



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

PALM Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Yr B 24 March 2024

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: Kathleen Muldoon

We pray for those who are **ill in our community**:

Peter O'Brien, K.P Abraham, Indika Fernando, Lalaka Peiris, Maria & Joseph Ah Kiau, Gina Wherrett, Oliver Gordon, John Van Kalken, Susan Stocks, Neth Mercado

Entrance Antiphon:

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:.....

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Gospel:

Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Next week: Easter Sunday Yr B

First: Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

Second: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: Mark 16:1-7

A reflection...

'Let us ask for the grace to be amazed', reflects Pope Francis. 'A Christian life without amazement', he warns, 'becomes drab and dreary'. Palm Sunday is about so much more than an annual waving of branches.

Whether our faith has become what the Pope styled 'dull from habit', or we find ourselves 'trapped in our regrets', or 'crippled by our disappointments', or easily inclined to 'take refuge in legalisms', the Pope suggests we return our gaze to Jesus' self-sacrifice and allow ourselves to be amazed.

'Let us be amazed by Jesus so that we can start living again,' the Pope says, 'for the grandeur of life lies not in possessions and promotions, but in realising that we are loved.'

When we allow ourselves to embrace this fact our lives will be changed. As the Pope points out, many of those who welcomed Jesus' entry into Jerusalem quickly abandoned him. They were, he suggests, 'following an *idea* of the Messiah rather than *the* Messiah'. Their public demonstrations seem to have proved self-oriented and shallow.

'To admire Jesus is not enough', the Pope declares. 'We have to follow in his footsteps, to let ourselves be challenged by him; to pass from admiration to amazement.' This, he says, enables us to really 'know that we are not alone: God is at our side in every affliction, in every fear; no evil, no sin will ever have the final word.'

'And with the grace of amazement', the Pope adds, 'we come to realise that in welcoming the dismissed and discarded, in drawing close to those ill-treated by life, we are loving Jesus.'

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'Weekly Quote'

Daily Steps for God Chicks

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Sometimes I feel as if I should join the circus. No, I can't tame elephants [although I can have a conversation with a teenage boy, so that's pretty close!!] and no, I can't contort my body to fit in a shoe box... but I am a champion plate spinner! I have so many plates spinning that I amaze myself. Can you relate? Probably, I have the woman plate going, the wife plate going, the mom plate going, the pastor plate going, the author plate going, the speaker plate going, and the friend plate going.

I have learned that the only way to negotiate all the plates that God has given me is to get great at walking with Jesus.

CHURCH BUILDING UPDATE

The Church Building Team met with Corrie, John and Grace from the Archdiocesan Development and Infrastructure Department last week. We face some challenging times ahead. Hopefully these challenges give us the opportunity to work together.

ANOINTING MASS

THURSDAY 4 April 10am St Mary's Whittlesea

We require the help of volunteers to assist with morning tea and transportation.

Please contact the parish office via email

merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au or

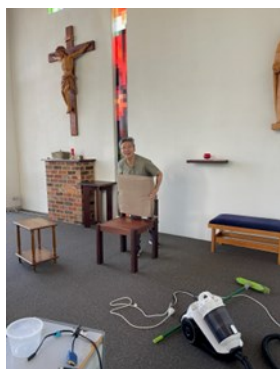
TEXT 0448 101 401

Your assistance would be much appreciated.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 5 April straight after morning mass finish at 11am

Joseph's Church 1490 Plenty Mernda



A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in last weekends **Working BEE** at St Mary's Church Kinglake.



We are extremely grateful for the hard work, effort and support of the community.

Nazareth Centre Ministries New Roster Platform

Now that the KRUIZ roster platform has been up and running for some time we would like to get your feedback.

FFEDBACK can be provided online from the link below

<https://forms.gle/TNoSnknHGrG8UBgN8>

Or by scanning the **QR Code**



Paper copies of the feedback form are also be available from the back of the Nazareth Centre today.

We continue to value your feedback



New CHURCH Building Account Details:

If you would like to make a Direct Deposit DONATION* to the New Church Building account.

BSB: 083 - 347

Acc No: 135 263 131

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

THANK YOU

Christ the Light would like to thank the Parish Community for your ongoing support of the

First Collection - Presbytery

and

Second Collection - Stewardship

We would also like to acknowledge our appreciation for your presence and participation in our parish communities



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

MINISTRY ROSTER: 30 / 31 March

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

10am - Whittlesea: [W] John F, Michelle J [L] Maureen C [R] Barry K [E] Irene B [LT] Barry K

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday Month of MARCH Team B: Ray Rosales and Team

Nazareth Centre Ministries New Roster Platform

<https://www.christthelightparish.org.au/Document/rosters>

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.





HOLY WEEK Ministry VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

**Holy Thursday, Good Friday,
Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday**

Please write your name, mobile and email on each of the mass you would like to assist with. Sign-up sheets are located the back of the Nazareth Centre today!!!

Holy Week Liturgy Meeting THIS SUNDAY **24 March after 10.30am Mass at the** **Nazareth Centre!**

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. More information can be found on the notice boards and in the back of the church



This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

Ronita from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre.

Leaia and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa.

Memory completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting:
caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling **1800 024 413**.





HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Reconciliation

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| Nazareth Centre (44 Mernda Village Drive) | St Mary's Whittlesea |
| Thursday, 28 March, 4pm - 6pm | Tue, 26 March, 10am - 12noon |
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Holy Thursday 28 March


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| Nazareth Centre (44 Mernda Village Drive.) | St Mary's Whittlesea |
| Thursday, 28 March, 7pm (followed by adoration) | Thursday, 28 March, 7pm |

Adoration : [Filipino 09:00pm—9:30pm], [Indian 09:40pm—10:10pm],
[Samoan 10:20pm—11:10pm], [Sri Lankan 11:20pm—12:00am]

Good Friday 29 March - Stations of the Cross 10 am

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| St Joseph's Mernda (Nazareth Centre) | Whittlesea (Combined Churches) |
| Friday, 29 March, 10am <i>Multicultural Catholic Tradition</i> | Friday, 29 March, 10am <i>Gather Walker Reserve [near swimming pool]</i> <i>BYO chair or rug. Cold Cross Buns supplied by parish all welcome</i> |

Good Friday 29 March - 3 pm

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| Doreen Church Site (Cnr Bassetts Rd Eminence Blvd Doreen) (If it rains the service will be at Nazareth Centre, please check WEBSITE for updates - www.christthelightparish.org.au) | St Mary's Whittlesea |
| Friday, 29 March, 3pm  Please encourage your children to dress up as disciples of Jesus | Friday, 29 March, 3pm |

Easter Vigil 30 March - 7:30 pm

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| Nazareth Centre (44 Mernda Village Drive.) |
| Saturday, 30 March, 7:30pm |

Easter Sunday 31 March

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| Nazareth Centre (44 Mernda Village Drive) | St Mary's Church Kinglake | St Mary's Church Whittlesea | St Joseph's Mernda |
| Sun, 31 March, 8am Sun, 31 March, 10:30am | Sun, 31 March, 8:30am | Sun, 31 March, 10am | <u>NO - 5pm Mass</u> |