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|  | Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B 25 August 2024 |
| **Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu**  **The Parish Office open hours are Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm** |
| **Pastoral Worker:** George Thommana  **Finance/Admin:** Monique Heckmann [Tue, Wed, Thur: 9am – 4pm]  **Sacraments:** Contact Parish Office [Phone 03 9412 8493]  **Parish Office:** 2-20 Fir Street, Whittlesea 3757 **Postal address:** P.O. Box 221, Mernda 3754 **Phone Number:** 03 9412 8493  **Mobile Number:** 0448 101 401  **Email:** [merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au](mailto:merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au)  **Website:** [**www.christthelightparish.org.au**](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au/) |
| 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 | We pray for those who have **died recently**:  And for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time: Antonietta Roberti  We pray for those who are **ill in our community**: K.P Abraham, Indika Fernando,  Maria Ah Kiau, Gina Wherrett, Susan Stocks, Neth Mercado, John Dellamarta, Felix Pereira, Michael O’Brien, Teresa Hamon sgs |
| 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 | **Entrance Antiphon: Gospel Acclamation**  Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; **Alleluia, alleluia** Your words, Lord, are save the servant who trusts in you, my spirit and life: you have the words of God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I everlasting life. **Alleluia!**  cry to you all the day long. **Gospel:**  **First Reading:** John 6:60-69  Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18  **Nextweek: 22nd Sunday in Ord Time Yr B**  **Responsorial Psalm:** First: Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8  Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Second: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27  Gospel: Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23  **Second Reading:**  Ephesians 5:21-32 |
| 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 |
| **A reflection…**  Why did the crowd reject Jesus? They followed him! He fed them! And then they complain and leave. What was that about?  In short, people were scandalised by what Jesus said. They thought differently than Jesus about his mission. They sought earthly triumph over spiritual truth.  An important lesson for us, Pope Francis says, is that ‘we must not pursue God in dreams and in images of grandeur and power.’ Rather, as the Pope explains, God ‘must be recognised in the humanity of Jesus and, as a consequence, in that of the brothers and sisters we meet on the path of life.’  This is a hard teaching for many to accept, even among those within the Church.  God, the Pope reiterates, ‘asks us to seek him not outside of life and history, but in relationship with Christ and with our brothers and sisters. ‘Seeking him in life,’ the Pope adds, ‘in history, in our daily life … is the road to encounter with God: the relationship with Christ and our brothers and sisters.’  Therefore, with Peter, and his successor Pope Francis, ‘we ask for the grace to let ourselves be provoked and converted.’ To whom shall we turn? To our brothers and sisters in need. We need to be open to being Christ to them, for they may well be Christ for us.  **© Nick Brodie** | |

**Peter O'Brien Funeral** Wednesday 28 August 2024 St Francis of Assisi church, Childs Rd, Mill Park

10:30am Rosary 11:00am Funeral Mass 1:15pm burial at Yan Yean cemetery

LIVE STREAM: https://[www.vividstream.com.au/live/peter-obrien](http://www.vividstream.com.au/live/peter-obrien)

\*page is active now. Stream will begin about 10 minutes prior to start time with a holding slide and music to allow for connection. Encourage going to link anytime before to ensure you have no problems with connecting on the day. The recording will be available to watch for 6 months after. There is a guest book on the page to leave a comment…...

**ANOINTING MASS THURSDAY 5 September 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**](mailto:merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au)or TEXT **0448 101 401**

Your assistance would be much appreciated.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FRIDAY 6 September straight after morning mass finish at 11am** Joseph’s Church 1490 Plenty Mernda

**Weekly Quote Quotation of Martin Luther King Jr - Page 19**

Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.



***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.***

**Catholic Earthcare Australia**

Is hosting a convocation from Thursday 12th September – Saturday 14th

September, during the Season of Creation. The first 2 days of events will be entirely online.

Saturday 14th September, there will be an opportunity to all gather at St Joseph’s by the Sea, 16 Esplanade Williamstown, 10.30am to engage in

the final keynote, participate in action and to pray together. More infor- mation or to register is available at [https://www.caritas.org.au/soc-](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.caritas.org.au%2Fsoc-convocation%2F&data=05%7C02%7CMerndaWhittlesea%40cam.org.au%7C7a25f45518a741a4899608dcbd98afe7%7C48ee20c7c8ea423c8b28f19801e34193%7C0%7C0%7C638593710808623297%7CUnknown) [convocation/](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.caritas.org.au%2Fsoc-convocation%2F&data=05%7C02%7CMerndaWhittlesea%40cam.org.au%7C7a25f45518a741a4899608dcbd98afe7%7C48ee20c7c8ea423c8b28f19801e34193%7C0%7C0%7C638593710808623297%7CUnknown)



**BUNNINGS CAKE STALL Bake to Raise Funds for Our New Church Building!**

The big day is almost here—our Cake Stall at Bunnings Mernda is happening next Saturday, 31st August (Father’s Day weekend), from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm or until we sell out!

We're calling on volunteers to bake and donate items for the stall. Suggested treats include traditional favourites like honey

joys, cupcakes, chocolate crackles, cookies, brownies, slices, and more. Ideas and recipes are available on sheets at the

rear of each mass centre, or you can find them online at [Create Bake Make.](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcreatebakemake.com%2F15-cake-stall-recipes&data=05%7C02%7Cmerndawhittlesea%40cam.org.au%7C8c51fe2888b4483fb0eb08dcc1e2ab1d%7C48ee20c7c8ea423c8b28f19801e34193%7C0%7C0%7C638598426508118585%7CUnkn) Feel free to bake your own favourite recipes as well. Most items will be sold for $5.

**Drop-Off Options:**

* **At Liz Blake’s House:** 5 Von Guerard Pde, Doreen, on either Thursday 29th or Friday 30th August, at any time. Please use disposable containers and include a list of ingredients. We'll package and label the goodies for sale on Saturday.
* **At Bunnings Mernda:** 405 Plenty Rd, Mernda, on Saturday morning. Please wrap and label your baked items (including ingredients and recipe name). If you drop off slices, please cut them into approximately 5cm (2”) squares..

**Volunteering:** If you’re able to help with selling on Saturday, please sign up on the roster or contact Liz Williams (0403 007 692) or Liz Blake (0407 832 296).

Come down and check out our CAKE STALL—pick up a lovely treat for your family and friends while supporting a great cause!

*Together we can make it a successful day, raise funds for the “New Church” whilst also reaching out to the broader community.*

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|  |  | **New CHURCH Building Account Details:**  If you would like to make a Direct Deposit DONATION\* to the  New Church Building account.  **BSB:** **083 - 347** |
| **Join the CTL parish WhatsApp group for regular parish news**  **updates. QR Code also available on the parish website** [**www.christthelightparish.org.au**](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au/) | **Acc No: 135 263 131**  \*Any donation made to this account is NOT tax deductible as we are a  ‘Not For Profit’ organization |
| MINISTRY ROSTER : **1 September 2024**  ***[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 SET UP:**  **4:30pm Saturday Month of September: Contact Parish Office**  please text parish office 0448 101 401 if you are able to assist on any of the following Saturday 7, 14, 21, 28 September  **Nazareth Centre Ministries Roster Platform**[https://www.christthelightparish.org.au/](https://www.christthelightparish.org.au/Document/rosters) [Document/rosters](https://www.christthelightparish.org.au/Document/rosters) | | |