



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Second Sunday of Lent Yr B 25 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
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Sacraments: Contact Parish Office [Phone 03 9412 8493]
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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:

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, John Van Kalken, John
O'Neill.

Entrance Antiphon:

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his
face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading:

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

Responsorial Psalm:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Second Reading:

Romans 8:31-34

Gospel Acclamation

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ!** From the shining cloud, the
Father's voice is heard: this is my
beloved Son, hear him. **Glory and praise
to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Next week: Third Sunday of Lent Yr B

First: Exodus 20:1-17

Second: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

A reflection...

"THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED,
LISTEN TO HIM (Mark 9: 7)

WE ARE INVITED TO TRAVEL UP THE MOUNTAIN WITH JESUS AND THE
THREE APOSTLES, PETER, JAMES AND JOHN.
GOD SPEAKS AND REASSERTS THAT THE BEST PLACE TO BEGIN IS BY
LISTENING.

WE TRAVEL UP THE MOUNTAIN OF THIS 2024 SEASON OF LENT.
WE LISTEN TO WHAT IS OFFERED TO US DAY BY DAY...
MAY WE BE OPEN TO HEAR AND TO RESPOND - TO THE SCRIPTURE OF
EACH DAY, AND TO THE PEOPLE AND OPPORTUNITIES WE MEET.

GOD IS SPEAKING TO US THROUGH THEM.

"THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED. LISTEN TO HIM."

Sr Maureen Delaney rsc

'Weekly Quote'

The Prayer of the Frog
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A priest ordered his deacon
to assemble ten men to
chant prayers for the
recovery of a sick man.
When they had all come in,
someone whispered into the
ear of the priest, "There are
some notorious thieves
among those men."
"All the better," said the
priest. "When the Gates of
Mercy are shut, these are
the experts who will open
them."



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.

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: 28th Feb; 6th Mar; 13th Mar; 20th Mar
Time: 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Location: Nazareth Centre

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. More information can be found on the notice boards and in the back of the church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

6:30pm at ST MARY'S CHURCH, WHITTLESEA

7.00pm at ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, MERNDA



Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes which are available from the back of church TODAY, or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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

ANOINTING MASS

THURSDAY 7 March 10am St Mary's Whittlesea

We require the help of volunteers to assist with morning tea and transportation. Please contact the parish office via email merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au or TEXT **0448 101 401**

Your assistance would be much appreciated.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 8 March straight after morning mass finish at 11am
Joseph's Church 1490 Plenty Mernda

MERCY MELBOURNE - Prayer and Confession

TUESDAY 19 March 6pm-9pm at St Joseph's Church 1490 Plenty Road Mernda

Invitation to receive Spiritual Direction

I Fr George Hogarty am training to be a Spiritual Director at the HEART of LIFE Spirituality Centre in Croydon.

I would like to extend an invitation to parishioners and interested people who might like to receive Spiritual direction or accompaniment in their spiritual and life issues.

This is cost free and everyone is welcome to receive Spiritual Direction.

If you are interested please contact the parish office merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au or **0448 101 401**

Fr George G Hogarty



SAVE THE DATE: Working BEE St Mary's

Kinglake Church and Gardens - Saturday 16 March.

Further details next week.

Many hands make light work !!



St Mary's Kinglake has a **Baldwin Cinema III** super series Piano Organ which also comes with a box full of music books. If anyone is interested please contact the Parish Office for more details **0448 101 401**

MINISTRY ROSTER: 2/3 March

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

10am - Whittlesea: [W] Maureen C, Peter C [L] John O [R] Moira T [E] Nuccia R [LT] Barry K

Nazareth Centre Ministries New Roster Platform <https://www.christthelightparish.org.au/Document/rosters>

We extend our sincere apologies for the rapid implementation of the Nazareth Centre roster platform. While we encouraged our ministry volunteers to utilize the KRUIZ roster platform, we acknowledge the challenges it has posed. Your feedback has been carefully considered, and we are actively addressing the issues to ensure a more user-friendly experience for everyone. We eagerly anticipate sharing updates with all our Ministry volunteers in the coming weeks.

Additionally, we continue to value your feedback and encourage you to discuss any concerns with Lasith and George or contact the parish office via mobile 0448 101 401 or email merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday Month of MARCH Team B: Ray Rosales 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