



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time. Year A. 9 August 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: Pia Tozzi, Grant Smith
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
We pray for those who are ill in our community: Janna Stewart, Guia Go,
Giuseppina Leone*

Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading: Kings 19:9,11-13

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: St Paul to Rom 9:1-5

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Next week: Yr A 20th Sun Ordinary Time

First: Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Second: St Paul to Rom 11:13-15,29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Gospel Reflection:

The experience of the disciples in today's gospel will surely resonate with us during this lockdown. We often speak about the storms of life that we encounter and that we are having to face them and find a way through them. It's certainly true of the present moment in our lives. Today's Gospel is about the storm on the lake of Galilee. In the midst of the storm the disciples boat is tossed about by the waves. Jesus comes into the midst of the disciples in their difficulties. They think it is a ghost as Jesus walks upon the stormy waves. He says to them in the midst of their fear "Do not be afraid. It is I."

Peter on hearing these words, wants to join Jesus on the water. Jesus calls him and for a brief time, Peter walks on the water, but then he begins to be afraid and cries out to the Lord to save him. Jesus reaches out and holds him safe.

During these uncertain and anxious times, we are like Peter and the disciples. We can be strong and brave in the face of adversity but also we can become fearful and feel our faith becoming weak. In the midst of all of this, we too are called to recognise that Jesus is always there for us. He is our Emmanuel-God with us. When Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the wind began to die down and the disciples come to realise that Jesus is truly the Son of God, the Lord of all creation. We too are invited to come to a deeper awareness, that the Lord seeks to be close to us in the midst of all that is difficult and challenging during these weeks of lockdown.

Fr Martin Ashe, Parish Priest.

UPDATE FOR PARISHES COVID-19.

We have to abide by stage 3 restrictions again for at least 6 weeks. **All Masses in our Parish have been temporarily suspended for 6 weeks or until further notice. We are still permitted to have our Live Stream Mass**, as has been the case from the very beginning.

LIVE STREAM SUNDAY 10:30AM MASS Can be accessed at the Home Page of our website. **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



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.

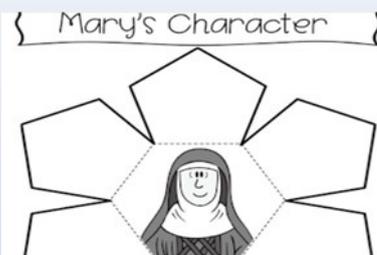
St Paul reminds us - in this line of Scripture that God hears our prayers and we are called to hear the need of others and to pray for them. Please call the Parish Office if you know of someone who is unwell at this time and we will include them on our Prayer List.



CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL. This weekend is the Catholic Care Sunday

Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community. Anne, a single parent when she was 17, and the sole carer of her seven grandchildren since her daughter's untimely passing. She has endured many challenges. Anne is one of many supported by Catholic Care. *"I'm a happier person. I'm in a better place. I'm feeling optimistic"* - Anne. **Please donate to Catholic Care Sunday Appeal.** Your support and generosity will help break

barriers to social inclusion and strengthen families and communities to live life to the full. You can donate online at www.ccam.org.au/SundayAppeal or call (03) 9287 5513.



Mary's Character

FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP is 8th August.

At St Paul the Apostle, Doreen, the Junior students (year 1 and year 2) for their remote learning task, listened to the video story 'Meet Mary MacKillop'. The children completed a character flower for Mary MacKillop by adding her character traits to each of the petals, for example, kind and caring. The children were also asked can you choose one of these traits and think of a time when you have showed this trait? E.g. Mary MacKillop was compassionate, when have you been compassionate?

PLT - ZOOM Meeting Tuesday 11 August, 7pm. The PLT will be discussing initiatives during this period of lockdown, additional information below.



How? You might ask! At a time when our 'way' of celebrating and living our faith as Catholic Christians seems to have be 'locked down' and we wonder you may have the key to bring us out! God is challenging each of us to risk our comfortable complacency and be **BOLD!!! COURAGOUS!!** We were reminded at Pentecost in our Responsorial Psalm: **"LORD! SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT!! RENEW THE FACE OF YOUR EARTH!"** Let us join together praying for the Holy Spirit to step forward in new initiatives to renew the pattern of our Parish life. Some of the ways we could do this are:

- Recommence the Cuppa and Chat zoom after Sunday Mass using a resource for Scripture study.
- Begin a zoom Prayer Group - this could be taken up weekly or perhaps the first Friday or Saturday of the month.
- Care Calls to Parishioners - we will be recommencing this shortly so please email us if you now have opportunity to join this Reach Out Initiative.
- Some of you may like to organise a group around a specific craft idea, where you could share project information and skills.
- Mid-week may be a time that we would have a zoom group to reflect on the upcoming Sunday Gospel and Readings.
- Scripture Study on specifics - such as the Psalms or the Gospel of Matthew - could be organised on a weekly session over a few weeks using a resource.

Please contact us via email: sandy.starbuck@cam.org.au, if any of the examples is something you would be interested in leading/participating. Together we can make a difference in our Mission to build God's Kingdom in our words and deeds!