



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

6th SUNDAY of EASTER . Year A 14 May 2023

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Assistant Priest: Fr Simeon Anthony

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

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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 9:15am

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:

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Raymond Bowman, Estanislao Sanchez, Vincente Sanchez Snr, Ayesa Mijares

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Vincent Orchard, Colin McKenzie, John Van Kalken

Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: St Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Next week: Ascension of the Lord

First: Acts 1:1-11

Second: St Paul to Ephes 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.



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.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

All-loving God,
we give you thanks and praise
for mothers young and old.
We pray for mothers, who give life
and tend to our every need;
May they be blessed
with patience and tenderness,
to care for their families
and themselves with great joy.
We pray for our own mothers
who have nurtured and cared for us;
May they continue to guide
in strong and gentle ways.
We remember mothers
who are separated from their children,
because of war, poverty or conflict;
May they feel the loving embrace of
our God who wipes every tear away.
We pray for women who are not mothers
but still love and shape us
with motherly care and compassion.
We remember mothers, grandmothers, and
great-grandmothers who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.
Amen

Happy
Mother's Day

5:30pm MASS ON SATURDAY 13 MAY will be

held at St Mary's Whittlesea.

Please join us in the Anawim Centre after Mass for
"Christ the Light's Got Talent"
social/fundraising dinner.

The 2023 National Count of Attendance at Mass.

The count will include the 4 weekends in May.

Thank you to those who will take
the count at all of our Masses.

The trading table at St Mary's Whittlesea

raised \$105.75 on Sunday 7 May 2023.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday 21st July to Sunday 23rd July 2023.

Christ the Light Parish is organising a fun filled
parish camp for our parishioners.

More details will be shared soon.

GUEST SPEAKER—SISTER KERIN CALDWELL sgs

The program 'Ageing and Awakening : God's
Surprising Gifts' is at **St Mary's Whittlesea.**

The time is **10am-12:30pm**, with a cuppa at 11am.

The remaining Friday Session dates are:

May 26, June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21

Prayers of the Faithful in community languages – Pentecost Sunday

At each of the Masses on **Pentecost Sunday weekend – 27th/28th May** – some of the Prayers of the Faithful will be read in community languages as a reminder that the gift of the Holy Spirit is for all peoples in all ages. If you would like to participate by translating a prayer and reading it in your own language, please contact Liz Blake within the next week indicating in which language and at which Mass you would like to read your prayer. Liz will send a prayer to you for translation.

The English version of the prayer will be displayed on the screen at your Mass. The Mass leader will read any unallocated prayers and the prayers for the sick and the deceased as normal.

Liz can be contacted on 0407 832 296 or at eachblake@bigpond.com

NEXT WEEK Roster: 27/28 May 2023

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

5:30pm [W] Ray R, Chris B [L] Ernie M [R] Trish B [E] Paul N [LT] Liz B

8am: [W] Charles F, Anneston A [L] Ajith D.S [R] Lucy F [E] Anthony F [LT] Ryan J

10am: [W] Carol C, Lynne F [L] Mary S [R] Angelo I [E] John S [LT] Barry K

10.30am: [W] Shevan F, Aeshan F [L] Vanessa C [R] Laetitia M [E] Juliet P [LT] Lasith F

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. 4:30pm on Saturday 27 May: Carmel A, Mick A, Clare A



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