



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

1st SUNDAY OF LENT 26 February 2023. YEAR A.

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]

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We pray for those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ingrid Pinghe,
Ronald Cooling, Cuthbert Ganlath

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

Entrance Antiphon:

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Next week: 2nd Sunday Lent. Year A.

First: Genesis 12:1-4

Second: St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

It is Written

Jesus was offered three shortcuts for his ministry. Firstly, exceptional powers to satisfy his own needs (bread out of stones). Secondly, when he needed to take risks, angels to keep him safe. Thirdly, when he wanted to change the world, absolute political power.

These were the Temptations of Christ, but also for us. If you or I are tempted to sin, we will find the marks of this threefold pattern. We want the whole world to change to satisfy us, or we want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed, or we want to exercise total power over others.

How can we try to follow Jesus without the shortcuts of the fantasy world which the Devil may offer? Note that Jesus resisted each temptation with: 'It is written'. The forty days of Lent are a perfect opportunity to read what 'is written' in the Gospels about the episodes and pattern of the life of Jesus Christ.

We could pause for a moment to find what is written and to imitate what we find. That is how the Devil is defeated.



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.



CHRIST THE LIGHT PARISH PRESENTS

SOCIAL GATHERING & FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING

ORGANISED BY THE SRI LANKAN COMMUNITY

AN EVENING FILLED WITH PRESENTATION OF THE NEW CHURCH DESIGN
SRI LANKAN CULTURAL SHOW
FUN ACTIVITIES
ENTERTAINMENT
DELICIOUS SRI LANKAN CUISINE
ATTRACTIVE RAFFLE PRIZES

SATURDAY, 18TH MARCH 2023
AT 6.30 PM TO MIDNIGHT
ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
2-20 FIR STREET, WHITTLESEA, VIC 3757



MUSIC BY
EJ RHYTHMS
DRESS: CASUAL

ADULT TICKET PRICE: \$30
CHILD TICKET PRICE: \$15 (AGE BETWEEN 5-11YRS)
CHILDREN BELOW 5YRS ARE FREE

Tickets also available via
www.trybooking.com/CGBTL

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling **1800 024 413.**



Family Visitation Cards are at all Mass Centres.

Our Priests are available to visit your home for a house blessing or a friendly chat and cuppa. Please return the completed card to the Priest or the cards can be put on any collection plate or hand in at the parish office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS.



The 2nd step in Christian initiation is the liturgical rite called both election and the enrolment of names, "which closes the lengthy period of formation of the catechumen's minds and hearts".

As a pledge of their fidelity, the candidates will have their names inscribed in the Book of the Elect that lists those who have been chosen for initiation.

Sunday 26 February, Kathryn, Mason and Jessica, together with godparent/sponsor will be presented to the Parish Community for their blessing, as they journey to St Patrick's Cathedral for the Rite of Election. Let us continue to pray for them during this period of Purification and Enlightenment, preparing for the Sacraments of initiation at Easter.

*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – Ritual Edition, 55.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We need volunteers so the Children's Liturgy program can commence on **Sunday 19 March 2023.**

Can you please help once a month?

If you are interested, please contact the office:

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ST MARY'S WHITTLESEA

The Trading Table and Morning Tea is held on every first Sunday of the month, straight after the 10am Mass. The next one will be held on Sunday 5 March. Come along and pick up a bargain while you have a cuppa. Everyone is welcome.

Bunnings Mernda Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 11 March 2023



This is a fundraiser and an outreach initiative. If you can help, please write your name on the roster sheet at each Mass.

All money raised will go to the Church Building Fund.

CELEBRATIONS IN MARCH

17th, Fri	Feast of St Patrick
18th, Sat	Social gathering and fundraising led by the Sri Lankan community; presentation of design concept of new church
19th, Mon	Feast of St Joseph
24th/25th Fri/Sat	Sacrament of Confirmation Masses

NEXT WEEK Roster: 4/5 March

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

5:30pm [W] Ray R, Trish B [L] Paul N [R] Chris B [E] Trish B [LT] Liz B

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] Grace M [LT] Barry K

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

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. 4:30pm on Saturday 4 March: Dee F, Dinesh F, Anton S



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

Name: New Church Building