



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

28th Sunday Ordinary Time. 10 October 2021. Year B.

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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: Neville Pearce, Johnny Ah Kiau, Apolonia Ocañada

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Br Karl Glisner SDB, Jamie Chrystie, Peter Eley,

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Charles Galea, Robert and Judy Boyd,

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:12-17

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Next Week: 29th Sunday Ord Time Yr B.

1st: Isaiah 53:10-11

2nd: Letter to Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA.

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.



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.

SUNDAY 10:30am Mass
will be our LIVE STREAM MASS

which can be accessed at the Home Page of the parish website.

www.christthelightparish.org.au

Trybooking links will be available when

Masses resume.



THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday– Friday 9am-4pm.

During lockdown you can still 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.

WEDNESDAY 9:15am MASS ON ZOOM. Meeting ID: 846 2845 2198 and Passcode: 003 104.

PLT MEETING will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 12 October at 7pm.

RCIA 2021/2022. The Journey begins via Zoom on Wednesday 13 October.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN COMMITTEE MEETING on Thursday 14 October at 7:30pm.

PLEASE JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection



that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valour of the soldiers who fought there. *Members of our Parish continue to gather on Saturday at 3pm for an hour of praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary via zoom. Meeting ID: 278 901 2630, Password: 374 347.*

LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY is celebrated on

Sunday 10 October throughout the Archdiocese and, in doing so, recognise the central role that marriage and family play in building flourishing homes, parishes and societies. We pray for all married couples at this time, as we celebrate the joy of marriage and family life, asking God to aid spouses in their vocation towards growth, healing, reconciliation and a full life together in Christ. More details can be found at

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/growing-in-marriage>

The annual Anniversary Mass can't be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral due to the lockdown. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has recorded a special video message with a blessing for all those celebrating significant wedding anniversaries.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgTk0m1_Xe0

LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUNDAY

Prayer for Married Couples

God our Father,
we look back today with gratitude
to the time when You first blessed our love.

We thank You for the happiness we have known together
and for sustaining us in the sorrows we have shared.

We ask for forgiveness for any failure on our part;
for any times when we became difficult to live with;
for any lack of sympathy and understanding;
for anything which spoiled even for a moment
the relationship You desire for us.


After these many years of life together,
increase and deepen our love by the power of Your Spirit
so that we, and our family may always be one with You.

Bless our marriage Lord, with peace and happiness,
and make our love fruitful for Your glory and our joy.

Saints Anne & Joachim... Pray for us.

Amen.

Image: "Joachim and Anna" in Sacred Heart University's Chapel of the Holy Spirit
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AUSTRALIA'S FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL was held 3-10 October. All 278 members gather online from across the country for daily discernment and discussion on the Council's 16-point agenda. It will be a focal point for the Church in Australia as a journey. If you've missed the daily Mass and live streams, please visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> to catch up on some of the key themes and stories.

'TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL': LAUNCH WITH PRAYER. The 'Take the Way of the Gospel' process we are embarking on requires open minds and hearts—open to the Spirit and each other. The practice of 'spiritual conversation' is suggested as an integral part of the discernment meetings undertaken by your parish. Integrating active listening, intentional speaking, moments of silence and respect for each participant, spiritual conversation attunes us to the movement of the Spirit in and through us. Led by Fr Robin Koning SJ. There are 2 zoom sessions: Friday 15 October, 11.00am–12.15pm and Wednesday 20 October, 7.30–8.45pm. Bookings via: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=812085&> A Zoom link will be sent upon registration.

BISHOP TERRY CURTIN CELEBRATES HIS GOLDEN JUBILEE, 50 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD. Ordained an Auxiliary Bishop in 2014, his responsibility is the northern region of the Archdiocese, this includes the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children of Christ the Light Parish. We give thanks for the life and service of Bishop Terry and pray that he continues to enjoy good health and be a vessel of God's love and mercy to all. Read more at <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/bishop-terry-curtin-celebrating-a-life-of-service>

JUDY RACZ is an Artist and Parishioner. Her artwork is on display until the end of October at Bendigo Bank, Hazel Glen Drive, Doreen. The bank is open Monday-Friday from 9:30am-1pm (closed from 1pm-2pm) and open 2pm-5pm. All artwork is available to take home immediately. You might like to plan ahead and purchase Judy's artwork as a Christmas gift.

OCTOBER TRIVIA NIGHTS.

No prizes, just for fun, with a glass of wine or a cuppa.

Every Friday in October at 7pm

via ZOOM:

MEETING ID:

278 901 2630

PASSCODE: 374 347

