



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

14th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Year A 9th July 2023

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

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

Pastoral Worker: George Thommana

Parish Secretary: Margaret Stanford [Tues & Fri: 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**: Joe Exton, Julie McPherson

And for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time:

We pray for those who are **ill** in our community: Vincent Orchard, Ernie Muscat, Georgina Biondi, Alexander Abo Saba, Vincent Ah Kiau

Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your
temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving
justice.

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

Second Reading:

Romans 8:9.11-13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you,
Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Next week: 15th Sun. Ord Time. Yr A

First: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

REFLECTION...

Living the Gospel - Shoulder my yoke

Jesus invites us to shoulder his yoke and learn from him for he is gentle and humble in heart. The yoke he invites us to shoulder is the deceptively simple teaching: love God and love your neighbour. To love God is to consciously make a place in our lives for God. The busy spin that tends to be characteristic of so many people's lives today does not allow room for God; does not allow room for prayer and quiet; does not allow room for compassionate response to others. To love God and love our neighbour we must first make room for them.

by Greg Sunter



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.

PARISH ACTIVITIES - UPDATE



Parish Camp: We regret to inform you that the Dromana camp, originally scheduled for July, has been postponed to the summer season in January 2024. This decision has been made to allow more participants to join us and create an unforgettable camp experience. We appreciate your understanding and patience, and we look forward to coming together in January for an amazing time.

Parish Youth Mass: On **Saturday, July 22**, we will be hosting a Parish Youth Mass followed by sports activities and pizza at the Nazareth Center. This event is open to all young children in our community, and we wholeheartedly encourage their participation. Our aim is to organize this event once a month, providing a regular opportunity for our youth to gather, strengthen their faith, and have a great time. Please mark your calendars for this exciting gathering.



Schedule: Sports activities begin at **3 PM** followed by the **Youth Mass at 5.30 PM**. After the mass pizza will be served for kids.

Special Celebrant for Parish Youth Mass: We are delighted to announce that **Fr. Jeff Miller SDB** will be joining us as a special celebrant for the Youth Mass on July 22. We are grateful for his presence and look forward to his guidance and inspiration during the Mass.



RETREAT **Retreat for Daily Life:** Starting from **September**, we will be offering a Retreat for Daily Life led by Fr. Hien and the team. This retreat is specifically designed for parents and will take place once a month, coinciding with the Youth Mass schedule. We will share more details about the retreat in the near future. We strongly encourage all parents to consider participating in this enriching program.

Weekend Mass MINISTRY

As you are aware the PLT would like to encourage new members to join the weekend Ministry roster. If this is something you are interested in please contact the parish office OR if you have been on the roster in the past we would like to hear from you merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au OR message details to parish mobile 0448 101 401

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

FINAL session date **Friday 21 July**

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.



With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

New Church Building UPDATE

At the conclusion of the Mass this weekend we look forward to sharing an update with the community on our New Church Building

NEXT WEEK Roster: 15/16 July 2023

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

5:30pm [W] Trish B, Chris B [L] Alaina S [R] Joanne S [E] Trish B [LT] Liz B

8am: [W] Carmel W, Terry W [L] Bill F [R] Ushmani F [E] Anthony F [LT] Michelle B

10am: [W] Carol C, John F [L] Lynne O [R] Angelo I [E] John O [LT] Barry K

10.30am: [W] Lucy F, Anna T [L] Juliet P [R] Paul N [E] Libano D [LT] Bella T
Children's Liturgy: Rosa R, Lucy F

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. 4:30pm on Saturday 15 July: Carmel A, Michael A, Clare A



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 are NOT tax deductible as we are a Not For Profit organization