



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.
1 OCTOBER 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**:

And for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time: Philomena Santos,
Clair Sayers

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, Joseph Ah Kiau, Margaret Muldoon, Baselisa Malusu, Cindy
Pavlo

Entrance Antiphon:

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty
of your mercy.

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the
Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Next week: Yr A 27th Sun Ord Time

First: Isaiah 5:1-7

Second: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

A REFLECTION.....

You may have heard the saying "A leopard does not change its spots." It is generally used in a negative or cynical tone to suggest that people who are wrong-doers or criminals will not or cannot change their ways. Today's readings suggest however that change is possible. If we are honest with ourselves, we know that there are aspects of our lives that could or should be changed. We sometimes refer to these as the "dark corners" of our lives. It is in these dark corners that Jesus comes to save us. In the Gospel reading, St Matthew describes how Jesus challenged the chief priests and leaders of the people to change their ways since they had ignored John the Baptist's call to return to God's ways. Today, as we listen to this Gospel, Jesus challenges us to change our own ways and follow him. This involves personal renewal of heart and commitment to living lives of faithfulness and service of others. I am reminded of the words of the psalmist: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (Ps 95). Having received Jesus in the Eucharist today, let us ask Him to soften our hearts.

Chris Blake

Weekly Quote'

The Prayer of the Frog

*Anthony de
Mello - Page 21*

Grandmother:
"Do you say
your prayers
every night?"

Grandson:
"Oh, yes!"
"And every
morning?"
"No. I'm not
scared in the
daytime."



Springtime Carnival

Saturday 21st October, 6pm-11pm
St Mary's School Hall, Whittlesea.

A night filled with games/quizzes for all the family, great food and live music.

Adults \$35.00 - Children (2-12) \$15.00

Tickets available from Parish Office, Liz Williams (0403 007 692) or Liz Blake (0407 832 296)

Tables of up to 8 people available. So, purchase tickets with your friends to sit together.

Looking forward to seeing you all there, celebrating our parish community and raising funds for the New Church building.

THIS WEEKEND we welcome families presenting their children for the **'Rite of Welcome'**

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they bring their children forward for Baptism during the months of October and November.....

Retreat for Daily Life Program – October and November, 2023

All parishioners are invited to join Fr Hien, Chris Blake, and Robert Martini, who will lead a Retreat for Daily Life Program to be conducted over four Wednesday evenings during October and November. The retreat will provide opportunities for connection and reflection on aspects of our life journey as disciples of Jesus, as well as quiet time for an inwards journey and prayer.

The dates of these evenings and their themes are:

- **October 11th: Birth and new life**
- **October 25th: Ecology**
- **November 8th: Loss and grief**
- **November 22nd: Encounter with Jesus in daily life**

The sessions will be held at *St Joseph's School Mernda* commencing at 7.00pm and concluding no later than 8.45pm.

There will be a short refreshment break during each evening. Parishioners may opt to do one, several, or all the sessions. Whilst not essential, it would be helpful if you could contact the parish office on 0448 101 401 to indicate which of the evenings you would like to attend. In preparation for each evening, you are invited to bring an object or image that has personal significance for you and relates to the topic of the evening. We look forward to gathering with you and exploring our lives as followers of Jesus.

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



Catholic Theological College Commencing this October 'Engaging Your Faith' is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as Philosophy, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Christian Meditation, Theology, Interfaith Relations, and issues in Science and Religion. Cost \$25 per session: for people NOT seeking teaching accreditation \$40 per session: for teachers seeking accreditation. For registration and full description of the sessions please visit: ctc.edu.au



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NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY ROSTER: 7 /8 OCTOBER

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

5:30pm [W] Randy S, Chris B [L] Sr Glenys [R] Caitlin S [E] Chris B [LT] Liz B

8am: [W] Anton S, Eromi A [L] Katherine A [R] Presencea A [E] Eromi A [LT] Ryan J

10am: [W] Lynne F, John F [L] Sean S [R] Maria M [E] Alice A [LT] Barry K

10.30am: [W] Libano D, Karen B [L] Paul N [R] Shaun D [E] Libano D [LT] AI & Choir

Children's Liturgy: Joyce M, Karen B

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday 7 October Dee F, Dinesh F, Anton S



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.

