be booked through the Office for weekend Masses and weekday Masses alike.*
- * The Parish Office remains closed. Bev is in the office Tuesday to Friday, as she is unable to work from home. The Office door must remain closed. All contact with the Office must be made by phone (5174 2060) or by email (sec@smpt.org.au).
- * At all Masses, one parishioner is required to act as an "Usher". The role of the Usher is to check those in attendance with the booking sheet, to remind people to use the hand sanitizer, to sit in every second pew, to maintain social distancing at all times, and to remind parishioners that the church and the toilet area must be disinfected and cleaned at the end of every Mass celebration. The Usher will have a 'check list' to sign off at the end of Mass.
- * Only Parishioners who have booked to attend Mass may attend. Please do not 'just turn up' as you may be offended when you are turned away.
- * We are only able to offer Mass provided we fully meet the regulations set out by the Government and the Diocese. Failure to faithfully meet these requirements can result in fines of over \$2,000 and possibly the closing of our Church.

And so, we are now in need of volunteers to take on the role of 'Usher' at every Mass. Please let the Parish Office know on 5174 2060 that you are happy to help out in this small way.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD: Please deliver a bulletin to anyone you know who might like one. It would be lovely if we could reach as many of our parishioners as possible, so they too may be aware of the changes happening in our Parish life.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The simple and loving act of Spiritual Communion (written by St. Alphonsus Liguori) can be made when we are unable to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist.

Pray these words:

*My Jesus,
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.*

SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER AND OUR PARISH:

As we figure out how to 'be parish' in this time with restricted Masses in our Church, we need to remember:

- * our prayer and spiritual life
- * our commitment to and support for our Parish
- * our community.

In this time of uncertainty, please remember our priests and religious in your prayers. Our priests are financially supported by our weekly Presbytery (first) collections, and these expenses will still need to be met. Parishioners are asked to make donations by electronic transfer to St Michael's Parish Traralgon Presbytery Account, BSB 083 879 Account Number 48906 6098.

Our Parish will still need to pay our utility bills, our wages bills, rates and insurances. We meet these costs through the Planned Giving Program. Parishioners who currently give via the weekly envelopes are asked to consider altering their giving to Direct Debit giving to enable our Parish to continue. Direct Debit Giving forms are available at the office, please phone or email and we can get one to you.

Anyone wishing to make a general donation to our parish can do so by electronic transfer to St Michael's Parish Traralgon Church Account, BSB 083 879, Account Number 48885 1289. Please let me know by email (sec@smpt.org.au) if you decide to do this. Thank you.

If you are wanting to request a Mass Offering, then please place your donation in an envelope, and clearly mark:-

1. The name of the person(s) for whom you wish to offer the Mass.
2. Whether it's a death anniversary, or recent death.
3. Your name, contact number and email.

The envelopes can be 'posted' through the mail slot beside the front door of the Parish Office.

Please look out for those in our community who are the most vulnerable and could be in need of our support. Let the Office know if you know of anyone in need.

Sincere thanks to those parishioners who have dropped in their Giving Envelopes, made payments via electronic means, and are keeping all our parish community firmly in their prayers.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..."

JOHN 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

Please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 or by email to sec@smpt.org.au if you want assistance or information regarding your Planned Giving.

Prayer for a new Bishop for our Diocese

*Loving God,
in your faithfulness,
grant to the Diocese of Sale
a shepherd whose watchful care and kindly zeal
will continue the good work of his predecessors.*

*In your love for us, give us a shepherd who will
lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy,
voice of hope, and hands of justice.*

*Help him to fill our minds and hearts
with the truth of the Gospel,
the power of the sacraments,
and the desire to build up your holy Church.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our
Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever. Amen.*

Isolation Prayer Life, Access to Masses online/TV/:

Keep up to date with the latest prayer resources for your communities <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/prayer-resources-in-time-of-need>

Livestreamed Masses

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/coronavirus>

Music and Prayer for Trinity Sunday

You are invited to pray at home with the Sunday readings with free access to the following online music and video resources

- **Psalms and chants from Marist Music** www.maristmusic.org.au/ available as sheet music and audio.
- **Sunday Readings and Family Prayer** – download and pray the Scriptures of the Sunday Mass and/or use the Family Prayer sheets with children. From Liturgy Brisbane <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/>
- **Trinity Song** from Fr Frank Andersen - <https://tinyurl.com/Trinity-Song>
- **CathFamily** – Free access to CathKids until 30 June 2020 <https://cathfamily.org/>

Spirituality offerings

Anne Hunt has written a short reflection on our Christian faith in the Trinity (Garratt Publishing) see attached or visit <https://tinyurl.com/Trinity-Faith-Guide>

The Laudato Si' Year 2020-2021.

In commemorating the 5th anniversary of his encyclical *Laudato Si'* – On the Care of Our Common Home, Pope Francis has invited everyone to take part in the *Laudato Si' Year* which began last Sunday and ends on 24 May 2021. The Pope announced a special prayer dedicated to the *Laudato Si' Year* (see attached)

The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has prepared resources for the year. <http://www.humandevlopment.va/en.html>

Entrance Antiphon

*Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.*

First Reading Exodus 34:4-5 8-9

A reading from book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm Dn 3:52-56 Rv 52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.
(R.) Glory and praise for ever!
Blest your glorious holy name.
(R.) Glory and praise for ever!
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.
(R.) Glory and praise for ever!
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.
(R.) Glory and praise for ever!
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.
(R.) Glory and praise for ever!
You are blest in the firmament of heaven.
(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

Next weeks Readings – Corpus Christi Year A

1st Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel John 6:51-58

