



## CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

### 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER.

8 MAY 2022. YEAR C.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Hien Vu

**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]

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

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### 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 9:15am

*We pray for those who have died recently: Joseph Gauci, Monina Sanchez  
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Judi Racz, Sylvester  
Michael O'Brien, Leonida Hernandez, Bonifacio Hernandez*

*We pray for those who are ill in our community: Maryanne Zammit, Vincent  
Orchard, Nuccia Roks, John & Vivian Sguerzi, John Foster, Faye Vandenberg,  
Michael Shew, Peter Kavanah, Malcom Cox, Ray Thompson, Bill Geralovski*

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts 13:14, 43-52

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**Second Reading:** Rv 7:9, 14-17

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 10:27-30

#### **Next Week: 5th Sunday of Easter. Year C**

1st: Acts 14:21-27

2nd: Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

## GOSPEL REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Voice Followers

You and I are Gentiles – part of the non-Jewish world. We are the sort of Christians we are, because of St Paul. He became the strongest advocate of the grace that the early Christian community should be inclusive of all nations and tribes and ethnic groups on the face of the earth. We have not yet realised this potential.

What riches of intellectual traditions, cultural expressions, and organisational structure are we still to receive from the Chinese, the Korean, the Indonesians, the Africans, the Indian Catholics who are part of our 'Church without Borders'?

How do we maintain unity and identity amongst such diversity? By listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

But it takes a good teacher to help us to hear The Voice in the clamour of life.

Some of those teachers may be found amongst the Bishops who carry a shepherd's staff. But at least in my experience the best assistant-shepherds have been my parents, and some others. They have helped me hear The Voice assuring me that I will never perish, that I will receive eternal life.

That is a Voice worth following! We could pause for a moment to get on the same wavelength as the Good Shepherd so as to echo His Voice in our lives.



*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.*



Good and Gentle God,  
We pray in gratitude for our mothers and all women of faith  
Who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life.  
You who became human through a woman,  
Grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain  
Future that life with children can bring.  
Give them the strength to love and to be loved in return,  
following  
The example of our Blessed Mother.  
Give them faithful support from others  
As they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.  
Through the trials of motherhood, may the joy and delight in their children sustain them.  
Most of all, Loving Father, give them wisdom  
To turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.

**NEW ADDRESS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE IS:**

St Mary's Pastoral Centre  
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Whittlesea VIC 3757

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Monique's office is located inside the Anawim Centre.

**The 2022 National Count of Attendance at Mass.**

It will begin this weekend and it will include the remaining 4 weekends in May. Thank you to those who will take the count at all of our Masses.

**PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING.**

Tuesday 10 May via Zoom.

**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



**ELECTION DAY WEEKEND MASSES**

**Nazareth Centre - Saturday 21 May and Sunday 22 May**

Masses will be celebrated in Green Village of St Joseph's Primary School.

Live-stream Mass will **NOT** be streamed Sunday 22 May.

Thank you for your understanding.

**FUNDRAISING EVENTS: All proceeds going to Christ the Light Parish New Church Building Fund**

We are holding a **LEGO raffle**. Tickets are \$2 each.  
The Raffle tickets can be purchased at each Mass centre. All raffle tickets are to be returned by Sunday 15 May, or contact the parish office to make other arrangements. **It will be drawn on Sunday 22 May at 10:45am St Mary's, Whittlesea.**



We are having the traditional **Election Day Sausage Sizzle** at St Joseph's Primary School 44 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda. **Saturday 21 May.**

If you are able to help on the day please put your name and contact details on the clipboard provided at each of our communities or by phoning the parish office.



**Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College**

**Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal**

*Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church*

Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians.

Donations can be made at:

<https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

**Catholic Theological College**

*Online unit via Zoom*

**Teaching Meditation and Prayer**

4 Saturdays: 18, 25 June; 8, 15 Oct

To enrol or for further information:

Undergraduate: [dean@ctc.edu.au](mailto:dean@ctc.edu.au)

Postgraduate: [postgrad@ctc.edu.au](mailto:postgrad@ctc.edu.au)

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Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you, \$25 per session, running 3 to 28 May 2022.

Bookings & more information:

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>