



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

21st Sunday Ordinary Time. 22 August 2021. Year B.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu (Starting 8 September 2021)
Assistant Priest: Fr Jude Johnson
Parish Secretary: Margaret Stanford [Tues & Fri: 9am – 4pm]
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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:

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*We pray for those who are ill in our community: Charles Galea, Suad Shisha,
Tim Perrett*

Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I
cry to you all the day long.

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-3,16-23
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Next Week: 22nd Sunday Ord Time Yr B.

1st: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

2nd: St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

GOSPEL REFLECTION.

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfil their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

Dianne Bergant CSA



**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



**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.

Our new Parish Priest is Fr Hien Vu. We welcome him to our Parish on 8 September.

COLLECTIONS - If you would like to make a financial contribution to the parish, your ongoing support would be greatly appreciated.

First Collection: Presbytery Support of our Priests - Payable to: Mernda Whittlesea Parish BSB: 083-347 Account: 12 568 2420

Second Collection: Stewardship Envelopes - Payable to: Mernda Whittlesea Parish BSB: 083-347 Account: 12 690 3061 [please include surname and envelope no.]

We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Parish.

During lockdown our places of worships are closed. Weekend and weekday Masses will not be celebrated. **Sunday 10:30 am Mass will continue to live-stream on Our Parish Website** www.christthelightparish.org.au.
Once Sunday Masses resume Trybooking Links will be available on the Parish Website.

At this time we wish to acknowledge with prayerful gratefulness each person who has

offered their time and gifts to keep the light of Christ burning brightly through this uncertain time. Thank you to those who are QR Marshalls, Readers and Leaders, Music Ministry, those who Sanitise at the times where we gather to receive the Blessed Sacrament, to our Communication Team, Parish Leadership Team, RCIA and the Baptism Ministry Team which has recently met to plan for the future. We also want to acknowledge the ongoing committed efforts of those who have continued to check in on others in our community, who keep our altar linen fresh and clean, who pray for our Church in their homes and offer prayers for others through each day. There are those we may have missed but be assured we lay in Jesus' arms your loving sacrifice in what you do to grow his Church.

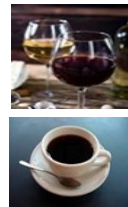
Update on Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and Bishop Martin Farewell: The current lockdown has meant the cancellation of our Sausage Sizzle scheduled for 28 August. However, Bunnings have kindly given us another date, **Sunday 28 November** and we hope to have it then. The prolonged lockdown also further delays our farewell for our friend Bishop Martin. We cannot have it until we are permitted to have all of you who have booked for this - it may mean late September or October. Bishop Martin has said not to worry - he will come back for it when we can hold it.

St Mary's Catholic School, Whittlesea, marked their school's feast day in a special Celebration for the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary. Everyone is invited to view the video by clicking the link: <https://bit.ly/3CQoYJK>. You will witness the faith expressed through the Liturgy and the words of the school leaders, Principal and Fr Jude which remind us of the gift given to us in the person of Mary, our Blessed Mother of the Church.

WEDNESDAY 9:15am MASS ON ZOOM. In order to keep us together around the Eucharist as the source of Spiritual nourishment we are implementing 9:15am Mass on Zoom every Wednesday from this week. We will continue with this as long as the lockdown lasts. **Meeting ID: 846 2845 2198 & Passcode: 003 104.**

Help Wanted We are calling for volunteers to join our **Care Call team** to ring Parishioners to say **Hello, R U OK?** –to let them know they are not alone. If you would like to join us please call Monique on 9412 8493, or email the Parish--a friendly voice on the other end of the phone is a reminder that each of us is important.

TRIVIA NIGHT. Join our trivia night! No prizes, just for fun, with a glass of wine or a cuppa.
Friday 27 August at 7pm via ZOOM:
MEETING ID: 278 901 2630
PASSCODE: 374 347



Our RCIA Ministry Team gathered to discuss the journey ahead for those who have been in contact seeking to know about our Church, our faith. If you or someone you know is searching for understanding big life questions - first tell your story about how Jesus has helped you in your quest, and then give them our Parish phone number. We would welcome them at the **Enquiry Evening on 15th September at 7pm, via zoom.**

MAJOR EARTHQUAKE HITS HAITI. Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a **7.2 magnitude earthquake**. **Over 1,400 people have died**, and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake, and reports indicate that **more than 30,000 families have been left homeless.** **Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.**