



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

4th SUNDAY of EASTER . Year A 30 April 2023

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

Assistant Priest: Fr Simeon Anthony

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

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: Brian Morris

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Miller, Monina Sanchez, Estanislao Sanchez

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Vincent Orchard, Colin McKenzie, Caroline Perrett, Fleur Goodier, John Van Kalken

Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made. Alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Second Reading: St Peter 2:20-25

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Next week: 5th Sunday Easter. Year A

First: Acts 6:1-7

Second: St Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Shepherd's Voice

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.

In John's gospel, Judas, the *thief* from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a *brigand*, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly. Alleluia!



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.



Mothers Day Dinner & Talent Show



SOCIAL GATHERING & FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT NEW CHURCH BUILDING

SAT, 13th MAY 2023 AT 6:00 PM TO 11:30 PM
ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
2-20 FIR STREET, WHITTLESEA, VIC 3757

AN EVENING FILLED WITH:

Authentic Indian Street Food & Desserts
Performances from Samoan, Indian, Filipino
& many more Communities
Entertainment: Live Music/DJ

Ticket Prices:

Adult: \$35
Children: \$15 (Under 2 free)

Dress Code: Traditional/Casual Smart

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:
GEORGE THOMMANA 04 23 646 864
CHARLES FERNANDO 04 14 133 454

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PARISH MOBILE: 04 48 101 401



Morning Tea on the 1st Sunday of the month at every Mass Centre: SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023.

This is a celebration of birthdays and anniversaries. We welcome new parishioners, Rite of Reception for Baptism and Teen meeting.



Everyone is welcome!



5:30pm MASS ON SATURDAY 13 MAY will be held at St Mary's Whittlesea. Please join us in the Anawim Centre after Mass for "Christ the Light's Got Talent" social/fundraising dinner.



FIRST EUCHARIST 2023

Our Parish Sacramental Preparation Program is now accepting applications for children to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist in August 2023. Please email the office: merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au to receive an application form. Children must be in year 4 (minimum) and attend a State Primary School within our Parish. Children must have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation before they can make their First Holy Communion.



Posy Making Day help needed

Mary Davey would like to invite you to help make Mothers Day posies on **Saturday 13 May at 9.30am** 40 Daisy Hill Road Doreen. Please contact Mary if you are able to attend 0405 356 728

GUEST SPEAKER—SISTER KERIN CALDWELL sgs

The program 'Ageing and Awakening : God's Surprising Gifts' is for all parishioners who are in post retirement years. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

It will be held at St Mary's Whittlesea.

The time will be 10am-12:30pm, with a cuppa at 11am.

The 6 new Friday Session dates are:

May 12, May 26, June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21

If you are interested in attending, please write your name on the clipboard and take a brochure.



30 APRIL 2023 is GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.*

Pledge to Pray is an online site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

[Keep on Praying... \(pledgetoprayer.com.au\)](http://pledgetoprayer.com.au)

NEXT WEEK Roster: 6/7 May 2023

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

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

8am: [W] Carmel W, Terry W [L] Katherine A [R] Presencea A [E] Biju K [LT] Michelle B

10am: [W] Maureen C, Peter C [L] Tracey K [R] Xanda B [E] Lynne F [LT] Barry K

10.30am: [W] Silence M, Anna T [L] Laetitia M [R] Bella T [E] Silence M [LT] Al and Choir

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. 4:30pm on Saturday 6 May: Margaret S, Roy J, Ryan J



Account Details:

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

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