



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

24th Sunday Ordinary Time.
11 September 2022. YEAR C.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

Assistant Priest: Fr Simeon Anthony

The Parish Office open hours are Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm

Parish Secretary: Margaret Stanford [Tues & Fri: 9am – 4pm]

Pastoral Associate: Sandy Starbuck Tue, Wed, Fri [9401 6321]

Sacraments: Contact Parish Office [9412 8493]

Finance/Admin: Monique Heckmann Tue, Wed, Thur [9412 8493]

Parish Office: 2-20 Fir Street, Whittlesea 3757

Postal address: P.O. Box 221, Mernda 3754

Phone Number: 9412 8493

Mobile Number: 0448 101 401

Email: merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au

Website: www.christthelightparish.org.au

Nazareth Centre

(St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday 4pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8am and Sunday 10:30am

LIVE STREAM MASS Every SUNDAY 10:30am

www.christthelightparish.org.au

St Mary's, Whittlesea

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Confession/Reconciliation after

Tuesday & Thursday Mass at 10am.

Weekend: Sunday 10 am

St Mary's, Kinglake

124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd Kinglake 3763

Weekend Mass Sunday 8:30 am

St Joseph's, Mernda

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am

Weekend: Sunday 5pm

We pray for those who have died recently: Paul Nowak, Kevin Reidy, Peter Bettes, Paola Curatore

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Iris Wileman, Angelo Natoli

We pray for those who are ill in our community: John & Vivian Sguerzi, Jenna Huynh, Vincent Orchard, Patrick Anderson, Angela Barilari, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, Leroy Folau, Irene Serritelli, Simon Boulous, Fr Brendan Dillon.

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O

Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading:

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm:

I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading:

St Paul to Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

Next Week: 25th Sun Ord Time. Year C.

First: Amos 8:4-7

Second: St Paul to Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

The golden calf remains a potent symbol for the idolatries of our own time. It represents our collective wilfulness dazzling us right to the edge of destruction. Our world is polluted by extractive industries and consumer greed, our focus on making and having shiny metallic things. Our society often resembles that of our spiritual forebears in the wilderness, busily inviting disaster. We stand on the precipice of a climatic catastrophe of our own manufacture.

But the core message in all of today's readings is that God is merciful, not vengeful. The scriptures are about salvation, not devastation. So, in this Season of Creation we may well wonder how our habits and mindsets contribute to our ecological woes. If we recognise our faults – including our ecological sins and omissions – might we find a path back from the edge?

As Pope Francis so rightly points out, the present ecological crisis is really a social crisis, and each of us has a part to play in solving it. This does not mean we must be ecological rigorists or environmental moralists. Rather, we should become people who rejoice when right paths are chosen, who build on common sense and consensus, and who intercede where danger threatens the vulnerable.

9:15am COMMUNION SERVICE at St Joseph's church, Plenty Rd. Mernda
Wednesday 14 September.

Thursday 9:15am HEALING MASS at St Mary's, Whittlesea on 15 September.

Tuesday 9:15am Mass will continue for the month of September at St Mary's Whittlesea.

Welcome Martin Hall – Architect

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our Architect for the new Church building, Martin Hall, this weekend at the 10.30am Mass at the Nazareth Centre.

Martin will be making himself available to sit with the community after mass for a meet and greet.

We appreciate Martin spending time with us. This is a very exciting time in our parish as we continue our journey to building our new church.

Please join us in welcoming Martin!



FOLLOWING NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK IS SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY. The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September, at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday also invites us to thank God and the people responsible for the enormous work that has been done to ensure that children are safe in Church settings. We need to keep working to ensure that they continue to do so. The theme this year is that 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'.



CHRIST THE LIGHT PARISH of Doreen, Kinglake, Mernda, Whittlesea, are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

<https://www.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-sunday>



To Father Hien, Fr Peter and to all Christ the Light Parishioners; A heartfelt thank you for all your prayers and well wishes. I have now completed my cancer treatment and God willing hope to enjoy better health again. Knowing that I have been in your prayers has meant a lot to me, it has helped me stay connected to my Church community. Thank you. God Bless – Nuccia Roks



CAKE STALL UPDATE. Congratulations to everyone for a combined effort and hard work put into raising \$1,575 for the new church building fund. Thank you to the organisers, the bakers and the buyers. What a wonderful combined parish achievement.

MULTI-CULTURAL DINNER was the winner in the survey result. This will be our next fundraising event.

SAVE THE DATE—SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER, 6:30pm at ANAWIM CENTRE, ST MARY'S, WHITTLESEA.

We are asking for people to assist in the Multi-Cultural dinner and can you please attend the **planning meeting** in the parish office, (the building next door to the church at St Mary's, Whittlesea).

Wednesday 14 September at 7pm.

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. We pray for the repose of the soul and eternal rest of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, a great witness to Christian life. Her annual Christmas message invariably focused on Jesus Christ as a model of humble and generous service. She strived to emulate this throughout her life. Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord, And let Perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen

DATE	MASS	WELCOMER	READER	EUCARIST	LAPTOP
17 Sept	5.30pm	Doris M. Ernie M.	Leader: Ray R. Reader: Chris B.	Patrick B	Liz B.
18 Sept	8am	Biju K. Sarah B.	Leader: Cath M. Reader: Ushmani F.	Anthony F.	Ryan J.
	10am	Sr Dora Sr Estalita	Leader: Mary W. Reader: Sean S.	Karen H.	Barry K.
	10.30am	Vanessa C. Shevan F.	Leader: Silence M. Reader: Paul N.	George Snr	To be confirmed

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. 4:30pm on Saturday 17 September. Dee F, Dinesh F, Anton

Thank you to all of our volunteers who bring Christ the Light Parish to LIFE!