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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
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St Michael's School	5174 3295
Acting Principal: Miss Jan Fitzpatrick	
Lavalla Catholic College	5174 5272
Principal: Mr John Freeman	
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Director: Mr Douglas Doherty	
St Paul's Campus	5174 7355
Director: Ms Lee McKenzie	

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.

FAREWELL FR PRASANNA: This weekend we farewell Fr Prasanna from our communities, wishing him well as he returns to the Diocese of Kandy, Sri Lanka, after many years overseas, including the last two in Australia, amongst us. He has served faithfully in the parishes of Lakes Entrance and Orbost, Traralgon and Yarram, for about a year in each place. Now his Bishop has asked him to come home. It will be good for him and his family, and the people of the Diocese there, to spend time with each other.

Fr Prasanna has been a cheerful, gentle, good humoured Minister of the Word and Sacraments amongst us (especially when SL won the cricket!!). I'm sure we all wish him well wherever the priesthood takes him in his life. He will be a welcome visitor in the Diocese of Sale.

All good wishes, blessings and many thanks, Fr Prasanna. We hope you think kindly of us when you recall your time in our Diocese, as will we of you.

FR SAJI JOHN VALIYAVEETIL: Fr Saji is from Kerala, India, and will join us at St Mary's and St Michael's this week after his month at the Cathedral parish in Sale. His appointment in the Diocese of Sale is for about one year. I'm sure he will be given the traditionally warm welcome all visitors to our parishes receive. May his time and ministry amongst us be blessed and fruitful.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently, including: Carmela Colaciello, Joan Cahir, Rudy Mayr, Val Hegarty, Don Cooper, Rino Frescura, Margaret Grumley 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 Marie Howard, Adrian Stasinowsky, Pat O'Mara, Robert Hazelman, Alan Douche, Veronica Barter, Tony Tactor, Fr Frank Freeman, Jan Gilmour, Gary O'Brien, Carolyn Gleeson, Barry Felmingham, Gary Donchi, Anna Lapuh, Louis Janssen, Rita Sweeney, Peter Heron, Father Frank Young, Sarah Parker **and all who seek our prayers.**

BAPTISMS: We welcome for Baptism this week Luke Patrick Marino, son of Giuseppe and Emma; Elise Margaret McKenna, daughter of Michael and Joelene; Jacob Beaty, son of Simon and Catherine; and Monjwok Akang, son of Olem and Mary. Congratulations to the families, from us all.

THE SWAG: The Swag is a quarterly publication of the National Council of Priests of Australia. It is intended as a service to the Catholic clergy of Australia, and through them to the Church and the wider community. The articles are well worth the read and offer stimulating, contemporary reading on the present and future church in our land. Interested lay people also subscribe.

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WHY IS THE SWAG CALLED THE SWAG?: Back in the Gold Rush days of 19th Century Australia, many left home - such as it was - to seek new hope, new life, maybe a fortune on the gold fields. Later on, especially during the dark time of the 1890's and during the deep depression years of the late 1920's and early 1930's many more left home to seek new hope and new life.

The travellers on the long country roads of inland Australia were often called "swagmen" or "swaggies". They carried on their backs whatever was precious and dear to them in their swag, usually a canvas bag which was slung over the shoulder as they walked along. Their lives became a long, long journey from place to place and often they added a new memento or a symbol of a new experience to their swag. Sometimes they left behind something that had lost significance. They were walking in hope and often on unmade rough tracks, and because it was a long journey they couldn't carry a swag that was too heavy and cumbersome.

Back in the 1970's reflection on the symbolism and significance of all this brought priests who were members of the NCP to name their national newsletter *The Swag*. The "Australian-ness" of the title appealed. But the appropriateness of the title was deeper. We were, and still are on a journey, filled with hope; in many ways we are constantly leaving home, taking with us only the things that really matter; we're constantly re-assessing what needs to be set aside or left behind and what needs to be picked up and carried forward on the journey.

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 16 to 21	
Monday January 16	9:30am St Michael's Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Tuesday January 17	9:30am Mass, St Michael's
Wednesday January 18	10:00am Mass, St Mary's 12:00pm St Michael's Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Thursday January 19	1:00pm Requiem Mass for Mrs Joan Cahir, St Michael's
Friday January 20	11:00am Requiem Mass for Mrs Carmela Colaciello, St Michael's
Saturday January 21	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 21 & 22 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:30 pm Mass Saturday January 21
Lector, B O'Brien; **Commentator,** M Noone; **Eucharistic Ministers,** J Scholtes, C Livesey, R Tactor, Volunteer; **Welcomers,** S Frankland, L Kennedy; **Music,** Jane; **Sacristans,** A & M Giddens
9:30 am Mass Sunday January 22
Lector, J Dal Pra/U Imhagwe; **Commentator,** M Moulton; **Eucharistic Ministers,** W Detering, C Payne, J Cahill, C Mesaric, Volunteer; **Welcomer,** C Collis; **Music,** Jane; **Sacristan,** G Imhagwe.
6:00 pm Mass Sunday January 22
Lector, Rob Tarraran; **Commentator,** Robyn Tarraran; **Eucharistic Ministers,** R & J Hayes, A Ward, Volunteer; **Welcomer,** G Edgar, J Sykes; **Music,** Jane; **Sacristan,** C Fernando.
Altar cleaning: Jan 16 M Tainsh; Jan 23 J Scholtes
Church cleaning: Limbom team
Touring Statue of Our Lady: January 15 M Calabro
January 22 J&M Hanratty
Mick's Kitchen January 19 Hemming Team
January 26 Aus Day Team

Finance Matters: Weekend 07 & 08 January
First Collection - \$1227.00
Planned Giving Envelopes - \$1440.00
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Money Counters: 15th January Morris Team
22nd January Mitchell Team