



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST. Year A. 11 June 2023.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

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

Pastoral Worker: George Thommana

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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:

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Istvan Kis

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Vincent Orchard,
Colin McKenzie, Ernie Muscat, Georgina Biondi

Entrance Antiphon:

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey
from the rock.

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Second Reading:

St Paul to Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living
bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live
for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Next week: 11th Sun. Ord Time

First: Deut 8:2-3,14-16

Second: Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The feast of Corpus Christi harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.



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.



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2023 will be held next weekend, **17 and 18 June 2023.**

Please be sure to **have some spare cash with you.** The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia is calling for donations to help support the rising number of people

experiencing, or at risk of homelessness, including women and children.

Your gift this Winter can provide the emergency accommodation, financial support and material assistance needed for the homeless and for women and children, to be able to escape the danger in their homes so the violence can stop.

Plases donate to Vinnies and provide essential support to Australians living in poverty.

Envelopes will be available on this weekend or you can donate directly via the website

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/> or by calling **13 18 12.**

Please mark your donation to be for either **Mernda** or **Whittlesea/Kinglake Conference.**

Thanking you in advance.

Thank you

Dear Parishioners of Christ The Light Parish, (Doreen+Kinglake+Mernda+Whittlesea)

It has been my joy and honour to serve the Christ The Light parish community during the last 11 months.

As a congregation, and as individuals you have brought a multitude of blessings on me.

The community of Christ The Light parish is a great example of living a life of faith.

As a community, you have made Christ The Light Parish the encouraging and faith building place it is.

I **thank you** all for your good wishes, generous heart and prayers as I begin my new appointment at St Peter Apostle Mission Parish, Hoppers Crossing.

Christ is all and in all, (Col 3:11)

Fr. Simeon Anthony



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 12 August 2023

"FILIPINO FIESTA & SANTACRUZAN"

6pm-11pm at St Mary's Primary School
2-20 Fir Street, Whittlesea.

Ticket prices. Adults \$35 and Kids \$15

Ticket enquires: Christine 0431 075 147 or Anthony 0450 976 198

Parish office: 03 9412 8493 or 0448 101 401

A Fundraising Event in Support of the New Church Building.

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH CAMP

Friday 21st July to Sunday 23rd July 2023.

Parish Camp Update

Dear parishioners, apologies for the confusion on the parish camp BBQ that was in the bulletin on the 4th of June. Due to some unforeseen circumstance, we had to postpone this to **Sunday 18th June at the Nazareth Centre after the 10:30am Mass.** Thank you for your understanding and look forward to seeing you there.

The trading table at

St Mary's Whittlesea

Sunday 5 June raised \$170

Thank you to everyone for your support.

GUEST SPEAKER—SISTER KERIN

CALDWELL sgs

The program

'Ageing and Awakening : God's

Surprising Gifts' is at

St Mary's Whittlesea.

Time is 10am-12:30pm,

with a cuppa at 11am.

The next session date is

Friday 23 June.



STATEMENTS and STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES are AVAILABLE in the BACK of CHURCH this WEEKEND

Please collect your envelopes and statements today. If possible we ask that if you are able to deliver a neighbours it would be appreciated and save the parish the cost of postage. Direct Deposit statements are also available from the back of church. Credit Card and Direct Debit statements are emailed weekly via our new system. If your details require updating, please email them to the parish office **merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au**

Thank you.

NEXT WEEK Roster: 17/18 June 2023

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

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

8am: [W] Neeta K, Sarah B [L] Mary D [R] Alessandro U [E] Noelene H [LT] Michelle B

10am: [W] John O, Xanda B [L] Lynne O [R] Peter C [E] Tracy K [LT] Barry K

10.30am: [W] Silence M, Aeshan F [L] Vanessa C [R] Shevan F [E] Silence M [LT] Lasith F

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. 4:30pm on Saturday 17 June: Chris B, Bill F, Ajith D



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