



## CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH  
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

## Feast Day of All Saints 1 November 2020

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### Nazareth Centre (St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754

### St Mary's

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

### St Mary's

124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd Kinglake 3763

### St Joseph's

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754

*We pray for those who have died recently:*

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Benito Baldassarre, Maria Iacobini, Valentino Baldassarre, Vittorio Cangia, Maria Cangia

*We pray for those who are ill in our community:* Debbie Crocker, Bernice Fitzpatrick, Vivien Sguerzi, Sajad Kolahdooz, Maria del Carmen Abiega, David Buttigieg, Andrea Pereira, Monina Sanchez

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

**First Reading:** Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 23:1-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

**Second Reading:** John 3:1-3

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** You Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

**Next week: Yr A 32nd Sun Ordinary Time**

First: Wisdom 6:12-16

Second: St Paul to Thess 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION** by Fr Shymon Thekkekalathungal

In a children's liturgy section on Sunday, a teacher asked the children in her class: "How many of you would like to go to Heaven, the place of All Angels?" All of the children raised their hands except one little guy named Derrick. When the teacher asked him why he didn't want to go to Heaven, he said, "I'm sorry Mrs. Smith, but my Mommy told me to come home right after the Sunday mass, because she was fixing an apple pie for me."

We begin this month and this weekend celebrating All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day. We especially remember all those who lived righteously and entered into the everlasting life before us. We thank God for giving ordinary men and women a share in His holiness and heavenly glory as a reward for their faith. The Catholic Church has recognised and venerates lots of saints giving them particular days. Although, there are countless other men and women united with God in the heavenly glory unrecognized by the church, including many of our fellow human beings who lost their lives due to Corona virus this year. Among them would be our own parents and godparents, brothers and sisters who were heroic in their faith. We honour their memory these days. This is why we celebrate All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day consecutively.

The Gospel this weekend is about the Beatitudes. This word comes from Latin word *beati* means 'the ones being blessed'. These beatitudes invite everyone to holiness and teaches us how to live righteously to enter into the heavenly bliss, where one enjoys the company of all saints. We are all called to this sainthood of God. Saints were people like us human beings, who lived a holy life according to Jesus' beatitudes. It is not they themselves who achieved this victory but it is by the grace of God that they have overcome all the trials and temptations. This is why St. Paul says, in 1Cor.15:10 "What I am now is through the grace of God." Let us imitate all saints and pray to them in order to make our journey to God. They are models for us who have accomplished the will of God in their lives, by being faithful to him. In the gospel of Mathew 7:21 Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven". To reserve a seat in heaven is to do the will of God. Let us entreat the intercession of all saints for this purpose so that we too might hear the lord's word: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of your master" (Mt 25:21)



**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](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au)

Please note that the Mass remains on the website and is also available to watch at anytime on that day



### **Parish Office Hours during Stage 4 Restrictions -**

During this time of lockdown the Parish Office is closed, however if you would like to contact the parish please call **9412 8493** and leave a voice message or email [merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au](mailto:merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au) and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.

### **UPDATE FOR INDOOR MASSES**

The Archdiocese has provided us with the new guidelines. The celebration will take place with restrictions on numbers.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November**, 5.30pm Mass Nazareth Centre (maximum 10 people)

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**, 8.30 Mass St Mary's Kinglake (maximum 20 people)

8.00am Mass Nazareth Centre (maximum 10 people)

10.00am Mass St Mary's Whittlesea (maximum 10 people)

10.30am Mass Nazareth Centre—Live Stream (maximum 10 people)

**Live Stream Mass will continue at the present time. Please see the top of the page for details.**

#### **Weekday Masses at St Mary's church Whittlesea will be on**

**Monday 2nd November (All Souls' Day) at 9.15am** (maximum 10 people) and **11.00am** (maximum 10 people).

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am** (maximum 10 people) and **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 9:15am** (maximum 10 people).

Those who wish to attend the Mass will need to **provide the Parish Office with** name, phone number, and stating your choice of mass. You can do this either by Phone – **9412 8493** or by email [merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au](mailto:merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession** can be arranged. Please contact the Parish Office.

Following the government announcement on the 8th November, we will update you again on the new arrangements.

**ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY.** While no longer Holy Days of Obligation in Australia, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day mark special celebrations. On **All Saints Day**, the Church commemorates all the saints in heaven. All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated on 1 November. The feast dates back to the early Church, when communities would gather and celebrate the anniversary of the martyr's death. **All Souls' Day** follows All Saints Day on 2 November and is also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead. It is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died.



**WHO IS ST. PAUL?** The year 6 students at St Mary's, Whittlesea, are in their last weeks of their Primary School Journey. They are looking at who St. Paul is and what messages he passed on in his letters to different people during his lifetime. To prepare for this exploration of ideas and messages, they researched his life before and after his experience with God and Jesus. The aim by the end of the Term is to create a letter to pass onto the Year 5 students about their experiences in Year 6 to prepare them for a very busy and special final year of Primary Education.

**CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S WEEK 2020** Children's Week is a national celebration that recognises children and their rights. 'During this Children's Week, our focus is on encouraging the rights of children', says Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, 'their right to feel safe and to be listened to, to grow in their faith and their right to contribute to our communities. Here in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, we are committed to creating a culture of safety and care for all children and adults, and we know that our communities will only flourish when everyone is enabled to flourish.' More details at [www.melbournecatholic.org.au](http://www.melbournecatholic.org.au)



**EMPTY JARS.** If you like to make home-made jam, marmalade or lemon butter and you need extra empty jars, please contact the Parish Office.

**VICTORIAN BISHOPS ANNOUNCE MERGER TO ENHANCE SOCIAL SERVICES.** Victoria's Bishops have announced the merging of CatholicCare Melbourne and Gippsland, Centacare Ballarat and CatholicCare Sandhurst, to form a new entity: CatholicCare Victoria. The combined agencies will have enhanced capabilities to respond to those in need, to sponsor initiatives at the breadth and scale that are most effective, and to advocate about and address the root causes of poverty and injustice, thus fulfilling the Church's commitment to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by proclaiming God's love for each person and promoting their fullness of life. To read more about CatholicCare Victoria, visit <https://www.ccam.org.au/>



**Children's Liturgy of the Word @Home.** For more details please visit our website [www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au)