



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.
10 SEPTEMBER 2023

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

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

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**: Francis Xavier Benjamin

And for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time:

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Connie Caruana, Vincent Orchard, Georgina Biondi, Colin McKenzie, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, K.P Abraham, Margaret Roth, Maria Ah Kiau, Margaret Muldoon, Baselisa Malusu, Cindy Pavlo

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm:
O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Next week: Yr A 24th Sun Ord Time

First: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Second: St Paul to Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

REFLECTION.....

Today the Church invites us to reflect on some aspects of communal living. We are social beings and to flourish and grow we need the love, companionship, and support of others, as they do from us. In the first instance we are nurtured in the community of our family. Other communities include workplaces, social and sporting clubs, parishes, and the wider communities of which we are a part. We recognise that all earthly communities are flawed and incomplete to some extent, just as we are ourselves. This is the reality of sin.

Unfortunately, it is all too easy for us (me) to notice the shortcomings of others and ignore our (my) own imperfections. Jesus came so that we may have life and have it to the full, and by his life of love, service, and sacrifice, he challenges us to grow in God's love both personally and communally. Our lives in community can only flourish if we are prepared to forgive others and allow ourselves to be forgiven for our failures in love and service.

In today's Gospel, St Matthew reminds us that Jesus is always with us, especially when two or three gather in his name. If this is true, then our families and parish community are extraordinarily blessed to have Jesus accompany us as we strive to follow him. In the words of our New Church Building prayer: "Christ the Light, show us the way."

Chris Blake

'Weekly Quote'

You diminish yourself, when you withhold forgiveness.

If you want to look good, bright with health, forgive everyone.

It is the best beauty treatment.

Jacqueline Bisset

Safeguarding Sunday 10 September 2023



The Parish of Christ the Light and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people. More details can be found at:

www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

If you haven't had an opportunity to complete the Safeguarding Essentials online training module you can access the online training at : <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding> The link is also available on the Parish website www.christthelightparish.org.au You will need your unique Working with Children Check ID/VIT ID number an email address. Safeguarding Essentials is a 30-60 minute online training module for all clergy, parish staff and volunteers within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. *Volunteers are required to complete the training every 3 years.* At the completion of the training modules participants will receive a certificate of completion and you will also receive an email notification that the module has been completed successfully.

Weekend Mass MINISTRY

If this is something you are interested in please contact the parish office OR if you have been on the roster in the past we would like to hear from you

merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au OR message details to parish mobile 0448 101 401

Expression of interest forms are available from the back of church. Fill one in today and place it on the collection plate at mass.

“RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

is a program for adults who wish to become Catholic. Our parish RCIA journey will begin in mid-October.”

RCIA is for someone who:

- Is interested in becoming Catholic
- Was never baptized
- Was baptized in another Christian denomination

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. (There are separate sessions for children or youth). You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your Life-Faith Story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact the parish via mobile: **0448 101 401** or email: merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au

God's Word 2024 Daily Reflection books are available for \$23 each. If you would like to purchase a copy, please contact the parish office: 0448 101 401 or merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au



Heart of Life Spiritual and Pastoral Formation Centre Invite you to attend Waiting at the Well - 4 x Thu, 5, 12, 19 & 26 Oct, 10am–12.30pm [in-person event] Carole Carmody rsm, Julie Adam

This series offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the 'Well of Life' to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well-series/?> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY ROSTER: 16/17 September 2023

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

5:30pm [W] Chris B, Trish B [L] Jane M [R] Deepthi F [E] Sr Glenys [LT] Liz B

8am: [W] Anthony F, Neeta K [L] Mary D [R] Ushmani F [E] Carmel A, Millicent & Obina R [LT] Michelle B

10am: [W] John O, Bernadette S [L] Lynne O [R] John F [E] John O, Irene B [LT] Barry K

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

Children's Liturgy: Rosa R and Lucy F

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday 16 September: Terry W, Carmel W, Ray R

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BSB: 083 - 347

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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.