



# CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH  
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

## PARISH FEAST DAY

4 February 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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**Website:** [www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au)

### 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**: Michael Minahan, Baselisa Malusu

And for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time: Ravi Yesudasan, Susan Jacintha, Annete Maureen, Mary Murin Perera, Lionel Gamlath

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

Peter O'Brien, Carol Cochrane, K.P Abraham, Indika Fernando, Lalaka Peiris, Maria & Joseph Ah Kiau, Gina Wherrett, Oliver Gordon, Athanasius Rajapakse

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your  
temple. Your praise, O God, like your  
name, reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving  
justice.

#### First Reading:

Malachi 3:1-4

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

#### Second Reading:

Hebrews 2:14-18

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia** This is the light of  
revelation to the nations, and the glory  
of your people Israel.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

#### Next week: Sixth Sunday in Ord Time Yr B

First: Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

Second: 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

#### **A reflection...**

OUR HYMN OF LAST WEEK-END CONTINUES TO ECHO WITHIN ME ...  
WE ARE ONE, AND WE ARE MANY, AND FROM ALL THE LANDS ON EARTH WE COME,  
WE SHARE A DREAM, AND SING WITH ONE VOICE :  
" I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE AUSTRALIAN"

EACH YEAR I AM INSPIRED BY THE AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES -  
PEOPLE OF UTTER COMMITMENT IN THEIR DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE.

ON OUR JOURNEYS WE HAVE HOPES, GOALS AND DREAMS, THAT ARE SACRED TO US.  
LET US HOLD THEM WITH REVERENCE,  
LET THEM GROW AND DRAW US DEEPLY, MAKING US OUR BEST SELVES -  
PEOPLE OF LOVING SERVICE AND CARE,  
IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS IN TODAY'S GOSPEL.

WHO IS YOUR AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR, INSPIRING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE,  
SPARKING YOUR HOPES  
AND DREAMS, AND MAKING OUR WORLD A BETTER PLACE/

LET US PONDER THE INSPIRATION THEY BRING. . . . .  
I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE AUSTRALIAN .

Maureen Delaney rsc

#### **'Weekly Quote'**

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Prayer involves talking and listening.  
And, according to Paul, the basis of our prayers should be a grateful heart.  
Some days that is a challenge, because our need seems so large that it almost overshadows the gratitude.  
With the magnitude of the need, we can easily forget all of the things that we have to be thankful for.  
But you can't let it! God wants us to ask Him for help, provision, healing.....whatever. He just wants us to do the asking with a grateful heart.

**Christ the Light Parish Feast Day this Sunday**  
**4 February 2024**

Dear Friends,

Over the past years we have gathered together to celebrate the Feast of our Parish of Christ the Light around the Feast Day of the Presentation of the Lord. This year we would like to continue this celebration in a new way that includes all communities and their own celebratory traditions.

On the first weekend of February, as per our annual tradition, we ask that each community come together in its own unique way to celebrate a morning tea or supper after Mass in celebration of our Parish Feast Day.

We ask that, if you can, members of our community bring a snack or dessert to share with their community in celebration together. We look forward to celebrating our Feast Day as a whole community in the places that matter most to each of our members; the Churches that bring our faith, hope and love of Christ to life.

**Please stay and share a cuppa after Mass TODAY!**



**ASH Wednesday Masses**  
**14 February 2024**

**7.00am** and **9.15am** St Joseph's Church  
1490 Plenty Road Mernda

**9.15am** St Mary's Parish / School  
Anawim Centre Fir Street Whittlesea

**7.00pm** Mass Nazareth Centre  
44 Mernda Village Dve Mernda



**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:** 21<sup>st</sup> Feb; 28<sup>th</sup> Feb;  
6<sup>th</sup> Mar; 13<sup>th</sup> Mar; 20<sup>th</sup> Mar  
Time: 7.00pm to 8.30pm  
Place: Nazareth Centre

**2024 Sacrament Program** Preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation Yr 3, First Holy Communion Yr 4, and Confirmation Yr 6 **ALL** commence in February. This information is of vital importance to parents of children who are currently in Year's 3, 4 and 6 and who live within Christ the Light Parish. Applications for all Sacraments are being accepted now, please go to the parish website [www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au) - sacraments>RCIC to download and submit your application

**Burning of the Palms for Ashes**

We will be collecting your old palms next week. Please bring them with you to mass.

**2024 Parish Celebration Program**

*If you haven't already taken a copy of the 2024 Parish Celebration Program please take one from the back of church today!!!*

**Inclusions for the weekly Newsletter...** If you would like any notices, anniversaries or prayers for the sick included in the Sunday newsletter we kindly request you email, text or call with details: [merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au](mailto:merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au) or 0448 101 401 **prior to 4pm WEDNESDAYS.**

**MINISTRY ROSTER: 13/14 February**

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

**10am: [W] John F, Alice A [L] Tracey K [R] Xanda B [E] [LT] Barry K**

**5:30pm, 8.00am, 10.30am, Children's Liturgy Nazareth Centre Ministries are transitioning to a new rostering platform. We encourage you to use the KRUOZ platform and link below to view the LIVE roster.**

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

Various Ministry tasks for this month have already been accepted via this platform. If you encounter any issues or have questions about the new rostering system, our team members, Lasith and George, will be available to assist you.

You can approach them after the mass or at your convenience. Additionally, feel free to reach out to us via email at [merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au](mailto:merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au) if you prefer to communicate electronically.

**NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday Month of FEBRUARY Team B: Charles Fernando and Team**

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)



*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.*