



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

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 at 10am.

Weekend: 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: Sunday 5pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

25 December 2022

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]

Sacraments: Contact Parish Office [9412 8493]

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We pray for those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Henry Wileman

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Vincent Orchard,
Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, Mary Harvey, Fr Brendan Dillon, Margaret
Carter, Pat Rye, Elizabeth Miller, Vincent Ah-Kiau

Entrance Antiphon: A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

First Reading:

Isaiah 52:7-10

Responsorial Psalm:

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Next week: Mary, The Holy Mother of God. Year A.

First: Numbers 6:22-27

Second: St Paul to Gal 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Dear Friends,

During this season of giving, let us take time to slow down and enjoy the simple things, family, friends, our home, our community, our activities and our country. May the true meaning of the Holy Season fill your heart and home with many blessings.

We are grateful for our parish. It is a time of remembering the past, living with the present and hoping for the future.

Many thanks for the support that you have given during the past year. I trust that we can continue our worship celebration, spiritual development, community & hospitality, mission & outreach. We are truly a vibrant community. I pray that we can pass on this same tradition to our next generation of parishioners.

Yours in Christ,

On behalf of Fr Simeon, Margaret and Monique,

Fr Hien



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.



The Parish Team of Christ the Light wish you all a blessed Christmas and a peace-filled New Year.

ENTER YOUR LUCKY TICKET

Prizes will be drawn at the 6:30pm Christmas Eve outdoor Mass at St Mary's, Whittlesea. **Free to enter.**

Each prize is a ticket for 2 people to attend one of 2 dinners prepared by our MasterChef, Fr Hien Vu and hosted by our Priests at the Parish House.

MINISTRY ROSTERS DURING JANUARY 2023

There will be NO Ministry Roster for the month of January 2023.

If you are attending a weekend Mass during the month of January, please arrive 15 minutes early and let the Priest know you can assist as Leader, Reader, Eucharistic Minister or Collector. We appreciate your help and understanding during this busy holiday period.

The Parish Office will be closed over the Christmas New Year period and re-open **Tuesday 10 January 2023.**

CCCW/WMI Food Share at the back of the Uniting Church Whittlesea will re-open **Tuesday 17 January 2023.**

2023 Columban Calendars are \$10 each and can be purchased from all Mass Centres.

Nazareth Centre chairs will be set up from 17 December 2022 until the school holiday program starts. This means that after 10:30am Mass, the chairs need to be packed away every Sunday from the 15 January 2023 onwards.

SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER 2022/SUNDAY 1 JANUARY 2023.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.

Entrance Antiphon: Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: May God bless us in his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets, now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

SATURDAY 7 JANUARY 2023/SUNDAY 8 JANUARY 2023.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Parish community celebrations program 2023: Details of the program will be published early next year. The first major celebration will be the Parish Feast Day celebration on Saturday 11 February 2023

SAVE THE DATE ... Parish Feast Day BBQ Saturday 11 February 2023

DONATIONS... while the Christmas and Boxing days sales are on, we are urging people to grab new items to donate for our upcoming events. **Parish Feast Day** - wine, whiskey, chocolates, vouchers etc. And for our **Lego Raffle**, to be held early next year, any Lego sets or packets. (Please note must be new unopened items not second hand.) All donations, that assist in the raising funds for our New Church Building, can be left at the Parish Office or contact Liz Williams on lizwill126@gmail.com

Multicultural Night Raised a total of **\$6,800** which goes towards the building of our New Church.
Thank you to everyone for your wonderful contributions.

NEW YEAR'S EVE: SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER 2022

Nazareth Centre, Mernda: 5:30pm Mass and Midnight Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY: SUNDAY 1 JANUARY 2023

Nazareth Centre, Mernda: 8am Mass and 10:30am Mass

St Mary's Kinglake: 8:30am Mass

St Mary's Whittlesea: 10am Mass

St Joseph's, Plenty Road, Mernda: 5pm Mass



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