



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.
24 SEPTEMBER 2023

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

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

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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**:

And for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time: Suhashini Jeyakuma

We pray for those who are **ill in our community**: Connie Caruana, Vincent Orchard, Georgina Biondi, Colin McKenzie, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, K.P Abraham, Margaret Roth, Maria Ah Kiau, Margaret Muldoon, Baselisa Malusu, Cindy Pavlo

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Next week: Yr A 26th Sun Ord Time

First: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Second: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

REFLECTION.....

The vineyard described by Jesus is God's Kingdom here on earth. Yes, *here on earth. It is not some distant kingdom, nor are we far removed from it. As Christians, we are the workers, and our loving Saviour, has asked us, his followers, to play an important role in caring for and cultivating it. If we pause here for a moment we may wish to reflect on what a privilege it is to know Christ and to be working in Christ's vineyard.*

Jesus points out that each of us will receive the same wage or reward. It is here in the vineyard that we can be in close relationship with Him, while labouring, while finding joy and hope, and exercising love for one another. While *rejoicing when new workers join us in toiling in the vineyard. This vineyard is not a place of toiling for self-interest and better pay. It is a place where we are all welcome, and hold onto the same glorious promise - the precious reward of eternal life.*

As we read in the first reading, God's ways are not our ways, a blessing in and of itself.

Vanessa Carnevale

Weekly Quote'

The Prayer of the Frog

Anthony de
Mello - Page
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The Rule in a
monastery
was not, "Do
not speak,"
but, "Do no
speak unless
you can
improve on
the silence."

Springtime Carnival

Saturday 21st October, 6pm-11pm

St Mary's School Hall, Whittlesea.

A night filled with games/quizzes for all the family, great food and live music.

Adults \$35.00 - Children (2-12) \$15.00

Tickets available from Parish Office, Liz Williams (0403 007 692) or Liz Blake (0407 832 296)

Tables of up to 8 people available. So, purchase tickets with your friends to sit together.

Looking forward to seeing you all there, celebrating our parish community and raising funds for the New Church building.

Report from meeting of the Parish Leadership Team, 13th September.

Youth Mass 9th September: The team congratulates and thanks all the young people and adults who prepared for and participated in the activities and joyful youth Mass at the Nazareth Centre on Saturday 9th September. It was wonderful to see so many young people and their families worshipping and praying together. A special highlight was the beautiful music and singing led by the youth choir under the capable leadership of Alaina Santos. This is surely a sign of a truly vibrant parish community.

Commissioning of liturgical ministers: At each of the Masses on the weekend of 7th/8th October those who are new to liturgical ministry (Welcomers, leaders, readers, special ministers, children's liturgy leaders) will be welcomed and commissioned for service in our community.

Formation for liturgical ministers: As reported last month the parish intends to provide formation opportunities for those who have volunteered for a variety of liturgical ministries. In October, formation sessions will be held for children's liturgy leaders after the 10.30am Mass. Further details to follow.



MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES This SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2023.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay". Let us pray in the words of Pope Francis. "God, Father Almighty, grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay. Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world, and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home." Amen. More details can be found at www.acmro.catholic.org.au

Caritas Australia's emergency appeals – Morocco / Libya Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au

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God's Word 2024 Daily Reflection books are available for \$23 each. If you would like to purchase a copy, please contact the parish office: 0448 101 401 or merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY ROSTER: 30 September/1 October 2023

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

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

8am: [W] Carmel A, Obinna R [L] Ajith D.S [R] Dan W.C [E] Millicent R [LT] Michelle B

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

10.30am: [W] Lunesa R, Libano D [L] Vanessa C [R] Shevan F [E] Silence M [LT] Lasith F

Children's Liturgy: Lunesa R and Merino R

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

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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.