



## 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

## 4th SUNDAY OF LENT 19 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]

**Finance/Admin:** Monique Heckmann [Tue, Wed, Thur: 9am – 4pm]

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We pray for those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

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

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

#### **First Reading:**

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

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

#### **Second Reading:**

St Paul to Ephesians 5:8-14

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### **Gospel:** John 9:1-41

#### **Next week: 5th Sunday Lent. Year A.**

First: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second: St Paul to Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

## **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with openness to God's choice of him.

By what criteria do we judge others? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure-seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does?

As with the other scrutiny Sundays, catechumens and long-standing members are exhorted to make a choice. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there's a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world, or the power of God in Jesus Christ?



*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.*



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK

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

Please circle the day and role: Leader, Reader, Eucharist Minister, Washing of Feet, or Powerpoint on the sheets provided and put it any collection plate at any 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!

## ST MARY'S WHITTLESEA. No 9:15am Morning Mass on Wednesday 8 March. It will be a Communion Service.

Trading Table raised \$71.30 on Sunday 5 March. Thank you to everyone for your support. There will not be a Trading Table on Palm Sunday 2 April 2023.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

**EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT.**

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

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

### BUNNINGS MERENDA SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Sausage Sizzle was held last weekend, Saturday 11 March. Thank you to all of our volunteers who worked from 8am-5pm. A total of **\$1,069.60** will go to our Church Building Fund. Thank you everyone for supporting our Parish of Christ the Light.



**RCIA.** On this 4th Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the second 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.

### IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOME FAITH RESOURCES TO EXPLORE PLEASE TRY LINKS BELOW.....

**Catechism in a Year**

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/ciy-parish-promo>

**Bible in a Year**

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-parish-promo>

**Hallow App for Prayer and Meditation**

<https://apps.apple.com/au/app/hallow-prayer-meditation/id1405323394> or <https://hallow.com/>

### Christ the Light Teen Gathering.

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

**When** - Sunday 19 March, straight after 10:30am Mass

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. Parents are welcome to stay.

### Thank you to our Filipino Choir.

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

**When** - Sunday 19 March, straight after 10:30am Mass

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.

### 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.



### ST JOSEPH'S PRAYER

St Joseph, You were called to care for Jesus, God's only Son. We come to you, to keep us under your special protection, as you had shown towards Jesus and Mary. Guard and guide us in life's journey and form our hearts after the hearts of Jesus and Mary, whom you nurtured and loved. May you be a source of inspiration to us and help us grow in wisdom and grace. AMEN

### NEXT WEEK Roster: 25/26 March

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

**5:30pm [W]** Doris M, Paul N **[L]** Ernie M **[R]** Trish B **[E]** Paul N **[LT]** Margaret S

**8am: [W]** Charles F, Anneston A **[L]** Ajith D.S **[R]** Lucy F **[E]** Roy J **[LT]** Ryan J

**10am: [W]** Angelo I, Joyce L **[L]** Mary S **[R]** John F **[E]** John S **[LT]** Barry K

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

**NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. 4:30pm on Sat 25 March: Margaret S, Roy J, Ryan J**



### **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**

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