

Second Sunday of Easter Yr B 7 April 2024

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

The Parish Office open hours are Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm

Assistant Priest: Fr George Hogarty SSC **Pastoral Worker:** George Thommana

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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**: Sofia Dellupac

And for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

We pray for those who are ill in our community:

Peter O'Brien, K.P Abraham, Indika Fernando, Lalaka Peiris, Maria & Joseph Ah Kiau, Gina Wherrett, Oliver Gordon, John Van Kalken, Susan Stocks, Neth Mercado

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading:

1 John 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 20:19-31

Next week: Third Sunday Easter Yr B

First: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

Second: 1 John 2:1-5 Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

A reflection...

SACRED MOMENTS OF EASTER-TIDE 2024

WHAT WOULD THOMAS OF TODAY'S GOSPEL HAVE TAKEN AWAY WITH HIM FROM HIS ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS?

WHAT HAVE I HELD FROM THE OVERFLOWING GATHERINGS OF HOLY WEEK IN OUR PARISH?

A MOMENT OF MINE FROM HOLY THURSDAY STAYS WITH ME:

FR GEORGE, MOVING TO HIS DIFFERENT POINT OF COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION, STOPPED BEFORE ME WITH A FEW WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT, AS I RECEIVED HOLY COMMUNION.

I WAS REMINDED OF JESUS AND THE CROWDS THAT FOLLOWED HIM, AND HIS CARE AND AWARENESS OF INDIVIDUALS.

LET US HOLD WHAT SPEAKS FOR US. SAVOUR MOMENTS OF LIFE, THAT SPARK DEPTHS WITHIN US, AND DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

"PEACE BE WITH YOU." CONTINUE TO BE HIS WORDS FOR US TODAY.

Sr Maureen Delaney rsc

Weekly Quote

When I talk to You M Lenig

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There are only two feelings. Love and fear. There are only two languages. Love and fear. There are only two activities. Love and fear. There are only two motives, two procedures, Two frameworks, two results.

Love and fear. Love and fear.



Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct

Every year Clergy, employees, and volunteers are required to make a declaration to the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct.

The Child Safety Code of Conduct is a requirement of a person's engagement within a Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne parish, agency, or entity.

Whether you volunteer on a ministry roster, assist with parish events, in the choir, assist with sacramental classes, coordinate the altar servers, morning tea's......etc, etc, Archdiocesan clergy, employees and volunteers are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children and young people and taking all reasonable steps to protect children and young people.

At the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, clergy, employees and volunteers commit to safeguard the health and wellbeing of children and young people by:

- Keeping children and young people safe from abuse and harm
- Creating a physically and psychologically safe environment
- Supporting cultural safety and inclusion
- Promoting respectful relationships
- Taking action to safeguard children and young people

Full copies of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration are available from the back of church..... As a parish we are grateful to the Young People of our community for their contributions and participation. If there are ever any concerns please discuss them with Fr Hien directly.

BUNNINGS MERNDA BBQ SATURDAY 4TH MAY 8.30am TO 4.00pm

Once again we have been given the fantastic opportunity to raise funds for our New Church Building by hosting a BBQ at Bunnings.

We need volunteers for 2-hour shifts, and the more shifts filled, the smother the day will run.

We have sign up sheets, at the rear of each Mass Centre, for your name, phone number and preferred time slot. These days help promote the Parish presence in the neighborhood, as well as being a great way to get to meet other parishioners, whilst having fun working together for an united cause. Looking forward to seeing you there.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY 11 MAY 2024

"Christ the Light's Got Talent"Mother's Day celebration
and fundraising led by Indian community.
If you can help at this event in any way,
please email the office:
merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au or you
can text: 0448 101 401



Project Compassion - It is now time to return your Project Compassion box or envelopes

Thank you for your continued support through the 2024 Project Compassion Appeal. You can still donate through Project Compassion by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413



An Easter Message from Archbishop Peter Comensoli - Copies of Archbishop Comensoli Easter message are available form the back of church today. If you would like to view the Archbishops Easter message on the internet you can do so by using the link below

https://youtu.be/7eoW1HI 8t0

https://melbournecatholic.org/news/the-dawning-light-of-the-resurrectionarchbishop-comensolis-easter-message

Wishing you all a joy-filled Easter.



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



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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.



MINISTRY ROSTER: 13/14 April

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

10am - Whittlesea: [W] Lynne O, Peter C [L] Tracy K [R] Xanda B [E] Carol C [LT] Barry K

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday Month of APRIL Team B: Ajith Fernando and Team

Nazareth Centre Ministries New Roster Platform

https://www.christthelightparish.org.au/Document/rosters