



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

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

St Mary's, Whittlesea

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am

Confession/Reconciliation after

Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am Mass at 10am.

Weekend: 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: Sunday 5pm

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT 12 March 2023. YEAR A.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

Assistant Priest: Fr Simeon Anthony

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

Pastoral Worker: George Thommana

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

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We pray for those who have died recently: Vivien Sgerzi

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Juan Rosales

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Vincent Orchard,
Colin McKenzie

Entrance Antiphon:

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading:

Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.

Second Reading:

St Paul to Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus
Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour
of the world; give me living water,
that I may never thirst again. Glory to
you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Next week: 4th Sunday Lent. Year A.

First: Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Second: St Paul to Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?



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.



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RAFFLE TICKET

FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT

PRIZES

1. FAMILY GIFT HAMPER WORTH OF \$300
2. FAMILY GIFT HAMPER WORTH OF \$250
3. FAMILY GIFT HAMPER WORTH OF \$225
4. GIFT VOUCHER FOR A HANDMADE DECOR WORTH OF \$200
5. GIFT VOUCHER FOR A CAKE WORTH OF \$150

RAFFLE TICKET \$5/-

DRAW ON 18 MARCH 2023 AT THE FUNDRAISING DINNER
LED BY SRI LANKAN COMMUNITY

Tickets available to purchase at parish office, schools and after mass.

SAVE THE DATE:

**Friday 21st July to Sunday
23rd July 2023**

Christ the Light Parish is organising a fun filled parish outing/camp for our parishioners.

Further details of the camping and registrations will be shared soon!

SATURDAY 5:30pm MASS on 18 MARCH will be celebrated at St Mary's church,

Whittlesea. Please join us in the Anawim Centre after Mass for our social/fundraising dinner.

Confirmation Class at 4pm on Saturday 18 March will be held at The Pastoral Centre, St Mary's, Whittlesea, followed by 5:30pm Mass at St Mary's church, Whittlesea.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT.

6:30pm at ST MARY'S CHURCH,
WHITTLESEA.

7pm at ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH,
PLENTY ROAD, MERNDA.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Weekday: After every 9:15am morning Mass.

Tuesdays & Thursdays at St Mary's Whittlesea.
Wednesdays & Fridays at St Joseph's church, 1490 Plenty Road, Mernda.

Weekend: Saturdays at 4pm, Nazareth Centre.

St Joseph's Primary School, 44 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda. Reconciliation is from this weekend and up to Palm Sunday, 2 April 2023.



RCIA. On this 3rd Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the first scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Let us continue to pray for Kathryn, Mason and Jessica.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Can you please help?

We need 6 volunteers for the remainder of 2023, to set up the Nazareth Centre on Saturday afternoon for the weekend Masses. If you are able to help, please call, email or text the parish office: 0448 101 401 - merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au

EVENTS ON SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2023.

Where - Nazareth Centre, St Joseph's Primary School Mernda

When - Straight after 10:30am Mass

Christ the Light Teen Gathering.

Christ the Light parish would like to welcome all the teens (Grade 8 to Grade 11) from our parish to spend time together and join us for morning tea. We encourage you to share this with your friends and families. Parents are welcome to stay.

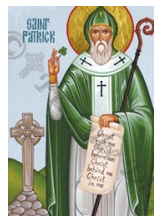
Filipino Choir.

The Filipino Choir has been singing together in our parish of Christ the Light for 9 years. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend the morning tea to celebrate this occasion.

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH—Sunday 19 March 2023.

Starting from Sunday 19 March there will be 1 hour Adoration at 4pm every Sunday before the 5pm Mass at St Joseph's church: 1490 Plenty Road, Mernda.

FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK—Friday 17 March 2023.



A **shamrock** is a young sprig with 3 leaflets. It is a symbol of Ireland. Saint Patrick, Ireland's patron saint, is said to have used it as a metaphor for the Christian Holy Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. There are many legends associated with the life of St. Patrick. According to one, he miraculously drove all the snakes of Ireland into the sea. He was a most humble-minded man, pouring forth a continuous paean of thanks to his Maker for having chosen him as the instrument whereby multitudes who had worshipped "idols and unclean things" had become "the people of God."

EVENT ON SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2023.

Where - Nazareth Centre, St Joseph's Primary School Mernda

When - Straight after 10:30am Mass

Altar Server Ministry.

All Altar Servers are invited to attend this special training session. Parents are welcome to stay and have a cuppa.

NEXT WEEK Roster: 18/19 March

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

5:30pm [W] Doris M, Ernie M [L] Chris B [R] Paul N [E] Ernie M [LT] Liz B

8am: [W] Biju K, Sarah B [L] Mary D [R] Alessandro U [E] Neeta K [LT] Michelle B

10am: [W] Bernadette S, John F [L] Sean S [R] Mary W [E] Lynne F [LT] Barry K

10.30am: [W] Bella T, Anna T [L] Blessy T [R] Silence M [E] Libano D [LT] George T

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. 4:30pm on Sat 18 March: Terry W, Carmel W, Ray R, Ushmani F



Account Details:

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

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