



## 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

29th Sunday Ordinary Time.

16 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]

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

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*We pray for those who have died recently:*

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Vincent Orchard,  
Patrick Anderson, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, Leroy Folau, Nevin  
Mangoba, Fr Brendan Dillon, Pat Rye, Patrick Boulous

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**First Reading:** Exodus 17:8-13

**Responsorial Psalm:** Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Second Reading:** St Paul to Tim 3:14,4:2

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia. The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 18:1-8

**Next Week: 30th Sun Ord Time. Year C.**

First: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19

Second: St Paul to Tim 4:6-8,16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

## GOSPEL REFLECTION by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Think of any successful scientist, any successful musician, any successful writer. None of these people became successful overnight. It usually takes a lot of time and a lot of mistakes – a lot of close attempts – before success comes. That's true in any area of life.

If you learn from every mistake you make, then nothing you do can ever be seen as a failure. Every mistake can become a valuable lesson and an important step on the way to where you want to go.

What is a mistake you made that actually taught you something important?

Do you give up easily? Do you think you are a 'quitter'? Why or why not?

Are you too persistent? Are you too tenacious? Do you sometimes need help to realise when it's time to 'let it go and get on with your life'? Why do you think so?

When has persistence paid off for you?

Jesus advises us to be persistent in prayer. Prayer is our communication with God, our relationship with the Divine. Like any friendship, a prayer relationship takes time, effort and energy.

How do you keep your friendships with others fresh and fulfilling? How do you keep your friendship with God fresh and fulfilling? Do you use the same techniques for both friendships? Why or why not?



## FAREWELL SANDY - Goodbyes are always a challenge!

NEXT Weekend 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. We 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 NEXT weekend 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!!**

### Report for newsletter from meeting of Parish Leadership Team,

**11<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Reflection on our journey:** The PLT commenced its work in June 2013. Members of the team spent time reflecting on and discussing our progress and achievements in service of the parish throughout this time. Much has been achieved but there are still many challenges and opportunities to explore. Many things were noted but the most significant was the building of a sense of unity and identity under our banner of Christ the Light Parish, and the development of our Vision and Mission Statement.

**Future planning:** Over the next few meetings we will be considering the role of the PLT and our priorities as a parish for the next three years. A significant priority will of course be the answering of our prayers for a new church building at Doreen.

**Parish community celebrations program:** The team endorsed a proposal from Fr Hien to develop an annual parish community celebrations program which will include liturgical and social celebrations as well as a variety of parish gatherings and activities.

**Forthcoming liturgical celebrations:** Fr Hien advised that Mass will be celebrated on All Saints Day, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, at 6.30 pm at the church building site, Bassetts Rd, Doreen. Mass will also be celebrated on All Souls Day, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, at 6.30 pm at Yan Yean Cemetery, 2265 Plenty Rd, Yan Yean.



**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. All offers and enquiries can be directed to

Liz Williams: [lizwill126@gmail.com](mailto:lizwill126@gmail.com),

Liz Blake, [eachblake@bigpond.com](mailto:eachblake@bigpond.com) or the parish office [MerndaWhittlesea@cam.org.au](mailto: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.

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**CONFIRMATION.** Our young parishioners who were not able to receive the Sacraments at the scheduled time for the Masses of Celebration, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 16 October. Please continue to pray for them as they come forward to receive the Holy Spirit.

**Trading Table** for October raised \$150. Thank you. NO Trading table next month [November] due to the Whittlesea Show.

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

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND 22/23 OCTOBER.** Envelopes will be at the back of each Mass Centre for you to take home and bring them back next weekend.

### NEXT WEEK Roster: 22/23 October

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

**5.30pm:** [W] Ernie M, Doris M [L] Ray R [R] Ernie M [E] Paul N [LT] Michelle B.

**8am:** [W] Carmel A, Mick A [L] Sherin P [R] Alessandro [E] Roy J [LT] Ryan J

**10am:** [W] Mary W, Grace M [L] Margaret R [R] John F [E] Karen H [LT] Barry

**10.30am:** [W] Shevan F, Aeshan F [L] Lasith F [R] Bella T [E] George T [LT] Al and choir

**NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. 4:30pm on Saturday 22 October.** Dee F, Dinesh F, Anton S.



### **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.**