



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.
15 OCTOBER 2023

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

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
Children's Liturgy EVERY 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**:

And for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time: Matthew & Jose Matthew

We pray for those who are **ill in our community**: Connie Caruana, Vincent Orchard, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, K.P Abraham, Joseph Ah Kiau, Margaret Muldoon, Baselisa Malusu, Indika Fernando, Tania Fernando

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark
iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Responsorial Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all
the days of my life.

Second Reading:

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the
eyes of our heart that we might see
how great is the hope to which we
are called. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Next week: Yr A 29th Sun Ord Time

First: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Second: Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Wedding Garments at Baptisms!

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

'Weekly Quote'

The Prayer of the Frog by Anthony de Mello. Page 23. A priest observed a woman sitting in the empty church with her head in her hands. An hour passed. Then two. Still she was there. Judging her to be a soul in distress, and eager to be of assistance, he went up to the woman and said, "Is there any way I can be of help?" "No, thank you, Father," she said. "I've been getting all the help I need." Until you interrupted!



Springtime Carnival

Saturday 21st October,

6pm-11pm. St Mary's School Hall, Whittlesea.

LAST CHANCE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY. All ticket books, sold or unsold, to be returned by Tuesday 17th October for catering purposes. Please contact either Liz (contact numbers below) to return your books or purchase tickets. A night filled with games/quizzes for all the family, great food and live music. Adults \$35.00 - Children (2-12) \$15.00 Tickets available from Parish Office, Liz Williams (0403 007 692) or Liz Blake (0407 832 296)

Looking forward to seeing you all there, celebrating our parish community and raising funds for the New Church building.

Springtime Carnival

We are delighted to announce that, for the Springtime Carnival, we have received generous donations from Makin Mattresses, Thomastown. These donations include a "Siesta Plus" queen mattress with a retail price of \$499 and a "Siesta Plus" single mattress with a retail price of \$289.

If you are unable to attend the event in person, don't worry. We will be accepting SMS bids for these mattresses starting from Saturday, October 14th. Additionally, in-person bids will be accepted on the evening of the carnival. The winners, the highest bidders, will be announced at the Springtime Carnival on October 21st.

To make an offer, please SMS your name and bid to Liz Williams at 0403007692 for the queen mattress or Liz Blake at 0407832296 for the single mattress. We will promptly inform you if your bid is the highest, and if not, you will have the opportunity to place a higher bid. Your participation is highly valued!

Special Prayers for VCE Students

Father Hien would like to offer a special prayer for VCE Students at our Masses this weekend.

We would like to include them in our prayers and support them during this important time in their education journey.

We encourage the students to attend these Masses to receive our blessings and support.

Your participation and support in this initiative are greatly appreciated. Let us come together as a community to uplift and inspire our year 12 VCE students.

Retreat for Daily Life Program 2023

The dates of these evenings and their themes are:

- **October 25th**: Ecology
- **November 8th**: Loss and grief
- **November 22nd**: Encounter with Jesus in daily life

The sessions will be held at St Joseph's School Mernda commencing at 7.00pm and concluding no later than 8.45pm. There will be a short refreshment break during each evening. You are invited to bring an object or image that has personal significance for you and relates to the topic.

UPDATE - 5.30pm Mass Saturday 14 and 21 October.

Please note that 5.30pm Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Whittlesea 2-20 Fir Street.

Catholic Mission Appeal Next Weekend 21/22 October. Envelopes will be at the back of each Mass Centre for you to take home and bring back next weekend.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES. In the month of November we especially remember and pray for our departed loved ones. November Mass offering envelopes are available from the back of each Mass Centre and included in your stewardship package.

God's Word 2024 Daily Reflection books are available for **\$23 each.** Contact the parish office: 0448 101 401 or email merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au



New CHURCH Building Account Details:

If you would like to make a Direct Deposit DONATION* to the New Church Building account.

BSB: 083 - 347

Acct No: 135 263 131

Name: New Church Building

*Any donation made to this account is NOT tax deductible as we are a Not For Profit organization

MINISTRY ROSTER: 21/22 OCTOBER

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

5:30pm [W] George T, Anna T [L] Bella T [R] Anna T [E] George T [LT] Barry K

8am: [W] Carmel W, Terry W [L] Mary D [R] Noelene H [E] Alessandro U [LT] Dan W.C

10am: [W] Alice A.K, Irene B [L] Tracey K [R] Xander B [E] Lynne F [LT] Barry K

10.30am: [W] Libano D, Vanessa C [L] Libano D [R] Silence M [E] Juliet P [LT] AI and Choir

Children's Liturgy: Lanka E, Vanessa C

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday 21 October: Terry W, Carmel W, Ray R



Christ The Light - News updates
WhatsApp group



Join the CTL parish WhatsApp group for regular parish news updates. QR Code also available on the parish website
www.christthelightparish.org.au

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.

