



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

5th SUNDAY of EASTER . Year A 7 May 2023

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

Assistant Priest: Fr Simeon Anthony

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

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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:

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Monina Sanchez, Regina Ganlath, Shirani Randeniya, Dot Stanford

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

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: St Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Next week: 6th Sunday Easter. Year A

First: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Second: St Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Sunday Gospel Reflection



In the Acts of the Apostles we see how any class or racial discrimination was quickly resolved in the church's early days. Here we are reminded of two important dimensions of church life: prayer and service; and that living our Christian vocation requires a balance between the two. Each of us is personally called to prayer, to a dialogue of worship with God; and we are also called to service. No matter what we do in life, our work affects others in some way. We should be of service to our neighbours; and provided we have an attitude of respect, no task we do is a menial task. Prayer and preaching the word was of primary importance to the apostles; but service to the widows and the needy in the community was also vital, so they appointed seven trusted men to attend to it, and initiated them by an evocative ceremony.

Excerpt from a reflection on the Gospel, Catholic Homilies, ACP



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.

Report from the meeting of the Parish Leadership Team. 2 May 2023.

Formation for Mission Program: The team will gather at St Mary's Kinglake on Sunday 21st May for a morning of formation for mission. We will join the Kinglake community for Mass at 8.30am and then participate in formation activities. Our aim is to reflect on our gifts, and how as individuals and as a team we can support and advance the mission of the Church within and beyond our parish.

Pentecost Sunday: On Pentecost Sunday, 28th May, it is proposed that prayers of the faithful at most Masses will be prayed in a variety of community languages. Parishioners will be invited to assist by translating one of the prayers and reading it at Mass in their language on that day. Please see the newsletter notice this weekend.

Parish family camp: Planning for the parish family camp, 21st – 23rd July has commenced. The theme for the camp is "Winter". The camp is to be held at the Don Bosco Camp and Centre, Safety Beach, on the Mornington Peninsula. Further information will be provided in due course by the organizing committee. The PLT encourages parishioners to participate in this unique opportunity for building friendship and community.

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. Followed by "Christ the Light's Got Talent" social/fundraising dinner.

The 2023 National Count of Attendance at Mass. It will begin this weekend and it will include the 4 weekends in May. Thank you to those who will take the count at all of our Masses.

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.



WORLD YOUTH DAY, WYD 2023.

On Sunday 30 April, 500 young people came together for the first time in preparation for Melbourne's pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, which will be held in August 2023. The Fitzroy campus of Australian Catholic University was alive with joy, music and the Holy Spirit. There were pilgrims from parishes, youth groups, communities and schools across the Archdiocese. Please pray for our pilgrims.

Follow the journey of our young pilgrims on [Facebook](#) [World Youth Day: Melbourne to Lisbon - Home](#) | [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) [World Youth Day | Melbourne to Lisbon \(@melbwyd\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)

NEXT WEEK Roster: 20/21 May 2023

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

5:30pm [W] Doris M, Ernie M [L] Chris B [R] Trish B [E] Ernie M [LT] Liz B

8am: [W] Neeta K, Sarah B [L] Mary D [R] Alessandro U [E] Noelene H [LT] Michelle B

10am: [W] Sean S, Bernadette S [L] Lynne O [R] John F [E] John O [LT] Barry K

10.30am: [W] Bella T, Anna T [L] Blessy T [R] Silence M [E] Libano D [LT] Al and choir

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. 4:30pm on Saturday 20 May: Dee F, Dinesh F, Anton S



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