



# CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH  
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Year A 13 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]  
**Finance/Admin:** Monique Heckmann [Tue, Wed, Thur: 9am – 4pm]  
**Sacraments:** Contact Parish Office [Phone 03 9412 8493]  
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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: Ingrid Pinghe, Denise McKenney

We pray for those who are **ill** in our community: Vincent Orchard, Ernie Muscat, Georgina Biondi, Colin McKenzie, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, Marissa Martin, K.P Abraham, Margaret Roth

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor  
ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who  
seek you.

**First Reading:** Kings 19:9, 11-13

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Second Reading:** St Paul to Rom 9:1-5

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33

#### **Next week: Yr A 20th Sun Ord Time**

First: Isaiah 56:1.6-7  
Second: Romans 11:13-15. 29-32  
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

## REFLECTION....

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

Dianne Bergant CSA



*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.*

# Feast of the Assumption

Mass for the Feast of the Assumption  
will be celebrated  
**TUESDAY 15 AUGUST at 7pm**  
Nazareth Centre  
44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda

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.....



## Report from meeting of the Parish Leadership Team, 8<sup>th</sup> August.

**First Holy Communion:** Congratulations to all the children and their families who have recently celebrated their first Holy Communion. There was a joyful spirit of celebration and thanksgiving as the children received the Body of Christ for the first time. It was a privilege for other parishioners to be able to share in the joy of the celebrations. Heartfelt thanks go to all involved in the preparation of the children including their own families, and to Fr Hien, George Thommana, the school principals, RELs and teachers, and Angelo Iacopino and the young parishioners who assisted in the Saturday afternoon preparation program.

**Volunteers for Ministry:** Thank you to those parishioners who have responded to our recent invitations for new volunteers for liturgical ministries. We have been heartened by the response and encourage others to consider offering their gifts through these ministries. We intend to hold commissioning ceremonies and formation for ministry opportunities in the near future.

**Take the Way of the Gospel:** The parish continues to participate in this archdiocesan process. Take the Way of the Gospel is a process of discernment and collaboration amongst parishes as we explore responses to the current challenges facing parishes throughout the archdiocese, especially in relation to the use of resources and the availability of priests in supporting the mission of the Church. We will report on progress at regular intervals.

**Reflection after Communion:** We would like to encourage the practice throughout the whole parish of observing several minutes of quiet time for prayer and reflection after the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Where possible, quiet music will be played at this time. The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection can proceed after this quiet time.


## 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.

**Newsletter Requests:** If you would like to request an item for the parish newsletter including anniversary, ill in the community or parish events, can you please call 0448 101 401 or email details to merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au prior to **9am Thursday** Thank you

**Credit Card Contributors** - please contact the parish office on 0448 101 401 or email merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au if there has been a change to your card details e.g.: expiry date, new card. Your contribution cannot be processed without up to date information. Thank you. Monique

 This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

## NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY ROSTER: **19/20 August 2023**

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

**5:30pm** [W] Ray R, Randy S [L] Sr Glenys [R] Caitlin S [E] Trish B [LT] Margaret S

**8am:** [W] Neeta K, Sarah B [L] Mary D [R] Ushmani F [E] Alessandro [LT] Michelle B

**10am:** [W] Peter C, Paula B [L] Maureen C [R] Xanda B [E] Tracey K [LT] Barry K

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

*Children's Liturgy: Rosa R, Lucy F*

**NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP:** 4:30pm Saturday 19 August: Margaret S, Roy J, Ryan J

## **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

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