



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

3rd SUNDAY of EASTER . Year A 23 April 2023

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

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

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Nazareth Centre, Mernda (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

St Mary's, Whittlesea

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am

Confession/Reconciliation after

Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am Mass.

Weekend Mass: Sunday 10am

St Mary's, Kinglake

124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd Kinglake 3763

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:30am

St Joseph's, Mernda

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15am

Weekend Mass: Sunday 5pm

We pray for those who have died recently: Fr Bob Maguire, Michelle Mantello

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: George Assouad, Sio Duffy

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Vincent Orchard, Colin McKenzie, Caroline Perrett, Fleur Goodier, John Van Kalken

Entrance Antiphon:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22-23

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading: St Peter 1: 17 – 21

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24: 13 – 35

Next week: 4th Sunday Easter. Year A

First: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Second: St Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.



We are a Child Safe Parish. We hold the care, safety and well-being of children, young people and vulnerable adults as a central and fundamental responsibility of our community.



Mother's Day Dinner & Talent Show



SOCIAL GATHERING & FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT NEW CHURCH BUILDING

SAT, 13th MAY 2023 AT 6:00 PM TO 11:30 PM
ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
2-20 FIR STREET, WHITTLESEA, VIC 3757

AN EVENING FILLED WITH:

Authentic Indian Street Food & Desserts
Performances from Samoan, Indian, Filipino
& many more Communities
Entertainment: Live Music/DJ

Ticket Prices:

Adult: \$35
Children: \$15 (Under 2 free)

Dress Code: Traditional/Casual Smart

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:
GEORGE THOMMANA 04 23 646 864
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ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ANZAC DAY

LONE PINE LABRYNTH OPENING & BLESSING

MONDAY 24 APRIL 2023

We warmly invite you to be part of our blessing and opening beginning at **9.30am**.
Special guests from the Whittlesea RSL and the Honourable Rob Mitchell



PROJECT COMPASSION



If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or donate by calling 1800 024 413 or online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion



FIRST EUCHARIST 2023

Our Parish Sacramental Preparation Program is now accepting applications for children to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist in August 2023.
Please email the office: merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au to receive an application form. Children must be in year 4 (minimum) and attend a State Primary School within our Parish. Children must have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation before they can make their First Holy Communion.

Fr Robert "Bob" Maguire. A faithful Priest of the Catholic Church since 1960, he died on 19 April, aged 88 years. Bob has been a fierce friend of the downhearted, the broken and the lost throughout his whole life. Without a doubt, he was the 'larrikin priest', who had a great love for Jesus—who also lived with the outcast and the unloved. We pray that he is now at peace with his Saviour and Lord. In faith, we now entrust Bob to eternal life. May he be welcomed to the Heavenly feast.

Statement from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

GUEST SPEAKER—SISTER KERIN CALDWELL sgs

The program 'Ageing and Awakening : God's Surprising Gifts' is for all parishioners who are in post retirement years. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

It will be held at St Mary's Whittlesea.

The time will be 10am-12:30pm, with a cuppa at 11am.

The 6 new Friday Session dates are:

May 12, May 26, June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21

If you are interested in attending, please write your name on the clipboard.



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NEXT WEEK Roster: 29/30 April

[W] Welcomer [L] Leader [R] Reader [E] Eucharist [LT] Laptop

5:30pm [W] Ray R, Paul N [L] Trish B [R] Chris B [E] Paul N [LT] Liz B

8am: [W] Charles F, Anneston A [L] Ajith D.S [R] Lucy F [E] Roy J [LT] Ryan J

10am: [W] John O, John S [L] Lynne O [R] Angelo I [E] Mary S [LT] Barry K

10.30am: [W] Shevan F, Aeshan F [L] Juliet P [R] Vanessa C [E] Libano D [LT] Lasith F

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. 4:30pm on Sat 29 April: Carmel W, Terry W, Ray R, Ushmani F



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