



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

17th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Year A
30th July 2023

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

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

Pastoral Worker: George Thommana
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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: Douglas Hargrave,
Kathleen Harte

We pray for those who are **ill** in our community: Vincent Orchard, Ernie Muscat,
Georgina Biondi, Vincent Ah Kiau, C I Thomas, Paddy and Eileen Fitzgerald

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites
those who dwell in his house; he
himself gives might and strength to his
people.

First Reading: Kings 3:5,7-12

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading:

St Paul to Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you,
Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you
have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Next week: Yr A 18th Sun Ord Time

First: Isaiah 55:1-3

Second: St Paul to Rom 8:35,37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

REFLECTION....

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

by Dianne Bergant CSA



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.



SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

Next weekend we welcome young Parishioners from our School and our Parish -based sacrament programme as they celebrate the Sacrament of Eucharist at the Nazareth Centre Saturday 5 August, 5.30pm mass and Sunday 6 August, 8am and 10.30am Masses. Please keep these children and their families in your prayer!

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Youth Mass..... Approximately 20 enthusiastic kids joined us alongside our esteemed special celebrant, Fr. Jeff Miller SDB, for a day filled with joy, faith, and unity. The event commenced with a series of fun activities, skillfully designed to build teamwork and camaraderie among our young members. Laughter and smiles were in abundance as the kids bonded and shared memorable moments together. Following the activities, Fr. Jeff led the inspiring Youth Mass. It was a soul-nourishing experience, empowering our young ones to embrace their faith journey with renewed enthusiasm. After the Mass, everyone was treated to a delightful pizza/BBQ feast, satisfying both their hearts and appetites. The overwhelming response from our youth and parents has filled our hearts with joy and gratitude. The success of this inaugural Parish Youth Mass has set the stage for many more enriching programs to come.

So, be sure to mark your calendars, because the **next Parish Youth Mass** is scheduled for **Saturday 9 September**.

We have a feeling it's going to be even more extraordinary than before! Please check the website for

photos <https://www.christthelightparish.org.au/News/youth-mass-2023>

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY ROSTER 5/6 August 2023

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

5:30pm [W] Chris B, Paul N [L] Chris B [R] Eucharist Child. [E] Paul N [LT] Liz B

8am: [W] Ushmani F, Anthony F [L] Katherine A [R] Presencea A [E] Anton S [LT] Michelle B

10am: [W] Maureen C, Mary S [L] Peter C [R] Warner B [E] John S [LT] Barry K

**10.30am: [W] Vanessa C, George T [L] Laetitia M [R] Eucharist Child. [E] Libano D [LT] Lasith F
Children's Liturgy: Yvonne D, Lunesa R**

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. 4:30pm on Saturday 5 August: Carmel A, Michael A, Claire A

"FILIPINO FIESTA & SANTACRUZAN" Saturday 12 August

We kindly request your help with set-up for this event at the Anawim Centre Fir Street Whittlesea on **FRIDAY 11 August** at **6pm**, and to assist with pack down after the event which should only take 30 minutes.

We are also in need of additional trestle tables, if you have one available for us to borrow on the night we would be very grateful. Please contact parish mobile **0448 101 401**.



Weekend Mass MINISTRY

We would like to encourage new and past members to join the weekend Ministry roster. If you are interested please fill in your details below with preferred ministry/ies, remove the slip and place it on the collection plate at mass. If you have any queries please contact the parish office merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au OR message details to parish mobile 0448 101 401

NAME:..... MOBILE:.....

EMAIL:.....

PREFERED MINISTRY: Leader: Reader: Eucharist Minister:

Laptop Operator: Welcomer: Children's Liturgy: Nazareth Set-Up:

OTHER:.....