



## 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

## PALM SUNDAY 2 April 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:**

Hosanna to the son of David; blessed  
is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 37:12-14

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me?

**Second Reading:** St Paul to Rom 8:8-11

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory! Christ became obedient for  
us even to death dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high and  
gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!

**Gospel:** John 11:1-45

**Next week: Easter Sunday. Year A.**

First: Genesis 1:1-2:2

Second: Exodus 14:15-15:1

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.



*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.*



## HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

### Reconciliation

<b>St Joseph's Mernda</b>	<b>St Mary's Whittlesea</b>
Wed, 5th April, 10 am—12 noon	Thu, 6th April, 9 am —12 noon
Wed, 5th April, 6pm—8pm	Note : No morning mass on Thursday.

### Holy Thursday (6 April)


<b>Nazareth Centre</b> (44 Mernda Village Drive.)	<b>St Mary's Whittlesea</b>
Thu, 6th April, 7pm ( followed by adoration)	Thu, 6th April, 7pm

**Adoration** : [Filipino 09:00pm—9:30pm], [Indian 09:40pm—10:10pm],[Samoan 10:20pm—11:10pm], [Sri Lankan 11:20pm—12:00am]

### Good Friday (7 April) - Stations of the Cross 10 am

<b>St Joseph's Mernda</b> (1490 Plenty Rd, Mernda)	<b>Whittlesea (Combined Churches)</b>
Fri, 7th April, 10am	Fri, 7th April, 10am
Multicultural Catholic Tradition	Gather at Rotunda—Walnut Street Whittlesea

### Good Friday (7 April) - 3 pm

<b>Doreen Church Site</b> (Cnr Bassetts Rd Eminence Blvd Doreen) <i>(If it rains the service will be at Nazareth Centre, please check WEBSITE for updates - <a href="http://www.christthelightparish.org.au">www.christthelightparish.org.au</a> )</i>	<b>St Mary's Whittlesea</b>
Fri, 7th April, 3pm  Please encourage your children to dress up as disciples of Jesus	Fri, 7th April, 3pm

### Easter Vigil (8 April) - 7:30 pm

<b>Nazareth Centre</b> (44 Mernda Village Drive.)
Sat 8 April, 7:30pm

### Easter Sunday (9 April)

<b>Nazareth Centre</b> (44 Mernda Village Drive.)	<b>St Joseph's Mernda</b>	<b>St Mary's Church Kinglake</b>	<b>St Mary's Church Whittlesea</b>
Sun, 9 April, 8am Sun, 9 April, 10:30am	Sun, 9 April, 5pm	Sun, 9 April, 8:30am	Sun, 9 April, 10am