



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

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

LIVE STREAM MASS Every SUNDAY 10:30am

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St Mary's, Whittlesea

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Confession/Reconciliation after

Tuesday & Thursday 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

18th Sunday Ordinary Time.

31 July 2022. YEAR C.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

Assistant Priest: Fr Simeon Anthony

The Parish Office open hours are Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm

Parish Secretary: Margaret Stanford [Tues & Fri: 9am – 4pm]

Pastoral Associate: Sandy Starbuck Tue, Wed, Fri [9401 6321]

Sacraments: Contact Parish Office [9412 8493]

Finance/Admin: Monique Heckmann Tue, Wed, Thur [9412 8493]

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We pray for those who have died recently: Patricia Watsford, Joy Corbett, Eddie Tierney. **And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Charles Spiteri, Ravi Yesudasan, Susan Jacintha, Annete Maureen, Mary Murin Perera, Lionel Gamlath, Kathleen Harte, Rita Frendo

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Nuccia Roks, John & Vivian Sguerzi, Jenna Huynh, Vincent Orchard, Patrick Anderson, Angela Barilari, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Responsorial Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading: St Paul to Col 2:12-14

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Next Week: 19th Sun Ord Time. Year C.

1st: Wisdom 18:6-9

2nd: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Stop Talking to Yourself!

Conversation is what makes us human: we are word animals. Anyone who has been in hospital for some time knows that it is the lack of conversation which starts to tell. We need mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Did you notice in today's Gospel that the rich landowner is constantly murmuring to himself. He poses questions which *he* answers. He is so bound up with his possessions that there is no room in his life for real conversation with people or with God.

In muttering to himself, the rich man was becoming dehumanised and in danger that at the moment of death, he could find himself monologuing for all eternity, and that is a Hellish existence. He, and we, need to learn the language of Heaven and we begin that on earth.

There are two partners of conversation we need: With God we call it prayer. The Our Father is the conversation of the children of God with their heavenly Father. With other people, real dialogue might reveal something about them such that we need to respond wholeheartedly.

And then, draw closer to Our Lady who was the greatest conversation partner with God: 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.' She is constantly trying to draw us into her conversation with God.

We could pause for a moment to ask Our Lady to help us to learn and practise the language of Heaven: 'now, and at the hour of our death.' Amen.

NEW Church Building Bank Account Details:

If you would like to make a Direct Deposit DONATION to the New Church Building account please use account details below:

BSB: 083 - 347
Acct No: 135 263 131
Name: New Church Building



Suggestions for Social Activities - What would you like?

Thank you everyone for your responses to this request last weekend. Your very thoughtful suggestions are appreciated.
The Social and Fundraising Committee will be working on these requests.

SICK LIST REQUESTS. Please contact the parish office if you would like have someone included on the sick list via email merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au or via phone 0448 101 401. It is important that the parish inquires as to whether the person is comfortable for their name to be included. Your request will be included on the prayers of the faithful for three weekends from the date the request is made. If you wish to have this extended please contact the parish office the Wednesday prior via email or phone. If we do not receive an extension request their name will remain on the newsletter only for three weeks. Please understand that there is a large number of people who need our prayers we want to be sure we are considerate of all those whom are sick in our community at this time. Thank you from the Parish Team.



WINTER FIESTA AND LAUNCH OF WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023. Thursday 4 August from 6:30pm-8:30pm, Archbishop



Peter A. Comensoli will be leading an evening of prayer for the young people of Melbourne at St Patrick's Cathedral, which celebrated the 125th anniversary earlier this year. This will be followed by a Winter Fiesta, held in the grounds of the Cathedral. With live music and great food, it will be a wonderful opportunity for the young people of the Archdiocese to come together and celebrate. During the event, the Archbishop will launch the

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to **World Youth Day Lisbon in 2023**. For more details please visit

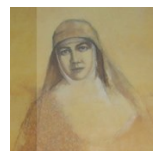
<https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/events/winter-fiesta>

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE? The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. **COME AND SEE!** An information session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 3 September 2022, 10am-11:45am** at the Catholic Theological College, East Melbourne. For more information watch Melbourne's Deacons <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2RhNDbtTSO>



Contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate by email diaconate@cam.org.au or by phone 03 9412 3357

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE OPEN DAY. 10:00am-4:00pm. Saturday 6 August 2022. Mary MacKillop



Heritage Centre (MMHC) 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne is a place of inspiration and vitality. It manifests and promotes the spirit and charism of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the Sisters of Saint Joseph. MMHC provides, through education, hospitality and charitable works, opportunities for all to experience and be challenged by the creative spirit and dynamism of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop's life and work and the contribution of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. More details can be found at <https://www.mmhc.org.au/open-days-2022/>

DATE	MASS	WELCOMER	READER	EUCARIST	LAPTOP
6 August	5.30pm	Trish B. Patruck B.	Leader: Ray R. Reader: Chris B.	Trish B.	Liz B.
7 August	8am	Terry W. Carmel W.	Leader: Sherin P. Reader: Katherine A	Biju K.	Mya E.N
	10am	Sr Dora Sr Estalita	Leader: John F. Reader: Maria M.	Angelo I	Barry K.
	10.30am	Juliet P. Bella T.	Leader: Sandy S. Reader: Shevan F.	Juliet P.	Al and choir

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. Saturday 6 August at 4:30pm. Chris B, Bill F, Ajith D.S

Thank you to all of our volunteers who bring Christ the Light Parish to LIFE!