



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Easter Sunday. Year B. 4 April 2021

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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: Lydia Furtado, Debbie Crocker

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Nicholas Van Zyl

We pray for those who are ill in our community:

Entrance Antiphon:

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia

First Reading:

Acts of Apostles 10:34, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading:

St Paul to Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Next week: Yr B 2nd Sunday Easter

First: Acts of Apostles 4:32-35

Second: Letter of St John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

EASTER MESSAGE

We are especially grateful this year in contrast to 2020 that we are able to gather for our Easter ceremonies, though with limited numbers due to Covid-19. In the midst of this time we call to mind the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross and how this reveals the depths of God's love for us. The Lord has entered fully into our human condition and all that weighs us down. His death on the cross makes us aware that he is in solidarity with us in the events and experiences of our daily lives. He is also with us in the midst of our own sufferings, especially as a result of the pandemic.

It is through the resurrection of Jesus that his words and the deeds, and especially his death on the cross, that his life is vindicated. God's eternal love that is shown to us in the death of Jesus is revealed even more fully in the new life of the Resurrection. Jesus continues to be alive for us now through these challenging times, to be a source of hope and strength. We are not so much remembering a past event, rather we are being made aware that the risen presence of the Lord continues to accompany us.

It is through our ordinary lives that we are invited to trust in the power of the risen presence in Christ. Whenever we are discouraged in our faith, or whatever might be happening around us, to make us question our place in the world, the risen Lord is being offered to us as a life-giving presence, so that we can each contribute to our world, becoming a more healing and unified community.

May the blessings of the risen Lord find a place in your hearts and come near to all of your families during this Easter time.

Fr Martin Ashe, Parish Priest.



*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.*

LIVE STREAM MASS SUNDAY 10:30AM

Can be accessed at the Home Page of the 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



The Parish Office is open

Tuesday—Friday

9am-4pm.

If you call the office **9412 8493** outside these hours, please

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and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.



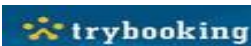
Easter Message from Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter Comensoli.

Happy Easter, friends!

In our time of COVID and the struggles that we've been having over this last year, there is so much that we need in terms of what the Lord offers us in his death and resurrection. The gift of his peace; the gift of his life; the gift of his love. And in making that offering we share in those such that in the midst of our own struggles the Lord comes to us just as he came to Mary Magdalen on the day of the resurrection.

So may that love and the peace that Jesus offers in his resurrection be with you and your families this year and may you all come to appreciate that you too – and all of us – come under the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus who gives his life to us.

Indeed, Happy Easter!



All weekend Masses for 10/11 April and 17/18 April are now open for bookings via Trybooking. All links can be found on the Parish website www.christthelightparish.org.au

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION will be held on Saturday 10 April at 10am. St Mary's, Whittlesea.



Wearing Masks are no longer mandatory in our worship spaces, however they are required to be worn when singing.



Bunnings Mernda Sausage Sizzle: The Parish will be running the sausage sizzle at Bunnings this coming Saturday April 10. We would love to see you there supporting the parish.



Thank you to all our volunteers who have helped us celebrate our Easter ceremonies this year, within a Covid safe environment. We appreciate your generosity and commitment to our community.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Next **On-line** weekend is on **30 April – 2 May 2021.**

Next **Residential** weekend is on **21 -23 May 2021.**

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