



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

21st SUNDAY in Ordinary Time. Year A
27 August 2023

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

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

Pastoral Worker: George Thommana
Parish Secretary: Margaret Stanford [Tues & Fri: 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: T.C Norman, Omana Norman

We pray for those who are **ill** in our community: Vincent Orchard, Georgina Biondi, Colin McKenzie, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, Marissa Martin, K.P Abraham, Margaret Roth, Dot Meeny, Maria Ah Kiau, Margaret Muldoon, Baselisa Malusu

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm:
Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Next week: Yr A 22nd Sun Ord Time

First: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Second: St Paul to Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

What's in a Name?

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build *my* church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about '*my* church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter responding to our Risen Lord's command to St Francis of Assisi, 'Rebuild *my* church'.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.



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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION APPLICATIONS

Parents of children in Year 3 and above this year (2023) are invited to enroll their children for the Sacrament of reconciliation –
Reconciliation Classes: Saturday 7 October – Saturday 11 November (4 weeks) at 4:00pm for one hour at Nazareth Centre (St Joseph's Primary School – 44 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda) followed by Mass at 5.30pm.

The Sacrament will be administered on **SATURDAY 18 November 2023 at 2pm.**

Applications for the Sacrament of RECONCILIATION must be received by **THURSDAY 31 August.**

Please contact the parish office on 9412 8493 or **0448 101 401** or via email: merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au to request application.



Join the **CTL parish WhatsApp group** for regular parish news updates. You will need to have **WhatsApp** downloaded on your smartphones prior to joining the group.....



Scan this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group

BAKE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR NEW CHURCH BUILDING



We are privileged to have been invited to hold a cake stall at **Bunnings Mernda, on Saturday 9 September** (their Spring Launch Celebration). To make it simple on the day, 11 easy recipes have been chosen. We are asking for volunteers to make these items and donate them for the stall. At the back of each mass there will be sheets with more information on the recipes, where to drop them off, how to present them etc. Also we will be needing assistance in manning the stall on the day.

Any inquiries can be addressed to the Parish Office, Liz Williams (0403 007 692) or Liz Blake (0407 832 296). Together we can make it a successful day by raising funds for the parish and at the same time reaching out to the broader community.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2023. The 2022-23 Social Justice Statement:

Listen, Learn, Love – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Later this year, all Australians will be given a chance to vote in a referendum to constitutionally recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples through a Voice to Parliament. The Bishops do not tell us how to vote in the referendum, but they encourage us to inform ourselves about the issues through respectful dialogue, especially with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The Bishops and National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council call for us all to walk together in love on a journey of healing, whatever the outcome of the Voice referendum. More details can be found at the website: [Social Justice Statement 2023-24 - Office For Justice, Ecology and Peace \(catholic.org.au\)](https://www.catholic.org.au)

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PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION. There will be a collection next weekend, 2/3 September. You can donate with cash or electronically: www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation and make your donation through Paypal. Thank you for your generous support of the Retired Priests.

INVITATION to DISCOVER



7 YOUNG PEOPLE in the GOSPELS

Participants of all ages will relate to the examples of these young people, some made negative choices, some positive and one made several mistakes but didn't give up.

9am to 5pm, Sat 23 & Sun 24 Sept at St Thomas the Apostle, Greensborough North

Adult \$40, Concession \$35. Book before 20 Sept at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CKTUD>

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

Thank You. We wish to thank the Parish Community for donating \$494.10 to the Catholic Missions Appeal and \$334.65 to the Catholic Care Appeal.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY ROSTER: **2/3 September 2023**

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

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

8am: [W] Carmel W, Terry [L] Noelene H [R] Cath M [E] Alessandro [LT] Michelle, Millicent

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

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

Children's Liturgy: Lunesa R, Merino R

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday 2 September: Dee F, Dinesh F, Anton S, Eromi A

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

Name: New Church Building

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