



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.
29 OCTOBER 2023

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

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

Pastoral Worker: George Thommana
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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
Children's Liturgy EVERY 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.
Weekend Mass: 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 Mass: Sunday 5pm

We pray for those who have **died recently**: Connie Caruana
And for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time: Placidus Rodrigo and
Patrick Ganlath

We pray for those who are **ill in our community**: Margaret Muldoon,
Vincent Orchard, K.P Abraham, Indika Fernando, Rose Vaas, Lalaka Peries,
Carlo Carleo, Maria & Joseph Ah Kiau, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord
rejoice; turn to the Lord and his
strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Responsorial Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading:

Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me
will keep my words, and my Father
will love them and we will come to
them. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Next week: Yr A 31st Sun Ord Time

First: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10
Second: St Paul to Thess 2:7-9, 13
Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

A reflection...

LOOKING TOWARDS NEXT WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1ST FEAST OF ALL SAINTS...YOUR FEAST DAY!

Each of us brings to this feast a personal circle of people, who
have loved us and impacted our lives.

It is the feast of everyone's grandmother, of everyone's in-
spired teacher, or counsellor, of everyone's best friend, who has
died.

We are bonded in a community of the living and the dead.
We rejoice with them, they pray with us.

Help us, loving god, to work together for the coming of your
kingdom "until the hour when we stand together before you,
saints among the saints in the halls of heaven"
(Eucharistic Prayer of Reconciliation No. 1)

Sister Maureen Delaney.

'Weekly Quote'

**The Prayer of
the Frog** by
Anthony de Mello.

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The four stages of
Prayer:

I talk, you listen.

You talk, I listen.

Neither talks,
both listen.

Neither talks,
neither listens:
Silence.

Springtime Carnival. Everyone was a winner at our Springtime Carnival last Saturday evening in the Anawim Centre which had been transformed into a wonderful race day venue. On entering the 'racecourse' we were photographed in the carpark, complete with picnic setting and MG convertible! Congratulations and thanks to Liz and Rob Williams, members of the parish social and fundraising committee, and the many parishioners who helped to make this a great success. We were treated to live music, dancing, quizzes, games and activities for children, raffles, and many prizes. Of note were the 'Fashions on the Field' competitions for children, women, and men. One of the highlights of the evening was the inaugural 'Christ the Light Cup' which drew many starters but of course only one horse could win! In addition to the many festive activities, we were treated to a four-course race day dinner prepared by our caterer with contributions from several parishioners, all most ably coordinated by Biju Kalathil and his helpers who worked tirelessly throughout the evening. Special thanks to Phillip Smith and Angelo Iacopino from St Mary's School Whittlesea for their on-going support of the parish. A sincere thank you to all involved for your attendance, all the preparation and organization, and especially for your support of our New Church Building Fund.

Chris Blake. Chair, Parish Leadership Team

ALL SAINTS DAY. WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER.

9:15am Mass and 7:00pm Mass at St Joseph's church
1490 Plenty Road, Mernda

ALL SOULS DAY. THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER.

9:15am Mass at St Mary's Whittlesea. 2-20 Fir Street

THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER. THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED. COMBINED CHURCHES OF WHITTLESEA. Yan Yean Cemetery Chapel.
2265 Plenty Road, Yan Yean.

5:15pm—Simple Memorial Service based on the same format that has been used in previous years.

5:45pm—At the conclusion of the Service, there will be an invitation for those who have loved ones buried in this cemetery to place a cross or similar item at the site of the service.

6:00pm—Mass for All Souls in the Catholic Tradition.
Please bring your own chair for the evening Mass.

FLOWERS FOR ALL SOULS DAY MASS.

If you have flowers that you would like to donate, please drop them off at St Mary's church Whittlesea on **Thursday 2 November**, any time between **9am -11am.**



31 OCTOBER : ALL HALLOWS EVE. As Christians we have a choice, we can either celebrate this night as a night of darkness or stand with Jesus as the light of the world, and celebrate 31 October as All Hallows Eve, as a night of light. You might like to place a lamp or light in your window if you stand for Christ and He is the light of your world.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES. In November, we especially remember and pray for our departed loved ones. November Mass offering envelopes are available from the back of each Mass Centre and are included in your stewardship package.

Retreat for Daily Life Program 2023

- November 8th: Loss and grief
- November 22nd: Encounter with Jesus in daily life

The sessions will be held at *St Joseph's School Mernda commencing at 7.00pm and concluding no later than 8.45pm.*

You are invited to bring an object or image that has personal significance for you and relates to the topic.

WHITTLESEA MINISTRY INC. WMI would like to thank all those who paid the annual subscription towards supporting our work within the local Whittlesea community. Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the **Uniting Church Hall at 1:00pm on Thursday 9 November.** If you would like to hear more about our work or possibility volunteer limited time to the Food Share outreach, please feel free to come along.

CCCW/WMI. CAN YOU HELP FOOD SHARE?

There is an appeal for goodies that are handy to have. Each church has been asked for particular items.

Ours our cereal, sugar and jam.

If you can please purchase these items when you do your next shop. The box will be available at St Mary's Whittlesea for the next 2 weeks. Thanking you in anticipation.
Lynne and Maureen



New CHURCH Building 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

*Any donation made to this account is NOT tax deductible as we are a Not For Profit organization

MINISTRY ROSTER: 4/5 NOVEMBER

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

5:30pm [W] Lorel D, Trish B [L] Ray R [R] Lorel D [E] Trish B [LT] Margaret S

8am: [W] Carmel W, Terry W [L] Noelene H [R] Cath M [E] Alessandro [LT] Michelle B

10am: [W] Maureen C, Angelo I [L] Warner B [R] Peter C [E] Carol C [LT] Barry K

10.30am: [W] Libano D, Anna T [L] Sr Glenys [R] Bella T [E] Libano D [LT] George T

Children's Liturgy: Lunesa R, Merino R

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday 4 November: Chris B, Bill F, Ajith D.S



Christ The Light - News updates
WhatsApp group



Join the CTL parish WhatsApp group for regular parish news updates. QR Code also available on the parish website
www.christthelightparish.org.au

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.

