



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.
22 OCTOBER 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: John De Croos, Ingrid Pinghe, Austin Daley, Cesario & Sebastiana Di Mauro

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, Basalisa Malusu, Indika Fernando, Tania Fernando

Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading:

Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Next week: Yr A 30th Sun Ord Time

First: Exodus 22:20-26

Second: Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

A reflection...

I enjoy watching police procedural shows on TV, especially British ones such as *Midsomer Murders*, *Vera*, and *Shetland*. When the police arrive at the scene of a crime the first question that they often ask is "Who is in charge here?" In today's Gospel the Pharisees set a trap for Jesus, effectively asking the same question, "Who is in charge, is it God or is it Caesar?" We could perhaps ask the same question of ourselves. Who is in charge, is it the Prime Minister, or the Premier of Victoria, or perhaps King Charles? As Christians, we recognise that ultimately God is in charge. God has created the whole universe including us, and as the Book of Genesis tells us, God has tasked us with being the stewards of God's creation. We need rulers and governments to create peace, order, and security so that we may flourish and so that the common good of all may be assured. Their authority, however, comes in the first instance from God, even though we have a role to play in deciding who will be in charge. We have a responsibility to be both good Christians and good citizens.

Chris Blake.

'Weekly Quote'

The Prayer of the Frog by Anthony de Mello.

Page 24. An old man would sit motionless for hours on end in church. One day a priest asked him what God talked to him about:

"God doesn't talk. He just listens," was his reply. "Well, then what do you talk to him about?" "I don't talk either. I just listen."

5.30pm Mass Saturday 21 October will be celebrated at St Mary's Whittlesea 2-20 Fir Street, Whittlesea.

Mass will be followed by the Springtime Carnival



Celebration of our parish community and raising funds for the New Church building.

We have received generous donations from Makin Mattresses, Thomastown. To make an offer, please SMS your name and bid to Liz Williams at 0403 007 692 for the queen mattress or Liz Blake at 0407 832 296 for the single mattress. We will promptly inform you if your bid is the highest, and if not, you will have the opportunity to place a higher bid. Your participation is highly valued!

ALL SAINTS DAY. WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER.

9:15am Mass and 7:00pm Mass at St Joseph's church
1490 Plenty Road, Mernda

ALL SOULS DAY. THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER.

9:15am Mass at St Mary's Whittlesea. 2-20 Fir Street

THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER. THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED. COMBINED CHURCHES OF WHITTLESEA. Yan Yean Cemetery Chapel.
2265 Plenty Road, Yan Yean.

5:15pm—Simple Memorial Service based on the same format that has been used in previous years.

5:45pm—At the conclusion of the Service, there will be an invitation for those who have loved ones buried in this cemetery to place a cross or similar item at the site of the service.

6:00pm—Mass for All Souls in the Catholic Tradition

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES. *In the month of November we especially remember and pray for our departed loved ones. November Mass offering envelopes are available from the back of each Mass Centre and included in your stewardship package.*

God's Word 2024 Daily Reflection books are available for **\$23 each.** Contact the parish office by mobile phone: 0448 101 401 or Email: merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au

Retreat for Daily Life Program 2023

The dates of these evenings and their themes are:

- **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. You are invited to bring an object or image that has personal significance for you and relates to the topic.

LEAVING COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 21/22 October. The 2023 theme is "Hearts on Fire. Feet on the Move".



In villages throughout the world, there you will find that the missionary spirit is still alive. This spirit is carried in the hearts and feet of the missionaries who, walking hand-in-hand with their community, are ready to act for their people. You can donate at the leaving collection, use the envelopes provided or online at www.catholicmission.org.au

WHITTLESEA MINISTRY INC. WMI would like to thank all those who paid the annual subscription towards supporting our work within the local Whittlesea community. Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the **Uniting Church Hall at 1:00pm on Thursday 9 November.** If you would like to hear more about our work or possibility volunteer limited time to the Food Share outreach, please feel free to come along.



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

MINISTRY ROSTER: 28/29 OCTOBER

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

5:30pm [W] Lorel D, Paul N [L] Jane M [R] Deepthi F [E] Lorel D [LT] Ellen H

8am: [W] Neeta K, Charles F [L] Bill F [R] Lucy F [E] Roy J [LT] Ryan J

10am: [W] Carol C, Bernadette S [L] John F [R] Mary S [E] John S [LT] Barry K

10.30am: [W] Mary D, Aeshan F [L] Juliet P [R] Shawn D [E] Sr Glenys [LT] Lasith F

Children's Liturgy: Lanka E, Vanessa C

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday 28 October: Margaret S, Roy J, Roshanthi J

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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.

