



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

27th Sunday Ordinary Time. 3 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: Zora Spajger
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Inez Muscat
We pray for those who are ill in our community: Charles Galea, Kathryn Rockwell, Shelle Farley, Joe Farley, Joe Farley junior, Fleurdeliz Banagodos, Nikola Penalver, Carlos & Sulpicia Guevarra, John Oaten

Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127 R.v.5

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Next Week: 28th Sunday Ord Time Yr B.

1st: Book of Wisdom 7:7-11

2nd: Letter to Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Gospel Reflection by Fr Michael Tate.

Fully Grounded Humans—with relevance to the Season of Creation.

In storytelling genre, the inspired author of Genesis portrays God forming the first human creature from 'dust from the ground', which is 'Adamah' in Hebrew. The very breath of God is breathed into its nostrils. It has a soul so as to share the gift of Divine life.

But before we become too heady, we find that the human being is called 'Adam' which means 'earth creature'. Human beings are created 'earthy'.

Pope Francis says: 'We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf Gen2:7); our very bodies are made up of *her* elements, we breathe *her* air and we receive life and refreshment from *her* waters.' (2 Laudato Si' italics added). Where did the recurring '*her*' come from?

Listen to St Francis of Assisi in his Canticle of the Creatures:

'Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.'

This leads Pope Francis to say '... Our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.' (1 Laudato Si').

If this way of putting it is true (as I believe it is) then the degradation and wanton destruction of the environment is surely a type of domestic violence in our common home. It is family violence.



**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.**

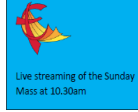
**SUNDAY 10:30am Mass
will be our LIVE STREAM MASS**

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.



PLEASE JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY. 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.

Any questions? Phone the Parish Office on 9412 8493 and a member of staff will return your call.

BAPTISM TEAM MEETING. Baptism Preparation and Family Faith Formation is designed



for the families in our community who have asked for their child to be baptised. A vision of a preparation program within the context of a communal life giving event was discussed by the group—Fr Hien, Fr Jude, Neeta and Biju Kalathil, Lanka Ediriwira, Lucy Fernando, Nuccia Roks, Monalou Leone, and Sandy. A program which gives opportunity for hospitality and welcome through community participation will strengthen a sense of belonging for the families. A meeting will be held to discuss the final shape of our Parish Baptism Program.

Join Opening Mass and Daily Sessions of Plenary Council. The First Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council - a significant gathering of Bishops, priests and lay faithful - of Australia begins Sunday 3 October via a mix of in-person and online delivery. The first Plenary Council was held in 1885 and the most recent one was in 1937. Archbishop Tim Costello SDB, President of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, will officiate at the Opening Mass of the Plenary Council to be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth at 2pm AEDT. The fact that Plenary Council of Australia is an event for the whole Church, parts of the first general assembly will be livestreamed each day. To view the Plenary Council Mass and the livestream of the daily Plenary Session, please go to Plenary Council website:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> You can also download daily Plenary Council Mass booklets and Morning Prayer from

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/>

PRAYER OF PETITION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

A prayer used before every session of the Second Vatican Council. This is to be prayed at the beginning of a Plenary Council.

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all. Enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favour.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love, so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants.

AMEN.

ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI has provided a quote for The Age (last weekend) concerning many unanswered questions regarding the proposed Victorian Roadmap, especially the implications for places of worship.

"Spiritual wellbeing is as important as psychological and physical wellbeing. Lockdown has affected Victorians deeply, no less for the thousands of people of faith who have not been able to attend worship or receive the sacraments of the Church.

We have been very flexible throughout this pandemic, but are urging Government and health authorities to make clear what the end goal is after we hit 80% full vaccination status.

It would be a tragedy if two classes of citizens, the vaccinated and the unvaccinated, were to emerge and be entrenched as we look towards a COVID-normal goal. In our faith tradition, all the available vaccines in Australia are permissible to receive, and our clergy and people are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated.

We believe we can achieve ways that allow both vaccinated and unvaccinated people to worship in-person safely, and are working with other faith leaders to bring those proposals to the table."

T@P: THEOLOGY AT THE PUB is back online with another live stream on Facebook. The speaker is Fr Marcus Goulding on 'Suffering Like a Saint'. Monday 4 October, 7.30pm-9:30pm.

Join for Plenary Council Tracker: Plenary Tracker is a daily Zoom with exclusive news, insights, and panel discussions hosted by respected former ABC presenter Genevieve Jacobs AM. Every night from Sunday October 3 to October 10 at 7.30 AEDT, Genevieve will speak with Plenary members and insiders summarising, highlighting, and discussing each day's events. Registering for Plenary Tracker is FREE. Click this link and fill in your details <https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/plenary-tracker/> By registering you will also receive daily emails with a video recording of the previous night's session, and a link to Emeritus Professor John Warhurst AO's daily blog. John is a Plenary Council member.

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

