



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Nazareth Centre (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

LIVE STREAM MASS Every SUNDAY 10:30am

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St Mary's, Whittlesea

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Confession/Reconciliation after

Tuesday & Thursday Mass at 10am.

Weekend: Sunday 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

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am

Weekend: Sunday 5pm

15th Sunday Ordinary Time.

10 July 2022. YEAR C.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

Assistant Priest: Fr Simeon Anthony

The Parish Office open hours are Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm

Parish Secretary: Margaret Stanford [Tues & Fri: 9am – 4pm]

Pastoral Associate: Sandy Starbuck Tue, Wed, Fri [9401 6321]

Sacraments: Contact Parish Office [9412 8493]

Finance/Admin: Monique Heckmann Tue, Wed, Thur [9412 8493]

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We pray for those who have died recently:

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joe & Clare Boulous, Ravi Yesudasan, Susan Jacintha, Annette Maureen

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Nuccia Roks, John & Vivian Sguerzi, Jenna Huynh, Kevin Reidy

Entrance Antiphon:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Responsorial Psalm:

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live

Second Reading: St Paul to Col 1:15-20

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Next Week: 16th Sun Ord Time. Year C.

1st: Genesis 18:1-10

2nd: St Paul to Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

GOSPEL REFLECTION by DIANNE BERGANT CSA

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.

Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbour?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?'

The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and perhaps especially, those whom we are not inclined to love.

NEW Church Building Bank Account Details:

If you would like to make a Direct Deposit DONATION to the New Church Building account please use account details below:

BSB: 083 - 347
Acct No: 135 263 131
Name: New Church Building



BUNNINGS MERENDA SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Saturday 16 July

Please come along, (bring your family and friends with you) and support our Parish of Christ the Light.
All money raised will go to the Church Building Fund.

Fr. Hien will be away.

He is going to visit his family in Vietnam from 13– 23 July.

We wish Fr. Hien a safe journey and pray he returns relaxed and in good health.

Dear Friends,

As you know, this coming Monday, our new church building team will interview architects to take us forward in this journey. It is a new experience for most of us - exciting and worrying, challenging in this opportunity. In my beginning here, Fr Martin offered me a challenge by saying that here is the site, open to your inventiveness, creativity and inspiration. After a few moment of silence, my words were: 'One thing I know I can do – is Pray!' I take this weekend to pray- to be away, with our Loving Father! asking for guidance to be shown the way. As you hold our parish bulletin this weekend, with my message, I invite you to join me, in prayer, as we long for a Church building, a sacred space, to enrich our faith in God and to grow as God's pilgrim people walking together with listening hearts...

With Love and Prayers,
Fr. Hien

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS



Across our Parish there are 90+ children preparing for the Sacraments. They range from grade 4 up



to Year 8. We continue to accept applications for those children who were unable to prepare and receive the Sacraments as a result of the pandemic. Please keep these young members of our community in your prayers.

*If you wish to inquire about the Sacraments please contact the Parish Office on 9412 8493.

RCIA

Rite of
Christian
Initiation
for Adults



Interested in becoming Catholic?

RCIA. Within our Parish Vision and Mission statement, we speak as disciples of Jesus, we embark on a life long journey of learning and growing in relationship with the Lord, embracing Him as 'the Way, the Truth, and the Life'. We are called to spread the Good News of Christ making a positive contribution to the world! The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is our Catholic response to reaching out to those wishing to know more about being a Catholic. Soon, that journey will begin. If you or someone you know, may be pondering about the Catholic Faith, wondering how to answer God's invitation to them to enter into a relationship with Jesus and with our Church, invite them to contact us. I'm available to discuss any queries about RCIA, by contacting me at the Parish Office either in person, or by phone, **9401 6321. Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate.**



Propagation of the Faith Appeal. There will be a leaving collection this weekend 9/10 July. This year marks the **200th anniversary** of the founding of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. They are helping to build brighter futures by supporting communities in need around the world. More details can be found at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>



Sea Sunday 10 July 2022. Stella Maris is the maritime agency of the Catholic Church. Its teams of chaplains and managers provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in Australia and around the world. They often work in difficult, hazardous conditions and we and pray for their safety. To read more or to make a donation online, please visit <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/>

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. Saturday 16 July at 4:30pm. Mick A, Clare A, Carmel A,

DATE	MASS	WELCOMER	READER	EUCARIST	LAPTOP
16 July	5.30pm	Ray R. Savain N.	Leader: Lanka E. Reader: Evmin N.	Patrick B.	Liz B.
17 July	8am	Carmel W. Terry W.	Leader: Sherin P. Reader: Katherine A	Bill F.	Mya E.N
	10am	Angelo I Grace M.	Leader: Sean S. Reader: Angelo I.	Grace M.	Barry K.
	10.30am	Malou L. Bella T.	Leader: Vanessa C. Reader: Malou L.	Juliet P.	AI and choir

Thank you to all of our volunteers who bring Christ the Light Parish to LIFE!