



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

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time.

4 September 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]

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We pray for those who have died recently: Bill Geralovski, Ingrid Pinghe, Brian Miller.
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Janet Mary O'Connor, Constance De Silva

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Nuccia Roks, John & Vivian Sguerzi, Jenna Huynh, Vincent Orchard, Patrick Anderson, Angela Barilari, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Bettes, Paola Curatore, Leroy Folau, Irene Serritelli, Simon Boulous, Fr Brendan Dillon.

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading: St Paul to Phil 9-10, 12-17

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Next Week: 24th Sun Ord Time. Year C.

First: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Second: St Paul to Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

**9:15am COMMUNION SERVICE at
St Mary's Whittlesea.**

**Every Tuesday morning
during the month of September.**

Fr Simeon is on leave during this time.
We pray that he will enjoy a
relaxing break.

CAKE STALL WEEKEND: SATURDAY 3 AND SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER.

* All proceeds (donations) go towards the building of the new church.

* A reminder that people will need to please bring cash with them
to purchase the cakes after every Mass this weekend.

This is a great chance to pick up something sweet to share with
Dad on Father's day, as well as supporting the building of our new
church.



A big thank you to all of our volunteer helpers at the cake stalls. Thank you to
everyone who baked cakes (and those who will eat them!)



A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

God our Father,
You govern and protect your people
And shepherd them with a father's love.
You place a father in a family
As a sign of your love, care, and constant protection.

May fathers everywhere be faithful
To the example shown in the Scriptures:
Steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions,
Sustaining the family,
Caring for those in need.

Give your wisdom to father's
That they may encourage and
Guide their children.
Keep them healthy
So they may support a family.

Guide every father
With the spirit of your love
That they may grow in holiness
And draw their family ever closer to you.

Amen. (AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION—FATHER'S DAY APPEAL. There will be a Leaving Collection at all Masses this weekend on
3 and 4 September. As Archbishop Comensoli says (on the Appeal Envelope) *"It has been a wonderful custom in the Archdiocese
of Melbourne to allow the faithful of the Archdiocese to show something of their own appreciation through an annual Fathers'
Day Appeal. The Appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and
a comfortable standard of living for them. May I commend the Appeal to you. Please pray for your priests, as they pray for you!"*

A REFLECTION FROM A NEW FATHER. Read one father's moving reflection on how his daughter's birth opened his heart to
glimpse the enormity and primacy of God's love: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/the-only-thing-that-matters>

SEASON OF CREATION: 1 SEPTEMBER—4 OCTOBER 2022. Pope Francis has asked that 'we return to pray in the great cathedral
of creation, enjoying the "grand cosmic choir" of innumerable creatures singing praises to God'. During the season of Spring, you
are invited to reflect quietly for a moment on the beauty and mystery of creation and on the great life-giving generosity of the
One who brings it all into being.

DATE	MASS	WELCOMER	READER	EUCARIST	LAPTOP
10 Sept	5.30pm	Doris M. Evmin N.	Leader: Patrick B. Reader: Savain N.	Ernie M.	Michelle B.
11 Sept	8am	Carmel W. Terry W.	Leader: Cath M. Reader: Ushmani F.	Anthony F.	Ryan J.
	10am	Sr Dora Sr Estalita	Leader: Mary W. Reader: Sean S.	Karen H.	Barry K.
	10.30am	Vanessa C. Shevan F.	Leader: Silence M. Reader: Paul N.	George Snr	To be confirmed

**NAZARETH CENTRE SET
UP. 4:30pm on Saturday
10 September.** Chris B,
Bill F, Ajith D.S

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