



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

5th Sunday of Easter

Year B 2 May 2021

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Nazareth Centre

(St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am

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

Weekend Mass: Sunday 10 am

Reconciliation 2nd & 4th Saturdays 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

Reconciliation 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays 10 am

We pray for those who have died recently: Margaret Hanna

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Panfilo Orduna, Winifreda De Silva

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Margaret Hecker, Charles Galea

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance.

First Reading: Apostles 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm: 21:26-28,30-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading: St John 3:18-24

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15: 1-8

Next Week 6th Sunday of Easter Yr B

First Reading: Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Second Reading: St John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.

The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.

Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance.

Whittlesea
ST MARY'S



Mernda
NAZARETH CENTRE



Kinglake
ST MARY'S





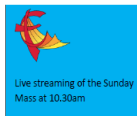
We are a Child Safe Parish.
We hold the care, safety and well-being of children, young people and vulnerable adults as a central and fundamental responsibility of our community.

LIVE STREAM MASS SUNDAY 10:30AM

Can be accessed at the Home Page of the parish website.

www.christthelightparish.org.au

Please note that the Mass remains on the website and is also available to watch at anytime on that day



The Parish Office is open

Tuesday—Friday

9am-4pm.

If you call the office **9412 8493** outside these hours, please

leave a voice message or email

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and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.

MANDATORY QR Code Registration at Places of Worship

Electronic record keeping is now mandatory for all venues and facilities, including our Places of Worship. Importantly, activities involving ceremonies and religious gatherings must use the **QR Code** electronic record keeping system that is compatible with the Victorian Government's visitation application programming interface, which is the primary line of defence in keeping our community **safe and open**.

Upon ENTRY to our worship places, we will have volunteers to assist you with your registration via QR Code.

We appreciate your patience and co-operation during this time. Trybooking will be available until 30 May 2021.

How to Register via QR Code

The following steps can be followed, should you need it on how to scan a QR code:

1. *Open the Camera app*
2. *Select the rear facing camera. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the camera view. Your device should recognize the QR code and show a notification.*
3. *Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.*
4. *Fill out the required * details and submit.*

Nazareth Centre Weekday Mass

Please note the weekday Masses at the Nazareth Centre **WEDNESDAY 5 May** and **FRIDAY 7 May** will commence at the earlier time of **8.45am** due to a St Joseph's school commitment.



CONFIRMATION. This weekend our children from our Parish have celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate and pray that they will live Spirit-filled lives within their families and the broader community.

POPE FRANCIS, MONTH OF MAY ROSARY. Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for an end to the pandemic. For individuals, families and communities all take part in reciting the Rosary, dedicated to the theme, 'from the entire Church an unceasing prayer rises to God.' The theme refers to the miraculous event recounted in the Acts of the Apostles (12:1-12) when all the Church prayed for Peter, who was imprisoned until God sent an angel to free him, illustrating how the Christian community comes together to pray in the face of danger and how the Lord listens and performs an unexpected miracle. More details can be found at:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2021/documents/papa-francesco_20210421_udienza-generale.html

AUSTRALIA SENDS SUPPORT TO INDIA DURING COVID-19 SURGE.

Caritas Australia is working with its partner, Caritas India, to provide support to vulnerable communities as India struggles to control a massive surge in COVID-19 cases. Donations can be made at www.caritas.org.au

Another item Report from the meeting of the Parish Leadership Team, 20th April 2021

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle: The PLT congratulated the members of the Social and Fundraising Committee for the very successful sausage sizzle and thanked all those who volunteered their services in a variety of capacities. Not only was it a financial success, it provided opportunities to engage with members of the broader community, and also was enjoyed by our parish volunteers. Bunnings have invited us to host another one later in the year.



MOTHERS DAY. If you would like to help make Mothers Day Posies please come along, no experience necessary. Saturday 8th May at the home of Mary Davey, 40 Daisy Hill Road, Doreen at 10am-12pm.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

COMMITTEE. At our recent meeting we welcomed Parishioners Robert Martini and Roy James as new members of our Parish team. Recently, Committee members attended an online information session with the Commission for Children and Young People learning more about the audit process and what this entails for Parishes across the Archdiocese. Most recently new resources have been made available in poster form that detail children's Rights and Responsibilities and information regarding Reporting Abuse or Safety-Related Misconduct. I encourage all our Parish community to acquaint yourselves with the latest update of safety measures implemented and also with Committee members. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the safety of children, please speak to one of the Committee or call the Parish Office. We all are united in our efforts to nurture a culture of safety and wellbeing for our children. Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate.

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION will be held at 10am on Saturday 8 May 2021, St Mary's, Whittlesea.

The 2021 National Count of Attendance at Mass beginning this weekend and includes the 4 weekends in May. Thank you to those who will take the count at all our Masses.