



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

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT 5 March 2023. YEAR A.

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]

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We pray for those who have died recently: Velia McLean

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Vincent Orchard

Entrance Antiphon:

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First Reading:

Genesis 12:1-4

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading:

St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise

to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Next week: 3rd Sunday Lent. Year A.

First: Exodus 17:3-7

Second: St Paul to Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

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The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.



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 PARISH PRESENTS

SOCIAL GATHERING & FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING

ORGANISED BY THE SRI LANKAN COMMUNITY

AN EVENING FILLED WITH PRESENTATION OF THE NEW CHURCH DESIGN SRI LANKAN CULTURAL SHOW FUN ACTIVITIES ENTERTAINMENT DELICIOUS SRI LANKAN CUISINE ATTRACTIVE RAFFLE PRIZES

SATURDAY, 18TH MARCH 2023 AT 6.30 PM TO MIDNIGHT ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL 2-20 FIR STREET, WHITTLESEA, VIC 3757



MUSIC BY EJ RHYTHMS DRESS: CASUAL

Tickets also available via www.trybooking.com/CGBTL

ADULT TICKET PRICE: \$30 CHILD TICKET PRICE: \$15 (AGE BETWEEN 5-11YRS) CHILDREN BELOW 5YRS ARE FREE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS. EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT.

6:30pm at ST MARY'S CHURCH, WHITTLESEA.

7pm at ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, PLENTY ROAD, MERENDA.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH. 1490 Plenty Road, Mernda. No 9:15am Morning Mass on Wednesday 8 March. It will be a Communion Service.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Weekday: After every 9:15am morning Mass. Tuesdays & Thursdays at St Mary's Whittlesea. Wednesdays & Fridays at St Joseph's church, 1490 Plenty Road, Mernda.

Weekend: Saturdays at 4pm, Nazareth Centre. St Joseph's Primary School, 44 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda. Reconciliation is from this weekend and up to Palm Sunday, 2 April 2023.

ST MARY'S WHITTLESEA. The Trading Table and Morning Tea is held on every first Sunday of the month, straight after the 10am Mass. It will be held today, Sunday 5 March. Come along and pick up a bargain while you have a cuppa. Everyone is welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We need volunteers so the Children's Liturgy program can commence on Sunday 19 March. Can you please help once a month?



If you are interested, please contact the office: Email: merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au Phone: 03 9412 8493

Come along to Bunnings Mernda, Plenty Road, on Saturday 11 March from 9am to 4pm.

Enjoy one of our delicious snags cooked by our resident chef and socialize with fellow parishioners.



All proceeds go towards the New Church Building Fund.

Volunteers still required, if you can help with a 2-hour shift, please contact Liz Williams, lizwill126@gmail.com or Liz Blake, eachblake@bigpond.com asap.

Come along and join in the fun and you may also see one of our friendly Priests, dressed in an apron, serving out sausages.

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH—Sunday 19 March 2023.

Starting from Sunday 19 March there will be 1 hour Adoration at 4pm every Sunday before the 5pm Mass at St Joseph's church: 1490 Plenty Road, Mernda.

CELEBRATIONS IN MARCH

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Rows include: 17th, Fri (Feast of St Patrick); 18th, Sat (Social gathering and fundraising led by the Sri Lankan community; presentation of design concept of new church); 19th, Mon (Feast of St Joseph); 24th/25th Fri/Sat (Sacrament of Confirmation Masses)

NEXT WEEK Roster: 11/12 March

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

5:30pm [W] Doris M, Ernie M [L] Ray R [R] Trish B [E] Chris B [LT] Liz B

8am: [W] Ushmani F, Anthony F [L] Cath M [R] Lanka E [E] Anthony F [LT] Ryan J

10am: [W] Mary S, John S [L] Warner B [R] Maureen C [E] Carol C [LT] Barry K

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

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. 4:30pm on Saturday 11 March: Mick A, Carmel A, Clare A



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