



## 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

20th Sunday Ordinary Time.

14 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]

**Sacraments:** Contact Parish Office [9412 8493]

**Finance/Admin:** Monique Heckmann Tue, Wed, Thur [9412 8493]

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*We pray for those who have died recently: Douglas Hargraves, Michael Auciello*

*And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frederick Joseph Ah Kiau*

*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:** Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Lord, come to my aid!

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:1-4

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia. My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 12:49-53

**Next Week: 21st Sun Ord Time. Year C.**

First: Isaiah 66:18-21

Second: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

## GOSPEL REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### I have come to bring fire

A fierce fire in a eucalyptus forest bursts open the seed pods, cleanses the soil of smothering undergrowth, and returns nutrients to the soil to germinate the seeds. It is that sort of fire which Jesus brings to the earth.

So, at Pentecost, He sent His Holy Spirit '... like tongues of fire', bursting the early disciples out of the protective shell of the 'Upper Room', allowing them to be germinated as seeds of the early Church. It is the same in every generation which has to ask: What personal, family or social situations provide a hard casing which must be cracked open? What is the smothering undergrowth which prevents our germination as fearless disciples?

Jesus himself felt smothered by the small-minded people of Nazareth to which He never returned. He warns that families and good friends can try to smother the spark He wishes to ignite.

We might pause for a moment to pray that the fiery Holy Spirit might enable us to become a stand of tall trees reaching for the Risen Son in all His glory.

**NEW Church Building Bank Account Details:**

If you would like to make a Direct Deposit DONATION to the New Church Building account please use account details below:

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



**MONDAY 15 AUGUST  
 FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**



**9:15am Mass** at St Mary's, Whittlesea  
**6pm Mass** at St Joseph's church  
 1490 Plenty Road, Mernda

**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. *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.*



**Marymade Confirmation Candidates** will be presented at Sunday 10:30am Mass this weekend. Please welcome them and keep the children and their families in your prayers. Let us continue to reflect on our own commitment to be renewed in our Baptism Promises and to burn with the fire of the Holy Spirit as beacons of the Light of Christ in our world.



**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.**



**CAKE STALL ON FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND: SATURDAY 3 AND SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER.**

- \* All proceeds (donations) go towards the building of the new church.
- \* All cakes, biscuits, etc need to have a list of ingredients with them. Especially if they contain NUTS (this must be clearly labelled).
- \* They are to be on a paper/plastic plates and covered in food wrap or a freezer bag.
- \* Items like cupcakes/biscuits are to be put in a group of approx. 2 - 6 and offered as a unit, not a single item.
- \* Anything with cream or custard must be refrigerated until just before being put out.
- \* Donations of items can be taken to any of our Masses when we will hold the cake stalls after each Mass on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 September.



**St Mary's Primary School, Whittlesea.** Trivia Night on **Friday 26 August at 7pm. \$20 per person.** The night will be professionally run, for ages 15 +. BYO food and drinks (including alcohol). Bring along some cash for the key raffle. Call the school office to organise your tickets: 9714 9999



**National Vocations Awareness Week: 7 - 14 August 2022.** Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.



**Leaving Collection for Catholic Care Victoria is this weekend. 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
20 August	5.30pm	Ernie M Doris M.	Leader: Trish B. Reader: Patrick B.	Ernie M.	Liz B.
21 August	8am	Biju K. Sarah B.	Leader: Ajith D.S Reader: Michelle B.	Bill F.	Ryan J.
	10am	Bernadette S. John F.	Leader: Mary W. Reader: Mary S.	John S.	Barry K.
	10.30am	Silence M. Aeshan F.	Leader: Malou L. Reader: Paul N.	Silence M.	Al and choir

**NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. Saturday 20 August at 4:30pm.** Carmel A, Mick A, Clare A.

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