



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

6th Sunday of Easter. Year B. 9 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: Ray Dodds

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dot Stanford, Leonida Hernandez

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

Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: St John 4:7-10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Next Week: Ascension of the Lord Yr B

First Reading: Acts of Apostles 1:1-11

Second Reading: St Paul 1:17-23

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Cornelius, Catholics and Love

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.'

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, *catholic* and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation.

We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.

Fr Michael Tate.



**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**

If you would like to contact the parish please call **9412 8493** and leave a voice message or email merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION will be held at 10am on Saturday 15 May 2021, St Joseph’s church, Plenty Road.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on Thursday 13 May at the Nazareth Centre, Mernda at 7pm.

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd welcomes new CEO. Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd has announced the appointment of Dr Ursula Stephens as its new Chief Executive Officer. Dr Stephens, who is currently CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia, replaces outgoing CEO Ms Sheree Limbrick.



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

took place last weekend with Bishop Terry Curtain and Fr Martin Ashe at the Anawin Centre, Whittlesea.



We congratulate all the children from our Parish. We pray that they will lead spirit-filled lives.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHER’S DAY

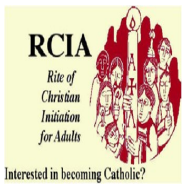
Good and Gentle God,
We pray in gratitude for our mothers and all women of faith who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life.
You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children can bring.
Give them the strength to love and to be loved in return, following the example of our Blessed Mother.
Give them faithful support from others
As they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.
Through the trials of motherhood, may the joy and delight in their children sustain them.
Most of all, Loving Father, give them wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.
Amen.



MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATIONS AT OUR PARISH SCHOOLS. St Paul the Apostle, Doreen, held a Mother’s Day liturgy in each house colour group followed by an afternoon tea. At St Joseph’s, Mernda, 5 morning tea sessions were held. St Mary’s, Whittlesea, a Mother’s Day Mass was held for the Prep Mums and a Mother’s Day breakfast was served to all the Mums. All of the mothers, grandmothers and significant others had a lovely time catching up and enjoyed being treated as special guests.



THANK YOU to Mary Davey and all the volunteers who made the beautiful posies for Mother’s Day. All of the mothers and grandmothers really appreciate your kindness.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS. Within our Parish Vision and Mission statement, we speak of as disciples of Jesus, we embark on a life-long journey of learning and growing in relationship with the Lord, embracing Him as ‘the Way, the Truth, and the Life’ reflected in the way in which we live our lives. We are called to spread the Good News of Christ making a positive contribution to the world! The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is our Catholic response to reaching out to those wishing to know more about being a Catholic. Soon, that journey will begin. If you or someone you know, may be pondering about the Catholic Faith, wondering how to answer God’s invitation to them to enter into a relationship with Jesus and with our Church, invite them to contact us. I’m available to discuss any queries about RCIA, by contacting me at the Parish Office either by email or by phone, sandy.starbuck@cam.org.au, or 9401 6324. Sandy Starbuck, Parish Pastoral Associate.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2021. Next weekend is the Catholic Care Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all Parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Chaplains provide a listening ear, a compassionate presence, along with assistance to cope with emotional pain and loneliness. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.ccam.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

