



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

The Ascension of the Lord. Year B. 16 May 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: Peter Smith, Len Meeny
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr Ross McKenney,
Kevin O'Brien, Judi Racz, Silvester O'Brien
*We pray for those who are ill in our community: Margaret Hecker, Charles
Galea**

Entrance Antiphon:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of Apostles 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9
God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Next Week: Pentecost Sunday Yr B

First Reading: Acts of Apostles 2:1-11

Second Reading: St Paul 5:16-25

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

Dianne Bergant CSA



**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**

If you would like to contact the parish please call **9412 8493** and leave a voice message or email **merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au** and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION will be held at 10am on Saturday 22 May 2021 at St Mary's, Whittlesea.

WHITTLESEA FOODSHARE. Located in Forest Street, behind the Whittlesea Uniting Church.

Tuesdays 12pm noon-3:00pm. Wednesdays 11:00am-2:00pm. For any enquiries, phone Les Booth on 8735 7131.

REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM, 11 MAY 2021.

Parish Infrastructure Development: There are three major steps in the development of our parish infrastructure. Step 1, construction of a residence for our priests, has been completed. Step 2 will be the establishment of parish offices at the corner Bassetts Road and Eminence Boulevard, Doreen, opposite St Paul the Apostle Primary School. This is also the site for the construction of Step 3, a new parish church. Planning for the parish offices is now well advanced and we are awaiting planning approval from the City of Whittlesea. It is hoped that Step 2 will be completed later this year. A meeting was recently held between parish and archdiocesan representatives in relation to these matters and various options were considered towards achieving our major goal of the construction of a new church. We are currently awaiting a report from archdiocesan consultants in relation to how and when this might be achieved.

PENTECOST SUNDAY– ADULT BAPTISM. At our 10:30am Mass next Sunday we will be welcoming Gerrad Webster into our Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We look forward to having Gerrad as one of our new Parishioners of Christ the Light. Please keep Gerrad in your prayers during this time.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE MEETING was held on Thursday 13 May. The Commission for Children and Young People will audit 6-10 Parishes in Melbourne in the coming months. An email reminder was sent out to all of our volunteers who have an expired Working With Children Check. Please re-apply or renew your check at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHINA. Archbishop Comensoli would like to bring to your attention the upcoming week of Prayer for the people of China in the week 23-30 May 2021. There are reports that the persecution of people of faith in China has increased in recent times. This not only includes Catholics and Christians but also Buddhists, Muslims and other believers who are routinely persecuted, imprisoned and tortured. We pray that all believers in China are given the freedom to practise their faith and that human dignity and respect is always upheld and respected. More details at www.globalprayerforchina.org

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli reflected on Joseph as "the saint next door". He said 'It is the saintliness of his ordinariness that is really important' said the Archbishop as 'he knew difficulty in all sorts of ways and he knew heartache.' During this Year of St Joseph, we might learn from his faithfulness 'to the paths of grace and his unpretentious dignity.' More details can be found at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS. We are called to spread the Good News of Christ making a positive contribution to the world. The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is our Catholic response to reaching out to those wishing to know more about being a Catholic. Soon, that journey will begin. If you or someone you know, may be pondering about the Catholic Faith, wondering how to answer God's invitation to them to enter into a relationship with Jesus and with our Church, invite them to contact us. I'm available to discuss any queries about RCIA, by contacting me at the Parish Office either by email or by phone, sandy.starbuck@cam.org.au, or 9401 6324. **Sandy Starbuck, Parish Pastoral Associate.**

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2021. This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic chaplains can continue to faithfully meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the vulnerable, isolated and marginalised in our community by providing pastoral and spiritual support. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and a financial donation to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death. You can use the envelopes, donate at the leaving collection or online at www.ccam.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Dear Friends, You are invited to an exhibition of FLOW Paintings by artist Judy Racz at Bridges Restaurant, 1075 Heidelberg-Kinglake Road Hurstbridge, call 9718 0099 before attending. Opens from 9am till late, Wednesday to Sunday only. 12th May until 20th June.



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