



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.
17 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**: Jerome Frank Mariampillai, Pyrawy Sivarajah

And for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time: Rev Sr Thomas Aquinas, Ravi Yesudasan, Susan Jacintha, Annete Maureen, Mary Murin Perera, Lionel Gamlath, Josephine Caruso

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:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Next week: Yr A 25th Sun Ord Time

First: Isaiah 55:6-9

Second: Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

REFLECTION.....

GOSPEL ON FORGIVENESS

Forgiving someone who has hurt me, forgiving myself, forgiving God may be the greatest struggle I will ever undertake. The weak can never forgive, forgiveness belongs to the strong.

It is also a quick way to happiness.

I cannot be happy while resentment keeps draining the lifeblood of my heart. It is one of the biggest blockages to my happiness. Forgiveness is not about forgetting, or being religious; it is about healing my own heart. I am never more my True Self than when I forgive.

Is there someone just now who silently needs my forgiveness? Myself?

With thanks to Daniel O'Leary

The Happiness Habit

Sr Maureen Delaney

'Weekly Quote'

The Prayer of the Frog
Anthony de Mello -Page 24

The four stages of Prayer:

I talk, you listen.

You talk, I listen.

Neither talks, both listen.

Neither talks, neither listens: Silence.

SAVE THE DATE:

Christ The Light's first Springtime Carnival
will be held on

SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER 2023 at Whittlesea.

A night filled with fun, games, live entertainment, competitions and great food.
Tickets will be available from next week end.

Keep this date free.....



Thank you all for making our Bunnings Cake Stall, last Saturday, a huge success.

So many parishioners baked such yummy treats and others worked very hard at selling them on the day. Bunnings were very generous providing their foyer, tables, chairs etc, free of charge. We were able to put \$1,600 towards the New Church Building. Our community working together for a common cause.

Fathers Day Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests - Thank you to everyone in the parish community for generously contributing \$ 899.60 to this years Fathers Day Appeal. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!!

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



Out of School Hours Care Holiday Program Nazareth Centre Mernda - We kindly request that all the chairs be packed away at the conclusion of the 10.30am Mass during the school holidays as there will be a program running for students over the next two weeks. Thank you!!

MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES NEXT SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2023. St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne 2pm Rosary, 3pm Mass All welcome to celebrate mass with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant communities from across Melbourne.



2024 Study Tour Journey with Paul: Türkiye – Greece
20 September – 6 October 2024 Tour Leader: Dr Rosemary
Canavan Online Information Sessions: Saturday 16, 23 September,
or 7 October 2023 at 2pm Participants have the opportunity to undertake a study
unit with CTC in conjunction with the tour for credit towards an award RSVP &
further information: rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au

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Acct No: 135 263 131
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NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY ROSTER: **23/24 September 2023**

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

5:30pm [W] Trish B, Lorel D [L] Alaina S [R] Joanna S [E] Trish B [LT] Margaret S

**8am: [W] Eromi A, Anton S [L] Katherine A [R] Presencea A [E] Carmel A, Eromi A
[LT] Ryan J, Dan W.C**

10am: [W] Carol C, Lynne F [L] Mary S [R] Maria M [E] John S, Irene B [LT] Barry K

10.30am: [W] Vanessa C, Mary D [L] Libano D [R] Paul N [E] Juliet P [LT] Al and Choir

Children's Liturgy: Lanka E and Vanessa C

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday 23 September: Margaret S, Roy J, Ryan J



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WhatsApp group



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updates. QR Code also available
on the parish website
www.christthelightparish.org.au

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hold the care,
safety and
well-being of
children, young
people and
vulnerable adults
as a central and
fundamental
responsibility of
our
community.*

