



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

www.christthelightparish.org.au

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

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time.

28 August 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]

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We pray for those who have died recently: Sr Val Deakin

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rebecca Amato (Rinaldi)

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Nuccia Roks, John & Vivian Sguerzi, Jenna Huynh, Vincent Orchard, Patrick Anderson, Angela Barilari, Bill Geralovski, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Bettes, Paola Curatore, Fr Brendan Dillon

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading: Eccl 3:17-20,28-29

Responsorial Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading:
Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Next Week: 23rd Sun Ord Time. Year C.

First: Wisdom 9:13-18

Second: St Paul to Phil 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.

Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

Sunday 28 August 2022. Social Justice Sunday Prayer from <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness.

Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse, with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom.

Help us to love like you. Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence.

Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour.

Teach us to be people who show tenderness, respect and care for others as you did.

Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way.

Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse, and support their call for justice.

Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour. AMEN

To read the Social Justice Statement, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/>



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Acct No: 135 263 131
Name: New Church Building



First Eucharist Celebrations.

During the month of August children from across all schools in the Parish, will receive for the FIRST time, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. *As we are all reminded of the life giving presence of Jesus we receive at Eucharist, may we take this opportunity to rekindle our prayer life and make time to be still with our God. Pray for these children and their families that they may continue to love Jesus with their whole hearts and forever live faithfully.*

CAKE STALL ON FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND: SATURDAY 3 AND SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER.

* All proceeds (donations) go towards the building of the new church.

* All baked donations must be labelled with all ingredients and indicating any traces of nuts or by-products of nuts.



- * If you can help at any of the Cake Stalls, please write your name on the volunteer sheet.
- * Plate packages, for your use, are available at each Mass.
- * Recipe ideas are available at each Mass.
- * Items like cupcakes/biscuits are to be put in a group of approx. 2 - 6 and offered as a unit, not a single item.
- * Donations of items need to be dropped off before Mass starts, to give time for pricing.
- * A reminder that people will need to please bring cash with them to purchase the cakes.

This is a great chance to pick up something sweet to share with Dad on Father's day, as well as supporting the building of our new church.

TRADING TABLE AT ST MARY'S WHITTLESEA. The August Trading Table raised \$130. Thank you to everyone for your support. There won't be a Trading Table in September due to the Father's Day Cake Stall being held on Sunday 4 September after the 10am Mass.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION—FATHER'S DAY APPEAL. There will be a Leaving Collection at all Masses next weekend on 3 and 4 September. Priests generally retire at 75 years according to Canon (Church) Law. Retired priests have served us well. Most have served 50 years in parish ministry. They are grateful for your support now and in the future.

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. Saturday 3 September at 4:30pm. Patrick B, Margaret S, Charlie S

DATE	MASS	WELCOMER	READER	EUCARIST	LAPTOP
3 Sept	5.30pm	Patrick B. Zoe S.	Leader: Margaret S. Reader: Paul N.	Trish B.	Charlie S.
4 Sept	8am	Neeta K. Sarah B.	Leader: Sherin P. Reader: Katherine A	Biju K.	Michelle B.
	10am	Tracey K. Xanda B.	Leader: John F. Reader: Margaret R.	Tracey K.	Barry K.
	10.30am	Laetitia M. Anna T.	Leader: Malou L. Reader: Bella T.	Juliet P.	To be confirmed

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