



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.
8 OCTOBER 2023

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

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

Pastoral Worker: George Thommana
Parish Secretary: Margaret Stanford [Tues & Fri: 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**: Margaret Carter

And for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time: Philomena Santos, Claire Sayers, Concy De Silva, Regina Ganlath, Malani Rajapaksha, Thilak Gamage

We pray for those who are **ill in our community**: Connie Caruana, Vincent Orchard, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, K.P Abraham, Joseph Ah Kiau, Margaret Muldoon, Baselisa Malusu, Indika Fernando, Tania Fernando

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will,

O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist
your will. For you have made all
things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle
of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the
House of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends,
says the Lord, because I have made
known to you everything I have
learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Next week: Yr A 28th Sun Ord Time

First: Isaiah 25:6-10

Second: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

A REFLECTION.....

WE ARE ALL WORKS IN PROGRESS.

WE ARE LOVEABLE, LOVED SINNERS.

GOD IS THE MASTER BUILDER.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL BE GIVEN TO A PEOPLE WHO PRODUCE FRUIT
(Gospel of Matthew TODAY)

TO BE FULLY ALIVE IS THE GREATEST GIFT WE CAN GIVE TO OURSELVES,
AND TO THE UNIVERSE.

DON'T ASK WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS. ASK OURSELVES WHAT MAKES US
COME ALIVE, AND THEN , GO AND DO IT!

BECAUSE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME ALIVE.

IN THE WORDS OF POET, WILLIAM WORDSWORTHTO THINE OWN SELF
BE TRUE, AND IT MUST FOLLOW, AS THE NIGHT THE DAY, THOU CANNOT
BE FALSE TO ANY MAN.
Sister Maureen Delaney.

'Weekly Quote'

The Prayer of the Frog

Anthony de Mello

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They had made it
their custom to
invite their pious
aunt to go with
them on their
picnic each year.
This year they
forgot. When
the invitation
came at the last
minute, she said,
"It's too late
now. I've already
prayed for rain."



Springtime Carnival

Saturday 21st October, 6pm-11pm
St Mary's School Hall, Whittlesea.

Purchase your tickets now.

Could all ticket books, sold or unsold, be returned by next Sunday, 15 October.

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 after masses, Parish Office, Liz Williams (0403 007 692) or Liz Blake (0407 832 296)
Looking forward to seeing you all there, celebrating our parish community and raising funds for the New Church building.

Retreat for Daily Life Program – October and November, 2023

All parishioners are invited to join Fr Hien, Chris Blake, and Robert Martini, who will lead a Retreat for Daily Life Program to be conducted over four Wednesday evenings during October and November. The retreat will provide opportunities for connection and reflection on aspects of our life journey as disciples of Jesus, as well as quiet time for an inwards journey and prayer.

The dates of these evenings and their themes are:

- **October 11th: Birth and new life**
- **October 25th: Ecology**
- **November 8th: Loss and grief**
- **November 22nd: Encounter with Jesus in daily life**

The sessions will be held at St Joseph's School Mernda commencing at 7.00pm and concluding no later than 8.45pm.

There will be a short refreshment break during each evening. Parishioners may opt to do one, several, or all the sessions. Whilst not essential, it would be helpful if you could contact the parish office on 0448 101 401 to indicate which of the evenings you would like to attend. In preparation for each evening, you are invited to bring an object or image that has personal significance for you and relates to the topic of the evening. We look forward to gathering with you and exploring our lives as followers of Jesus.

UPDATE - 5.30pm Mass Saturday 14 October

Please note that 5.30pm Mass NEXT Saturday, 14 October, will be celebrated at St Mary's Whittlesea 2-20 Fir Street

[Due to Referendum Polling Centre at St Joseph's school]

The Trading Table at St Mary's Whittlesea on 1 October raised \$90. Thank you everyone for your support.

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



New CHURCH Building 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

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

MINISTRY ROSTER: 14/15 OCTOBER

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

5:30pm [W] Paul N, Jane M [L] Chris B [R] Lorel D [E] Paul N [LT] Liz B

8am: [W] Anthony F, Obina R [L] Cath M [R] Ushmani F [E] Obinna R [LT] Millicent R

10am: [W] Peter C, John O [L] Lynne O [R] Angelo I [E] Carol C [LT] Barry K

10.30am: [W] Lucy F, Anna T [L] Sr Glenys [R] Bella T [E] Amish J [LT] George T

Children's Liturgy: Rosa R, Lucy F

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday 14 October: Carmel A, Mick A, Clare A. This team will not be required to set up due to the Referendum Polling Centre


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

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.

