



## 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

**LIVE STREAM MASS Every SUNDAY 10:30am**

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### St Mary's, Whittlesea

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Confession/Reconciliation after

Tuesday & Thursday 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

## 16th Sunday Ordinary Time.

### 17 July 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]

**Finance/Admin:** Monique Heckmann Tue, Wed, Thur [9412 8493]

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*We pray for those who have died recently:*

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jenny Meninko

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Nuccia Roks, John & Vivian Sguerzi, Jenna Huynh, Daniel Tawil, Bill Geralovski, Kevin Reidy, Vincent Orchard, Patrick Anderson

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**First Reading:** Genesis 18:1-10

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** St Paul to Col 1:24-28

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia. Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42

#### **Next Week: 17th Sun Ord Time. Year C.**

1st: Genesis 18:20-32

2nd: St Paul to Col 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

## GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

**NEW Church Building Bank Account Details:**

If you would like to make a Direct Deposit DONATION to the New Church Building account please use account details below:

**BSB:** 083 - 347  
**Acct No:** 135 263 131  
**Name:** New Church Building



**BUNNINGS MERENDA SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**Saturday 16 July.** Thank you to all of our volunteers who worked from 8am-5pm. Thanks to everyone who came along as a customer to support to our Parish. All money raised is going to build our new Church.

**July Trading Table.**

The Trading Table is held every first Sunday of the month, after the 10am Mass at St Mary’s Whittlesea. The amount raised was \$232. Thank you to everyone.

**OUR ASSISTANT PRIEST.**

My name is Simeon Anthony. I have one elder sister and two younger sisters. I was born and grew up in Yangon, Myanmar (Burma). In regards to my vocation, firstly, I considered my grandparents and parents to be the gardeners who have labored to transmit the Catholic faith to me. It is anchored in my heart now. This faith was planted effectively by a small community called “family” where we prayed the Rosary before our home altar. The second major experience was the life of parish priests and nuns who so generously served others. Through this I started to wonder if God was also calling me to listen, care, love and serve His people. There was a particular moment that had a profound influence on my life. It was the day of my uncle’s ordination to the priesthood. On this day, I felt something which I cannot express in words. From that time, I prayed after every Sunday-Mass for God to reveal His will to me. Responding to His call and in order to discern more deeply my vocation, I entered the seminary in Myanmar. While I was studying philosophy there, I was invited to serve the Church in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Divine providence is a mystery to me, but I simply follow the direction where I feel Christ is leading me. Aware of my strengths and weaknesses, while all the time, knowing the love of God has for me. I believe He is asking me to share this love with his people as his priest. “Christ is all and in all” (Colossians 3:11)



**COMMITMENT PRAYER AT ALL MASSES THS WEEKEND.**

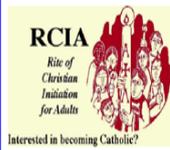
Sandy Starbuck, our Pastoral Associate, is preparing the children in the Catechetical program and the year 4 children at our parish schools, are all preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion next month. Please pray for the children and their families during this time.

**A REFLECTION IN JULY 2022.**

Since November Fr Hien has been among us – an inspiring leader, seeking our support in his appointed task- to build a Church with us. Ponder a moment – who has he become for us and our families? How has he won our support and trust? How have we responded to his invitations? What difference has his presence made? Remember moments of our involvement – like Sacraments with our children, Good Friday, welcomes with new comers, sharing stories of our community, being at weekend and weekday Masses . . . . . Who is Fr Hien in sharing his hopes and seeking our support in this doing-it-together-experience? He has won our hearts, our trust, our being one together with himself. Our Christ the Light Church Building team on July 11<sup>th</sup> met with the task of appointing an architect, conscious of this decision for the Ages, which we are taking with care and prayer and shared wisdom. May we all be uplifted as we move from the heritage of our blue stoned St Joseph’s Church to the invitation of our welcoming Christ the Light Church into our future. Sr Maureen Delaney.

**RCIA.**

Within our Parish Vision and Mission statement, we speak as disciples of Jesus, we embark on a life long journey of learning and growing in relationship with the Lord, embracing Him as ‘the Way, the Truth, and the Life’. We are called to spread the Good News of Christ making a positive contribution to the world! The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is our Catholic response to reaching out to those wishing to know more about being a Catholic. Soon, that journey will begin. If you or someone you know, may be pondering about the Catholic Faith, wondering how to answer God’s invitation to them to enter into a relationship with Jesus and with our Church, invite them to contact us. I’m available to discuss any queries about RCIA, by contacting me at the Parish Office either in person, or by phone, **9401 6321. Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate.**



DATE	MASS	WELCOMER	READER	EUCHARIST	LAPTOP
23 July	5.30pm	Doris M. Ernie M.	Leader: Ray R. Reader: Trish B.	Trish B.	Liz B.
24 July	8am	Roy J. Mick A.	Leader: Bill F. Reader: Lucy F.	Bill F.	Mya E.N
	10am	Bernadette S. John O.	Leader: Lynne O. Reader: Warner B.	Bernadette S.	Barry K.
	10.30am	Paul N. Shevan F.	Leader: Silence M. Reader: Sandy S.	Paul N.	Al and choir

**NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. Saturday 23 July at 4:30pm.** Ray R, Terry W, Carmel W, Ushmani F  
  
Thank you to all of our volunteers who bring Christ the Light Parish to LIFE!