



**CHRIST
THE
LIGHT**

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

**Nazareth Centre
(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

LIVE STREAM MASS Every SUNDAY 10:30am

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St Mary's, Whittlesea

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Confession/Reconciliation after

Tuesday & Thursday Mass at 10am.

Weekend: Sunday 10 am

St Mary's, Kinglake

124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd Kinglake 3763

Weekend Mass Sunday 8:30 am

St Joseph's, Mernda

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am

Weekend: Sunday 5pm

19th Sunday Ordinary Time.

7 August 2022. YEAR C.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

Assistant Priest: Fr Simeon Anthony

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

Parish Secretary: Margaret Stanford [Tues & Fri: 9am – 4pm]

Pastoral Associate: Sandy Starbuck Tue, Wed, Fri [9401 6321]

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We pray for those who have died recently:

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Vivian Johnson, Anthony Johnson, Ada Johnson, Alfred Johnson, Mary Brooks, Eufemia Rosales

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Nuccia Roks, John & Vivian Sguerzi, Jenna Huynh, Vincent Orchard, Patrick Anderson, Angela Barilari, Bill Geralovski, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald

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: Wisdom 18:6-9

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Next Week: 20th Sun Ord Time. Year C.

First: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Second: Letter to Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

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BSB: 083 - 347
Acct No: 135 263 131
Name: New Church Building



ST MARY'S WHITTLESEA

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH—6 August 2022

The Trading Table and Morning tea is on every first Sunday of the month, straight after the 10am Mass. Come along and pick up a bargain while you have a cuppa. Everyone is welcome.



St Mary of the Cross, Mackillop is Australia's first Saint. Her feast day is 8 August. Mary's love and compassion excluded no one. She had a very special place in her heart for those most disadvantaged, marginalised or isolated. Let us pray that we may model her compassionate and charitable service to others. May we take inspiration from Mary MacKillop's words to "never see a need without doing something about it".



First Eucharist Celebrations. During the month of August children from across all schools in the Parish, will receive for the FIRST time, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. Retreats were held in our 3 Catholic Schools and the Parish Catechetical Program. *As we are all reminded of the life giving presence of Jesus we receive at Eucharist, may we take this opportunity to rekindle our prayer life and make time to be still with our God. Pray for these children and their families that they may continue to love Jesus with their whole hearts and forever live faithfully.*



Fr Simeon speaking with the Eucharist Communicants.



Interested in becoming Catholic?

RCIA. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is our Catholic response to reaching out to those wishing to know more about being a Catholic. Soon, that journey will begin. If you or someone you know, may be pondering about the Catholic Faith, wondering how to answer God's invitation to them to enter into a relationship with Jesus and with our Church, invite them to contact us. I'm available to discuss any queries about RCIA, by contacting me at the Parish Office either in person, or by phone, **9401 6321. Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate.**



National Vocations Awareness Week: 7 - 14 August 2022. Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Catholic Care Victoria Sunday Appeal is next weekend 13/14 August. As our parish's social service agency, Catholic Care Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. **Please donate to the Catholic Care Victoria Sunday Appeal.** Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or call (03) 9287 5513 or online at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/>



DATE	MASS	WELCOMER	READER	EUCARIST	LAPTOP
13 August	5.30pm	Chris B. Paul N.	Leader: Lanka E. Reader: Paul N.	Patrick B.	Liz B.
14 August	8am	Ushmani F. Bill F.	Leader: Lucy F. Reader: Alessandro	Anthony F.	Ryan J.
	10am	Sean S. Karen H.	Leader: Peter C. Reader: Maureen C.	Grace M.	Barry K.
	10.30am	Laetitia M. Bella T.	Leader: Silence M Reader: Laetitia M.	George Snr	Al and choir

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. Saturday 13 August at 4:30pm. Dee F, Dinesh F, Anton S.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who bring Christ the Light Parish to LIFE!