



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A 26 November 2023

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

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

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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**:

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

We pray for those who are **ill in our community**: Margaret Muldoon,
Vincent Orchard, K.P Abraham, Indika Fernando, Rose Vaas, Lalaka Peiris,
Carlo Carleo, Maria & Joseph Ah Kiau, Paddy Fitzgerald

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the
Lamb who was slain, to receive power
and divinity, and wisdom and strength
and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever
and ever.

First Reading:
Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who
comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our
father David! **Alleluia!**

Gospel:
Matthew 25:31-46

Next week: First Sunday Advent Yr B
First: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8
Second: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

A reflection...

Have you ever walked past a stranger in need or turned a blind eye to the needs of those around you?

Do you welcome people into your community with warmth and kindness?

How do you view others, and do you ever think about the role you play in looking after those around you-not just your immediate and close family members?

I love this Gospel reading because it so beautifully reminds us that as God's people we have endless opportunities in our day to day to make a difference in caring for others. It reminds me to review how I see others, and how we can see the Lord in those around us, especially the poor and vulnerable.

We have been asked to love one another as He has loved us. Everyone matters to God; and thus, everyone should matter to us.

Vanessa Carnevale

'Weekly Quote'

**The Prayer of the
Frog by
Anthony de Mello.**

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**God hides
things by
putting them
before our
eyes!**

Farewell Margaret..... Dear Friends, This month we wished our parish secretary of 5 years, Margaret Stanford farewell as she pursues new opportunities outside the parish. She has been a warm and welcoming face for many of us who had contacted the office. Along with these gifts the Holy Spirit has worked within her as a person of faith, being a visible member of our community and helping those in need. We pray these gifts continue to bless her as she moves forward in her life journey. We hope to have a farewell for Margaret soon and we will let you know if you wish to attend. Fr Hien

Sacraments for Secondary School Children..... Christ the Light Parish is offering a special opportunity for any secondary school students who missed the sacrament of reconciliation this year. If you wish to participate, please contact the parish office by no later than **FRIDAY 29 DECEMBER**. We will be conducting a special program early 2024, ensuring you don't miss out on the sacraments of Holy Communion in May and Confirmation in August.

Fundraising Committee Update..... Our Springtime Carnival was a huge success with everyone joining in to celebrate our parish community. We were able to bank \$ 6,692.20 into the New Church Building Account.

Our December activities are.....

- **Saturday, 2 DECEMBER** - start selling raffle tickets at Masses, for our Christmas Toy Raffle that will be drawn Saturday 23 December
- **Thursday, 7 DECEMBER** - 6pm to 8pm, a stall at Bunnings Mernda's Christmas Night Market (selling jewellery, craft items and promoting our Christmas mass times. Bunnings are also donating a prize for us to raffle on the night)
- **Saturday, 16 DECEMBER** - 9.30am - 2.30pm, a table at Bunnings Mernda, selling our Christmas Toy Raffle tickets and promoting our Christmas Mass Services.

SAVE these dates. If you can assist with any of these activities, please contact Liz Williams 0403 007 692 or Liz Blake 0407 832 296

Nazareth Centre Set Up Roster is Changing..... The format of the Nazareth Centre Set Up Roster is changing.....

Fr Hien has been speaking with individual community groups in Mernda regarding the format of the Nazareth Centre Set-Up roster. Commencing **January 2024**, a community group will be allocated the same weekend every month and will be responsible for gathering a team of volunteers to set-up the Nazareth Centre space for the weekend masses. *The community group and allocated week will appear on the newsletter each week.*

Inclusions for the weekly Newsletter..... If you would like any notices, anniversaries or prayers for the sick included in the Sunday newsletter we kindly request that you email, text or call with details: merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au or **0448 101 401** **prior to 4pm WEDNESDAYS.** [for short notice sick or recently deceased inclusions please approach the priest prior to the commencement of mass]

House Blessing Requests..... If you would like to request a house blessing please email or text your details and a preferred day, date, and time to the parish office: merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au or **0448 101 401**. Please allow enough notice to ensure we can accommodate all requests.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES..... In November, we especially remember and pray for our departed loved ones. November Mass offering envelopes are available from the back of each Mass Centre and are included in your stewardship package.

First Sunday of Advent - Everyone is warmly invited to join our St Mary's Kinglake community for **8:30am Mass next Sunday 3 December** followed by Morning Tea.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December – 6.00pm at Mernda (Nazareth Centre), 8.00pm at Whittlesea (Anawim Centre), 12.00 am Midnight at Mernda. All Masses on Christmas Eve to be preceded by carols commencing 30 minutes prior to Mass.
Christmas Day, Monday 25th December – 8.30 am at Kinglake, 10.00 am at Whittlesea, and 10.30 am at Mernda.



New CHURCH Building 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

*Any donation made to this account is NOT tax deductible as we are a Not For Profit organization

MINISTRY ROSTER: 2/3 December

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

5:30pm [W] Lorel D, Trish B [L] Ray R [R] Lorel D [E] Trish B [LT] Liz B

8am [W] Carmel W, Terry W [L] Noelene H [R] Cath Mc [E] Alessandro U [LT] Michell B

10am: [W] Maureen C, Angelo I [L] Warner B [R] Peter C [E] [LT] Barry K

10.30am: [W] Libano D, Anna T [L] Sr Glenys [R] Bella T [E] Libano D [LT] George T

Children's Liturgy: Lunesa R, Marino R

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday 2 Dec: Chris B, Bill F, Ajith D



Christ The Light - News updates
WhatsApp group



Join the CTL parish WhatsApp group for regular parish news updates. QR Code also available on the parish website
www.christthelightparish.org.au

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.

