



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Twenty Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time. Year A. 11 October 2020

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Nazareth Centre (St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754

Weekend Masses: Nazareth Centre:

Sat. 5:30 pm Sun. 8 am Sunday 10:30 am

Children's Liturgy each Sunday 10.30am

St Mary's

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Weekend Mass: Sunday 10 am

Children's Liturgy each Sunday 10am

St Mary's

124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd Kinglake 3763

Weekend Mass Sunday 8:30 am

St Joseph's

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am

We pray for those who have died recently:

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peter Eley, Viviana Abela

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Vivian Sguerzi, Debbie

Crocker, Sajad Kolahdooz, Bernice Fitzpatrick, Evelyn Fry, David Buttigieg,
Maria del Carmen Abiega

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: Isaiah 25:6-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22. R.v.6

I shall live in the house of the Lord all
the days of my life.

Second Reading: St Paul to Phil
4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the
eyes of our heart, that we might see
how great is the hope to which we are
called. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Next week: Yr A 29th Sun Ordinary Time

First: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Second: St Paul to Thess 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the midst of the Covid restrictions, many couples at this time have postponed their weddings. While their wedding can take place in the presence of two witnesses and a celebrant, there are those who want to wait a little longer to be able to invite close family and friends to share in their special day. What the postponement reveals to those who know them is how much these invited guests mean to the wedding couple, how much they really desire that those who have been a part of their lives can be there on this important and special day. Of course ultimately it is also their hope that all will say "yes" to their invitation.

In the gospel we find an allegory of God's love for his people and his desire that they respond to this love. This is shown in the parable told by Jesus of a King inviting people to a wedding feast for his Son. What strikes us is the rejection by all to the invitation with all kinds of excuses. But the king does not give up. He reaches out to others especially those on the margins until the Banquet hall is full. Jesus is the one whose presence in the world reveals the invitation to share in the compassionate and healing love of God. We notice both acceptance and rejection to his message. Jesus didn't pressurize people but he goes to such lengths even death itself in desiring people to respond to the banquet of God's love.

In the midst of Covid 19 and including the restrictions we are under at this time, we continue to be mindful of the God who continues to reach out to us and to our World. It is to hear that invitation anew each day even when we may have been slow to respond at times. It is a time when people are reflecting even more on the meaning and purpose of their lives. In the midst of uncertainty and fragility is there not a deeper listening going on in the human heart. We as disciples of Jesus have been sent into the world to be the bearers of God's invitation, drawing people into the wonder and depth of this love. Maybe it is also to appreciate as individual disciples and as the parish community of Christ the Light, the ways we can reveal signs of God's invitation in the world around us. God's Spirit continues to be active in our world and through us in this precious and opportune time.

Fr Martin Ashe, Parish Priest.



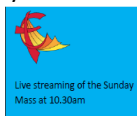
*We are a Child Safe Parish.
We hold the care, safety and
well-being of children, young people
and vulnerable adults as a central
and fundamental responsibility of
our community.*

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



Parish Office Hours during Stage 4 Restrictions -

During this time of lockdown the Parish Office is closed, however 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.

UPDATE FOR PARISHES COVID-19

OUTDOOR SUNDAY MASS on the WEEKEND OF 17th AND 18th OF OCTOBER. The Archdiocese has provided us with the new guidelines. We are permitted to celebrate Mass with a limit of 5 people, plus the priest, St Mary's in Kinglake (Regional Victoria) has a limit of 10. The celebration will take place in an outdoor setting. Please see the Mass dates and times below:

Saturday 17 October, 5.30pm Mass outside Nazareth Centre (maximum 5 people)

Sunday 18 October, 8.30 Mass outside St Mary's Kinglake (maximum 10 people)

9.00am Mass outside St Mary's Whittlesea (maximum 5 people)

10.30am Mass outside Nazareth Centre (maximum 5 people)

Weekday Masses outside St Mary's church Whittlesea will be on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October at 9:15am.

Those who wish to attend the Mass will need to **provide the Parish Office with** name, phone number, and stating your choice of mass. You can do this either by Phone – **94128493** or by email merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au

Scheduling of Masses in this way ensures that we are meeting the strict regulations regarding the collection of contact details of those attending, strict monitoring of numbers, ongoing hygiene, masks and respecting physical distancing protocols.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is postponed until further notice.

PLT MEETING via Zoom is on Tuesday 13 October at 7pm.



LETTERBOX DROP. Thank you to our volunteers who will be doing a letterbox drop next weekend. Our parishioners who don't have internet will receive a copy of the newsletter and Fr Martin's letter that was emailed on 2nd October



ST PAUL THE APOSTLE, DOREEN YEAR 3/4 STUDENTS were studying the Inquiry Unit, Our Land, Our Stories. This has linked in beautifully with Religious Education, as we have looked at signs and symbols to represent a journey or story. It has highlighted the messages that Jesus has taught us, that being the **hand, heart and voice of Jesus** is relevant in our own journey and even in today's world.

SOCIAL ZOOM: Share your favourite drinks. Join us and share social light hearted conversation with a glass of wine or a cuppa. **Friday 16 October**, at 2 different times:

5pm with Rob & Liz Williams

MEETING ID: 364 087 3171

PASSWORD: TJD 7y2

7:30pm with Margaret Stanford

MEETING ID: 278 901 2630

PASSWORD: 374 347

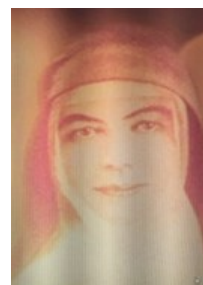


10th ANNIVERSARY CANONISATION OF SAINT MARY MACKILLOP

You are invited to join together and respond to St Mary MacKillop's call. **Take a moment and light a candle.** Friday 16 October 8pm, wherever you are.

More details can be found at:

www.marymackilloptoday.org.au



Pope Francis has written his third encyclical entitled **Fratelli tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship)**, which he addresses to all people of goodwill and offers as a proposal for a way of life 'marked by the flavour of the Gospel'. It calls us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity or where he or she was born or lives. More information can be found at www.melbournecatholic.org.au



54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA to pray for God's peace and blessing upon Victoria and Australia. **8th October—30th November 2020.** Everyone is welcome to join this free event at any time. **The 15 Decades of the Rosary will be prayed each morning from 7:15am-8:30am.** For the Zoom Meeting Link, please contact Caroline Fernandez: 0423 838 756 or email: smtcsf@gmail.com