



# CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH  
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

## Fourth Sunday of Lent Yr B 10 March 2024

**Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu**

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

**Assistant Priest:** Fr George Hogarty SSC  
**Pastoral Worker:** George Thommana  
**Finance/Admin:** Monique Heckmann [Tue, Wed, Thur: 9am – 4pm]  
**Sacraments:** Contact Parish Office [Phone 03 9412 8493]  
**Parish Office:** 2-20 Fir Street, Whittlesea 3757  
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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**: Jason Gelvezo, John O'Neill, Monica Burder, Gregory Castle

And for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time: Vivian Sguerzi, Daminda Ratnayake

We pray for those who are **ill in our community**:

Peter O'Brien, K.P Abraham, Indika Fernando, Lalaka Peiris, Maria & Joseph Ah Kiau, Gina Wherrett, Oliver Gordon, John Van Kalken, Susan Stocks

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling  
breast.

#### **First Reading:**

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I  
forget you!

#### **Second Reading:**

Ephesians 2:4-10

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!** God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

#### **Gospel:**

John 3:14-21

#### **Next week: Fifth Sunday of Lent Yr B**

First: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

### A reflection...

ST PAUL'S WORDS FROM ANY OF HIS CONTEXTS SPEAK DEEPLY WITHIN ME.  
..... LET US PONDER TODAY'S WORDS TO THE PEOPLE OF EPHESUS.

PAUL REMINDS US THAT WE ARE GOD'S WORK OF ART, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO LIVE THE GOOD LIFE.

THIS IS THE ARTISTIC WORK OF OUR CREATOR GOD IN THE LIFE OF EACH ONE OF US - IN RELATION WITH THE RESURRECTION LIFE WE MOVE TOWARDS EACH LENT.

IT IS LIFE EAGER TO BE LIVED IN THE LIGHT OF TRUTH, GIVING THANKS FOR THE PLACE WE HAVE IN THE ETERNAL LIFE OF GOD.

LET US BE CREATIVE!

(With thanks to God's Word )

Sr Maureen Delaney rsc

### 'Weekly Quote'

**When I talk to You M Lenig**

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God bless the lost, the confused, the unsure, the bewildered, the puzzled the mystified, the baffled, and the perplexed.

Amen.



*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,  
27<sup>th</sup> February.**

Welcome to Julie McDougall: The Team welcomed Julie McDougall, the newly appointed Principal of St Joseph's Primary School, Mernda. Julie is an experienced principal who also happens to be a parishioner. We congratulate Julie on her appointment and wish her every blessing in this significant ministry role within our parish community.

Children's Liturgy 10.30 am Mass at the Nazareth Centre: We have an urgent need for volunteers to join the Children's Liturgy Team. Training, support, and resources will be provided. Team members always work in pairs as they assist children to understand the readings of the Sunday Mass. If you would like to volunteer or would like further information, please contact the parish office on 0448 101 401.

A successful start to 2024: We are pleased to report that we have enjoyed a successful start to parish life and programs this year including the RCIC program and the Lenten Journey program. Our school communities have also settled into the routines of learning, teaching, and celebration.

Parish Leadership Team: We welcome the appointment of Sr Glenys Dellamarta to a pastoral care role within the parish, working mostly from Friday to Sunday. Glenys has been a parishioner since early last year and has made many friends within the parish. We thank her for taking up this role of service amongst us, and also welcome her to the Parish Leadership Team.

**MERCY MELBOURNE - Prayer and Confession**

**TUESDAY 19 March 6pm-9pm at St Joseph's Church  
1490 Plenty Road Mernda**

**Trading Table Sunday 3 March \$85**

A stick vacuum was purchased for use at St Mary's Church.  
Thank you to everyone for your continued support!!



Christ The Light - News updates  
WhatsApp group

Join the CTL parish WhatsApp group for regular parish news updates. QR Code also available on the parish website  
[www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au)

**New CHURCH Building Account**

**Details:**

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

**BSB: 083 - 347**

**Acc No: 135 263 131**

\*Any donation made to this account is NOT tax deductible as we are a Not For Profit organization

**Lenten Journey Program 2024**

**An invitation ...** Every Lent there is a fresh invitation to take time away from the noise and activity of daily life to pray and reflect on our life. As we gather with others, and with the gentle guidance of leaders, we listen to the Gospel/Readings message and encourage one another in the difficulties and joys of life as disciples of Jesus. Your prayerful and attentive presence is one of the most sacred gifts you offer to one another. If you would like to share your Lenten journey, please join us for some, or all, of the five sessions. It would be helpful if you could register your interest by leaving a message at the parish office on 0448 101 401.

**Wednesdays:** 13<sup>th</sup> Mar; 20<sup>th</sup> Mar

**Time:** 7.00pm to 8.30pm

**Location:** Nazareth Centre

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. More information can be found on the notice boards and in the back of the church

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT**

**6:30pm** at ST MARY'S CHURCH, WHITTLESEA

**7.00pm** at ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, MERNDA



**Please donate to Project Compassion.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes which are available from the back of church TODAY, or by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



**Working BEE St Mary's Kinglake Church and Gardens**

**DATE:** Saturday 16 March **TIME:** 10am - 12noon

BBQ provided 6-10 people needed to assist with moving furniture, buckets to clean windows, gardening, hedge trimmers, ladders, pruners and gloves required. Please contact the parish office if you can attend 0448 101 401

**Invitation to receive Spiritual Direction**

I Fr George Hogarty am training to be a Spiritual Director at the HEART of LIFE Spirituality Centre in Croydon.

I would like to extend an invitation to parishioners and interested people who might like to receive Spiritual direction or accompaniment in their spiritual and life issues.

If you are interested please contact the parish office

[merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au](mailto:merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au) or **0448 101 401**

**Fr George G Hogarty**

**MINISTRY ROSTER: 16/17 March**

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

**10am - Whittlesea: [W] Nuccia R, Joyce L [L] Maria M [R] Sean S [E] John F [LT] Barry K**

**Nazareth Centre Ministries New Roster Platform**

<https://www.christthelightparish.org.au/Document/rosters>

We continue to value your feedback and encourage you to discuss any concerns with Lasith and George or contact the parish office via mobile 0448 101 401 or email

[merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au](mailto:merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au)

**NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday Month of MARCH Team B: Ray Rosales and Team**