



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B 28 January 2024

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:

We pray for those who are **ill in our community**:

Peter O'Brien, Carol Cochrane, K.P Abraham, Indika Fernando, Lalaka Peiris,
Maria & Joseph Ah Kiau, Baselisa Malusu, Gina Wherrett, Oliver Gordon,
Athanasius Rajapakse

Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm:

If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness
have seen a great light: a radiant dawn
shines on those lost in death. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Next week: Presentation of the Lord

First: Malachi 3:1-4
Second: Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

A reflection...

In newspapers and on TV we often hear the phrase that something would or would not "pass the pub test". It is a colloquial expression often used to in reference to the happenings of public life, usually involving politicians or famous people. It is a very Australian way of evaluating what we have heard or seen. If something passes the 'pub test' then to the average person it seems reasonable, is based in experience and common sense and, by and large, truthful and authentic. In today's Gospel St Mark relates a story about Jesus' teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum and he tells us that Jesus made a deep impression on the people and that he taught them with authority. If St Mark were writing today, he might have written that for the people who were listening to what Jesus had to say, it "passed the pub test". What Jesus taught was based on his own experience of life, including his upbringing in a loving family, his close connection to the people of his day and their concerns, and his deep and loving relationship with God. Jesus offered his listeners hope, and a new world view where evil was not in control of people's lives, but rather God's love was the driving force in our world and the whole universe. Our own experience of life confirms that the defeat of evil is a work in progress, and that is where we come in. Jesus invites us to join him as his disciples and bring God's love to all through our words and deeds despite our own weaknesses and failings. Would my own life as a Christian "pass the pub test"?

Chris Blake

'Weekly Quote'

The Prayer of the Frog

by Anthony de Mello

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Pilot to passengers
in mid-flight: "I
regret to inform
you we are in
terrible trouble.
Only God can save
us now."
A passenger turned
to a priest to ask
what the pilot had
said and got this
reply: "He says
there's no hope!"

Christ the Light Parish Feast Day 4 February 2024

Dear Friends,

Over the past years we have gathered together to celebrate the Feast of our Parish of Christ the Light around the Feast Day of the Presentation of the Lord. This year we would like to continue this celebration in a new way that includes all communities and their own celebratory traditions.

On the first weekend of February, as per our annual tradition, we ask that each community come together in its own unique way to celebrate a morning tea or supper after Mass in celebration of our Parish Feast Day.

We ask that, if you can, members of our community bring a snack or dessert to share with their community in celebration together. We look forward to celebrating our Feast Day as a whole community in the places that matter most to each of our members; the Churches that bring our faith, hope and love of Christ to life.

Please stay and share a cuppa after Mass.



ASH Wednesday Masses 2024

7.00am and **9.15am** St Joseph's Church
1490 Plenty Road Mernda

9.15am St Mary's Parish / School

Anawim Centre Fir Street Whittlesea

7.00pm Mass Nazareth Centre
44 Mernda Village Dve Mernda



New CHURCH Building Account Details:

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

BSB: 083 - 347

Acc No: 135 263 131

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



Lenten Journey Program 2024

An invitation ...

Every Lent there is a fresh invitation to take time away from the noise and activity of daily life to pray and reflect on our life. As we gather with others, and with the gentle guidance of leaders, we listen to the Gospel/ Readings message and encourage one another in the difficulties and joys of life as disciples of Jesus. Your prayerful and attentive presence is one of the most sacred gifts you offer to one another. If you would like to share your Lenten journey, please join us for some, or all, of the five sessions. It would be helpful if you could register your interest by leaving a message at the parish office on 0448 101 401.

Wednesdays: 21st Feb; 28th Feb;
6th Mar; 13th Mar; 20th Mar
Time: 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Place: Nazareth Centre

2024 Sacrament Program Preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation Yr 3, First Holy Communion Yr 4, and Confirmation Yr 6 **ALL** commence in February.

This information is of vital importance to parents of children who are currently in Year's 3, 4 and 6 and who live within Christ the Light Parish.

Applications for all Sacraments are being accepted now, please go to the parish website www.christthelightparish.org.au - sacraments>RCIC to download and submit your application

Burning of the Palms for Ashes

We will be collecting your old palms for the next two weeks. Please bring them with you to mass.

2024 Parish Celebration Program

If you haven't already taken a copy of the 2024 Parish Celebration Program please take one from the back of church today!!!

Inclusions for the weekly Newsletter... If you would like any notices, anniversaries or prayers for the sick included in the Sunday newsletter we kindly request you email, text or call with details: merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au or 0448 101 401 **prior to 4pm WEDNESDAYS.**

MINISTRY ROSTER: 3/4 February

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

5:30pm [W] Lorel D, Trish B [L] Ray R [R] Lorel D [E] Trish B [LT] Liz B

8am [W] Carmel W, Terry W [L] Noelene H [R] Cath Mc [E] Alessandro U [LT] Michell B

10am: [W] Maureen C, VOLUNTEER [L] Warner B [R] Peter C [E] [LT] Barry K

10.30am: [W] Libano D, Anna T [L] Sr Glenys [R] Bella T [E] Libano D [LT] George T

Children's Liturgy: Lunesa R, Marino R

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday Month of FEBRUARY Team B: Charles Fernando and Team



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.

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