



## CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH  
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

## PENTECOST SUNDAY. Year A 28 May 2023

**Parish Priest:** Fr Hien Vu

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Simeon Anthony

**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

### 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 those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Vincent Orchard,  
Colin McKenzie, Ernie Muscat, Georgina Biondi

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Second Reading:** Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 20:19-23

#### **Next week: Sunday. Year A**

First:

Second: Corinth

Gospel:

## Gospel Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

### *The Bush Fire of Pentecost*

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.



*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.*

**“Christ the Light’s Got Talent” and Mother’s Day celebration led by the Indian community.  
Thank you message from Chris Blake. Chair, Parish Leadership Team.**

Our Mother’s Day dinner and talent show was held on Saturday 13 May at Whittlesea. Christ the Light parishioners certainly do have talent and lots of it! We enjoyed an amazing evening of celebration, cultural immersion, fundraising, and a lovely recognition of mothers. The evening included Indian music, singing and dancing, and a truly memorable performance by Beatz of Melbourne, an Indian drum and percussion group. Our parish talent also included ballroom dancing displays, the Filipino dancers and singers, and performances by several gifted parishioners. We were treated to a wonderful kaleidoscope of Indian street food which included dishes from Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Kerala, coordinated by our extraordinary chef Biju Kalathil. Congratulations to George Thommana and the members of the organizing committee, together with our Indian parishioners and their families and friends, for the outstanding success of this event. **A total of \$16,000 was raised for our new church building fund.**



**RCIA.** Mason, Melinda and Rhiannon, will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist this weekend. Please continue to pray for them as they grow in their faith journey.



**Fr Elio Capra SBD**  
**10.30am Mass Sunday 28 May**

Please join us as we welcome Fr Elio at the celebration of **10.30am Mass Sunday 28 May.** Fr Elio is a lecturer at the Catholic Theological College in Melbourne.

Please stay for a cuppa and light lunch to welcome Fr Elio after Mass as he leads us through his presentation on the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults, and for the period of Mystagogia in the RCIA, concluding at 3pm.

**The 2023 National Count of Attendance at Mass.**

The count includes the 4 weekends in May. Thank you to those who will take the count at our Masses.

**SAVE THE DATE: PARISH CAMP**

**Friday 21st July to Sunday 23rd July 2023.**

**Parish camping update.**

**28 May 2023** - details about facilities and venue during parish announcements.

**4 June 2023** - BBQ to gather ideas from parishioners after 10:30am Mass at the Nazareth Centre.

**GUEST SPEAKER—SISTER KERIN CALDWELL sgs**

The program ‘Ageing and Awakening : God’s Surprising Gifts’ is at **St Mary’s Whittlesea.**

**The time is 10am-12:30pm,**  
with a cuppa at 11am.

**The remaining Friday Session dates are:**

June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21

**Catholic Theological College**

*Online unit presented over 4 Saturdays*  
17, 24 June; 7, 14 October

**Teaching Meditation and Prayer**

Lecturer: Dr Christopher Morris

To enrol or for further information:

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**NEXT WEEK Roster: 3/4 June 2023**

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

**5:30pm [W] Doris M, Paul N [L] Trish B [R] Chris B [E] Paul N [LT] Liz B**

**8am: [W] Carmel W, Terry W [L] Katherine A [R] Presencea A [E] Biju K [LT] Michelle B**

**10am: [W] Maureen C, Peter C [L] John O [R] Maria M [E] Lynne F [LT] Barry K**

**10.30am: [W] Libano D, Anna T [L] Laetitia M [R] Blessy T [E] Libano D [LT] George T**

**NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. 4:30pm on Saturday 3 June: Terry W, Carmel W, Ray R**



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