

Fr Bernard Buckley Parish Priest

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St Michael's Parish Office Hours
Mondays closed
Tuesday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Parish Pastoral Council
Susan Grout Chairperson, Fr Bernard, Fr Prasanna, Sr Doreen, Greg Imhagwe, Rose Pearson, Kevin Taylor, Ray Moretti, Rob Tarraran, Jan Fitzpatrick, Ros Joyner, Doug Doherty and Chris DiCorleto.

Parish Schools:

St Gabriel's School 5174 5515
Principal: Mrs Ros Joyner

St Michael's School 5174 3295
Acting Principal: Miss Jan Fitzpatrick

Lavalla Catholic College 5174 5272
Principal: Mr John Freeman

Kildare Campus 5174 8111
Director: Mr Douglas Doherty

St Paul's Campus 5174 7355
Director: Ms Lee McKenzie

A REFLECTION FOR EPIPHANY: When the sun rules the day, it overpowers all the stars. But evening comes and the world glides into the silence of night. There, in the darkness, God is revealed in the twinkling light from stars. We look back in time to a galaxy that sent its light racing toward our eyes a billion years ago. We see light that may no longer exist. Such galaxies may have gone dark a million years ago. Astronomers and computers can re-create the position of the stars yesterday or two thousand years ago. They reverse the celestial clockwork to precise points in time. Projecting back in time they can re-create the sky as it appeared on the night Jesus was born. We are enabled to search with the Magi for the Christmas star. Some scientists conclude that the "star" was a rare conjunction of the planets Venus and Jupiter. Others speculate that the Christmas star must have been an unidentified flying object. Perhaps it was a celestial "burning bush" coming in power to join the shepherds and shout - Hosanna in the highest.



WE SAY GOODBYE: It's almost time for us to say goodbye to both Fr Bernard and Fr Prasanna. We will celebrate with a cuppa in the hall at 4:45pm, before the 6:00pm Mass on Sunday 15th January to say farewell and thank you to Fr Prasanna, and after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 22nd January to say farewell and thank you to Fr Bernard. Parishioners please bring a plate to share at these farewells. Parishioners will be able to make a donation to farewell gifts at the conclusion of the Masses this weekend, or donations can be dropped into the Parish Office

St Michael's Vision & Mission Statements
Inspired by Jesus Christ, we are a welcoming Catholic community seeking to enrich lives. Come and join us! We seek to provide opportunities for all to: *grow in holiness; *discover and live out a personal call to mission to live as Catholics who effectively transform society.

Statement of Commitment to the Safety of Children and Vulnerable Adults: Central to the mission of St Michael's and St Mary's Parishes 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 pray for: We remember those who have died recently, including: Rino Frescura, Margaret Grumley, Jim McDonald, Jimmy Goyano Lamayo, Gordon Fraser and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Jonathan Phelan, Mark Conroy and Maria Nardone.

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

We pray for those who are sick: including Adrian Stasinowsky, Pat O'Mara, Robert Hazelman, Alan Douche, Pearce Morgan, Veronica Barter, Tony Tactor, Fr Frank Freeman, Jan Gilmour, Mary O'Brien, Carolyn Gleeson, Barry Felmingham, Gary Donchi, Anna Lapuh, Louis Janssen, Rita Sweeney, Peter Heron, Mia Coulthard, Father Frank Young, Sarah Parker **and all who seek our prayers.**

CAN YOU HELP??

1. We've been contacted by a gentleman who's a civil engineer working with VicRoads who lives in Rowville with his family, but now works in Traralgon. He is looking for a room to rent, Monday to Thursday nights during the week. If you are able help him, please call 0439 302 597.
2. Looking for old fashioned hairdryers (the portable ones with the hood attached to a hose). If you've one you're willing to give to a good cause, please call Jenny on 0428 810 551. They would be most helpful for the volunteer hairdressers at O'Mara House.

Finance Matters: *"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.

Weekend 31 Dec / 01 Jan :

First Collection -	\$1017.00
Planned Giving Envelopes -	\$1730.00
December electronic giving	\$9740.90

Thank you for your generosity. If you wish to have further information about our Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office.

Money Counters: 8th January Armstrong Team
15th January Morris Team

Sunday Mass Times
St Michael's Traralgon Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9:30 am and 6:00 pm
St Columbkille's Glengarry Sunday 10:00 am
St Mary's Yarram Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Liturgy Times - January 09 to 12

Monday January 09 9:30am St Michael's
Liturgy of the Word and Communion

Tuesday January 10 9:30am Mass, St Michael's
11:00am Mass, Crossley House, Yarram

Wednesday January 11 10:00am Mass, St Mary's
12:00pm, Mass, St Michael's

Thursday January 12 9:30am Mass, St Michael's

Friday January 13 10:30am Mass, Bupa Care, Traralgon

Saturday January 14 9:30am Mass, St Michael's

Rosary: Monday to Saturday, 30 minutes before Mass
Reconciliation: St Michael's, Saturdays 10:15am & 5:30pm or any time by arrangement with Father.

Rosters : January 14 & 15 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:30 pm Mass Saturday January 14
Lector, Sr Doreen; **Commentator,** Dorothy Smith; **Eucharistic Ministers,** C DiCorleto, B Power, M Giddens, D Buckland; **Welcomer,** H Luque; **Music,** Diamante Family; **Sacristans,** P & S Armstrong

9:30 am Mass Sunday January 15
Lector, S Grout, N Georgeson; **Commentator,** L Van der Velden; **Eucharistic Ministers,** P Carlin, T Denny, J&W Waanders, T&L Panozzo-Tilé; **Welcomers,** R Benbow, M Blanchard; **Music,** Charismatic Choir; **Sacristan,** G Imhagwe.

6:00 pm Mass Sunday January 15
Lector, C Blackford; **Commentator,** C Livesey; **Eucharistic Ministers,** J Reid, Rob Tarraran, D Locke, Volunteer; **Welcomer,** Volunteer; **Sacristan,** A O'Neill.

Altar cleaning: January 09 M Giddens & C Tognella
January 16 M Tainsh.

Church cleaning: Limbom team

Touring Statue of Our Lady: January 08 M & A Moloney
January 15 M Calabro

Mick's Kitchen January 12 Scholtes Team
January 19 Hemming Team

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: St Michael's Passionist Family Groups will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary on Sunday March 5th with a lunch at 12.00pm. It will be a great occasion to gather together and to meet up with present and past members.