



**CHRIST
THE
LIGHT**

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

**Nazareth Centre
(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 9:15 am

Confession/Reconciliation after

Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am Mass at 10am.

Weekend: Sunday 10 am

St Mary's, Kinglake

124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd Kinglake 3763

Weekend Mass Sunday 8:30 am

St Joseph's, Mernda

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am

Weekend: Sunday 5pm

28th Sunday Ordinary Time.

9 October 2022. YEAR C.

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]

Pastoral Associate: Sandy Starbuck Tue, Wed, Fri [9401 6321]

Sacraments: Contact Parish Office [9412 8493]

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We pray for those who have died recently: Mick McManus, Maria

Theresa Huong Dang, Bishop Emeritus Deakin

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Monina Sanchez,

Estanislao Sanchez, Robin Espina Sr, Daniel Espina

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

Patrick Anderson, Angela Barilari, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, Leroy

Folau, Nevin Mangoba, Fr Brendan Dillon

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you is
found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading: Kings 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.

Second Reading: St Paul to Tim 2:8-13

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. For all things give
thanks to God, because this is what he
expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Next Week: 29th Sun Ord Time. Year C.

First: Exodus 17:8-13

Second: St Paul to Timothy 3:14—4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Leprosy, AIDS and Salvation

Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you *salvation*.'

So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was made whole. Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'.

This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is dis-eased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.



Save the date...Multi Cultural Dinner, SATURDAY 19 November, Anawim Centre Whittlesea, from 6pm onwards.

Planning is coming along for our special evening. We are asking for volunteers to make sausage rolls and jelly desserts. **Donations of NEW items or vouchers are still warmly welcomed.** If you have a business it would be free advertising for you around the parish and during the event. **We are calling for assistance** to help with serving food, setting up etc. The more volunteers we can get the easier it is for everyone. To finalise the menu and program, that will be published before the event, we need all offers of food and entertainment in by noon, Wednesday 12th October. Unfortunately we can't make changes after that time.

A meeting to discuss all aspects of the event will be held at the Presbytery House, 88 Bassetts Road Doreen, Wednesday 12 October at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. Don't be concerned as you will not be pushed into joining a committee or future meetings, we wouldn't do that to you. All offers and enquiries can be directed to Liz Williams:

lizwill126@gmail.com, Liz Blake, eachblake@bigpond.com or the parish office MerndaWhittlesea@cam.org.au. Looking forward to working together to raise funds for our New Church Building as well as generating an evening of great fun and laughter.



FAREWELL SANDY - Goodbyes are always a challenge!

We are saying farewell to Sandy Starbuck, our Pastoral Associate, as she leaves us to take up her new role at St Mary's Greensborough. Our children, whom Sandy has guided on their Sacramental journeys, and their families, will especially miss her.

We, the parishioners of Christ the Light Parish have been blessed in Sandy's presence with us through the Liturgical Seasons of the year, in her pastoral care, love, kindness, her generous support and leadership. Blessings upon you, dear Friend. We pray you well as you walk in new Pastures.

We invite you to join us at one of the following Masses to show our appreciation to her:

Saturday 22 October - 5.30pm Mass Nazareth Centre Mernda - Pizza night

Sunday 23 October - 8.30am Mass St Mary's Kinglake - Morning tea

Sunday 23 October - 10am Mass St Mary's Whittlesea - Morning tea

****Sandy's farewell card will be available for you to sign after masses this weekend!!**



Over the past few months a dozen of our young parishioners have been preparing to receive the Sacraments of the Church on the 16th October. This RCIC group were not able to receive the Sacraments at the scheduled time for the Masses of Celebration and reached out to Christ the Light Parish and we responded. This Saturday they will attend a retreat followed by 5.30pm Mass. Please make them welcomed and continue to pray for them as they come forward to receive the Holy Spirit.



The Enquiry period for the RCIA Journey 2022/2023 has commenced! This past week Fr Hien and Fr Simeon were joined by our volunteer RCIA Ministry Team, to warmly welcome our 3 enquirers to an evening of conversation and shared stories over a meal. Please pray for Kathryn, Jess and Mason as their journey towards Easter Vigil commences. If you would like to find out more about RCIA or about the Ministry Team please call the Parish Office on 9412 8493.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING will be held at 7pm, Tuesday 11 October at the Pastoral Centre, St Mary's Whittlesea.

MULTICULTURAL DINNER MEETING will be held at 7:30pm, Wednesday 12 October, 88 Bassetts Road, Doreen.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN MEETING will be held at 6pm, Thursday 13 October at the Pastoral Centre, St Mary's Whittlesea.

ST MARY'S WHITTLESEA. The car park will be closed on Thursday 20 and Friday 21 October for the school fete.

NEW Church Building Bank 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



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 emergency relief call centre free call number is 1800 305 330. The 1300 number is now obsolete.

DATE	MASS	WELCOMER	READER	EUCARIST	LAPTOP
15 Oct	5.30pm	Trish B. Zoe S.	Leader: Lanka E. Reader: Margaret S	Chris B.	Charlie S.
16 Oct	8am	Carmel W. Terry W.	Leader: Sherin P. Reader: Ushmani	Anthony F.	Michelle B.
	10am	John F. Maureen C.	Leader: Tracey K. Reader: Xander B.	Angelo I.	Barry K.
	10.30am	Bella T. Anna T.	Leader: Laetitia M. Reader: Vanessa C.	George T.	Al and choir

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP.
4:30pm on Saturday 15 October. Chris Blake, Bill Frilay, Ajith De Silva

Thank you to all of our volunteers who bring Christ the Light Parish to LIFE!