



## CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH  
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 20 November 2022. YEAR C.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Hien Vu

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### Nazareth Centre

#### (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

### St Mary's, Whittlesea

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Confession/Reconciliation after

Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am Mass at 10am.

Weekend: Sunday 10 am

### St Mary's, Kinglake

124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd Kinglake 3763

Weekend Mass Sunday 8:30 am

### St Joseph's, Mernda

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am

Weekend: Sunday 5pm

We pray for those who have died recently:

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: Vincent Orchard, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, Mary Harvey, Fr Brendan Dillon, Margaret Carter, Pat Rye, Elizabeth Miller, Vincent Ah-Kiau

**Entrance Antiphon:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**First Reading:**

Samuel 5:1-3

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Second Reading:**

St Paul to Coloss 1:12-20

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 23:35-43

**Next week: 1st Sun Advent. Year A.**

First: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second: St Paul to Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

## GOSPEL REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### The Power of Remembering

If you memorise a tune or your 'times tables', you are said to 'know it by heart'. The sort of person who will always remember me is someone who 'knows me by heart'.

Here, a tortured criminal starts his plea: 'Jesus . . .'. This is one of only two instances where Jesus is addressed by his name which means 'The Lord saves'. The good thief went on: 'remember me when you come into Your Kingdom'. Jesus 'knows him by heart' and promises that He will remember him in Paradise.

This is an exercise of sovereignty which befits 'Christ the King'. This is all the Kingly power which you or I will ever need, but to confidently invoke it we need to position ourselves alongside Jesus, like the 'good thief'. We do this by our practical concern for the poor and by coming to Mass which re-members the Body of Christ.

We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Jesus, remember me, know me by heart, for when you do I will be in Paradise.'



**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.**

## PARISH EVENTS

**MULTICULTURAL DINNER. SATURDAY 19 November, Anawim Centre at St Mary's Whittlesea.**

**SATURDAY 5:30pm MASS on 19 NOVEMBER will be celebrated at St Mary's church, Whittlesea.** Please join us in the Anawim Centre after the Mass for our Multicultural dinner.

### CHRIST THE LIGHT TEEN GATHERING

Christ the Light parish would like to welcome all the teens (Grade 8 to Grade 11) from our parish to spend an evening together in prayer and fellowship. We will have some pizza to wrap the night up.

**When - Saturday 26th November 6:30pm (after 5:30pm Mass)**

**Where - Nazareth Centre at St Joseph's Primary School Mernda**

We encourage you to share this with your friends and families. Parents are welcome to stay back for the session. For more information please feel free to contact the parish office: [merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au](mailto:merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au) or call 9412 8493.

### SAFEGUARDING LAUNCH after Masses at Kinglake and Whittlesea on 20 NOVEMBER 2022.

If you contribute to the life of the parish in any way, are a Ministry Volunteer or a Committee Team Member we would like you to join us after any of our Masses this weekend for a conversation and to share your best experiences growing up in the church followed by a 'Code of Conduct' signing.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Children from our Parish Catechetical Program have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend. As they continue to learn more of God's forgiveness and mercy, let us pray for them and their families. May these special events remind us of God's healing power and presence in this very special Sacrament of our Church.

### REPORT FROM MEETING OF PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM, 8 NOVEMBER 2022.

**Welcome:** Vanessa Carnevale has generously accepted Fr Hien's invitation to join the Team and we welcomed her to her first meeting.

**Parish community celebrations program:** The first draft of the program for 2023 was presented. Fr Hien will continue to work with parishioners in developing the schedule which will include liturgical and social celebrations, as well as a variety of parish gatherings and activities. The program will be published when completed.

**Younger parishioners:** The Team discussed the importance of involving the younger members of our parish community in the liturgical and social life of the parish. The forthcoming 'teens gathering' on Saturday 26 November was commended as a significant step in this direction. The community celebrations program mentioned above will include opportunities for such involvement.

**Church Building Team:** The CBT met with our architect Martin Hall and his assistant last week. Initial planning is now well underway focussing on the site and its various planning overlays and Council requirements.

**November Trading Table** raised \$138.45. Thank you to everyone for your support. The Trading Table and Morning tea is on every first Sunday of the month, straight after the 10am Mass at St Mary's Whittlesea. The next one will be held on Sunday 4 December. Come along and pick up a bargain while you have a cuppa. Everyone is welcome.



**2023 Columban Calendars** are \$10 each and can be purchased from all Mass Centres.

**Red Wednesday** is a day dedicated to praying for, and standing in solidarity with, Christians who face increasing violence, torture and often death for their peacefully held faith in Jesus Christ. All are welcome to attend **RED WEDNESDAY PRAYER VIGIL. 7.30pm, Wednesday 23 November 2022. St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.** Two-thirds of the world's population live in countries where there are serious violations of religious freedom. We hear more stories of people bearing witness to their faith in horrific circumstances. More details at: <https://aidtochurch.org/Red-Wednesday>

#### NEXT WEEK Roster: 26/27 November

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

**5:30pm [W]** Ray R, Paul N **[L]** Lanka E **[R]** Chris B **[E]** Paul N **[LT]** Liz B

**8am: [W]** Charles F, Anneston A **[L]** Ajith D.S **[R]** Lucy F **[E]** Roy J **[LT]** Ryan J

**10am: [W]** Mary W, John S **[L]** Mary S **[R]** Matthew M **[E]** Grace M **[LT]** Barry K

**10.30am: [W]** Shevan F, Aeshan F **[L]** Lasith F **[R]** Vanessa C **[E]** Juliet P **[LT]** Al & choir

**NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. 4:30pm on Saturday 26 November:** Dee F, Dinesh F, Anton S



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