



## CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

## Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop). Year B. 8 August 2021.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Hien Vu (Starting 8 September 2021)  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Jude Johnson  
**Parish Secretary:** Margaret Stanford [Tues & Fri: 9am – 4pm]  
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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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 10 am

*We pray for those who have died recently: Mario Facin, Kathleen Harte  
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eufemia Rosales, Milena  
Fabris, Nello Fabris, Jean Caruso  
*We pray for those who are ill in our community: Charles Galea, Suad Shisha,  
Tim Perrett**

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Come, you blessed of my Father, says  
the Lord: I was sick and you visited  
me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you  
did for one of the least of my  
brethren, you did it for me.

#### **First Reading:** Kings 17:8-16

#### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 62:1-8

My soul clings to you; your right hand  
holds me fast.

#### **Second Reading:** St Paul to Col 3:12-17

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Many women were there by the cross,  
watching from a distance, the same  
women who had followed Jesus and  
looked after him. Alleluia!

#### **Gospel:** Matthew 6:25-34

#### **Next Week: Feast of the Assumption**

1st: Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

2nd: St Paul to Cor 15:20-26

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION by Greg Sunter**

A "one hit wonder" from 1989 was the song by Bobby McFerrin, *Don't Worry, Be Happy*. It was a laid-back, a cappella song that still frequently appears in film and television soundtracks. In some ways, the song became the catchcry of a generation who were overwhelmed by the pace of change that was occurring in society, technology and the world in general. A glance at today's gospel may leave the reader thinking that Jesus, too, is basically saying to us, don't worry, be happy. But the message of Jesus is not as simplistic as that. Instead, he says to us, set your hearts on God's kingdom first and on following God's will for justice in the world and, then, don't worry, be happy. It is not the same throwing of one's hands into the air as the 1980's song. It is not an abandonment of responsibility. Jesus says to us, trust in God, work to bring about the kingdom in our lives and in our world and only then leave the rest to God.

This gospel passage was aptly chosen by the Church to mark the feast of St Mary of the Cross – Mary MacKillop. The teaching of Jesus, conveyed through the gospel passage, characterised much of the life and work of Mary MacKillop. Mary was a prolific writer, sending messages to her sisters in the schools and communities across Australia. We are fortunate that many of these letters have been preserved and provide an incredible insight into the attitude of Mary MacKillop. One of the quotes attributed to Mary MacKillop that captures the essence of today's gospel is, "Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God." (1891) Surely this is a more energising and empowering motto for life than don't worry, be happy?



**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.**

**SUNDAY 10:30am Mass**  
**will be our LIVE STREAM MASS**  
 which can be accessed at the Home Page of the parish website.  
[www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au)



**THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Tuesday– Friday 9am-4pm.**  
 During lockdown you can still 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.

**Our new Parish Priest is Fr Hien Vu.** We welcome him to our Parish on Wednesday 8 September. **The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession will be not celebrated during the month of August.** Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

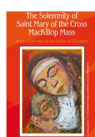


**Bishop Martin:** In a joyous celebration, Fr Martin, along with Monsignor Tony Ireland, was ordained a bishop on July 31. Despite severe restrictions on numbers, a few parishioners were able to attend. To see photographs of the occasion and to read Bishop Martin's farewell letter, please visit our website [www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au)

During this 'snap lockdown' our places of worships are closed. Weekend and weekday Masses will not be celebrated.  
**Sunday 10:30 am Mass will continue to live-stream on Our Parish Website**  
[www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au).  
 Once Sunday Masses resumes Trybooking Links will be available on the Parish Website.

**FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS.** We received notification of the 7 days snap lockdown across our state of Victoria. This has resulted in the postponement of the First Eucharist Celebration Masses scheduled for this Saturday 7th August. We will contact the families when conditions allow us to do so. Please continue to pray for these families and their children at this time.

**BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE: SATURDAY 28 AUGUST.** The Parish will take part in the Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Mernda again on 28 August. This will be both a reach out to the wider community and also a fund raiser. If you would like to assist us with this event, we will have volunteer sheets at Masses over the coming weekends. Alternatively call Bill Frilay 0410 479 257.



Today people across the world who continue to be inspired by **St Mary of the Cross, Mackillop** will celebrate her life and legacy. Australia's first Saint, Mary's love and compassion excluded no one. She had a very special place in her heart for those most disadvantaged, marginalised or isolated. Let us pray that we may model her compassionate and charitable service to others. Read about her life on our website! [www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au)

**CONGRATULATIONS** **WE CONGRATULATE SR MAUREEN DELANEY** as she celebrates her Diamond Jubilee, 60 years as a Sister of Charity of Australia. We thank her for her loving commitment and we say "WELL DONE!" Please join 'Zoom Meeting' (8 August 2021, 7pm) to congratulate and thank her for this milestone. Meeting ID: 278 901 2630. Password: 374 347

**CatholicCare** This weekend there was supposed to be a leaving collection for Catholic Mission and Catholic Care to aid in supporting the many services they provide for people locally and throughout the world. Please give generously through their website: [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au) and [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)



**CATHOLIC MISSION-REACH OUT.GIVE LIFE.** Kevin Meese, Diocesan Director, recently announced the launch of a Formation Program for Catholic Mission representatives from across Parishes. If you are interested and would welcome more information go to [www.catholicmission.org.au/parishes](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/parishes)

**NAZARETH CENTRE SET-UP. SATURDAY 14 AUGUST at 4:30pm:** Dee & Dinesh Fernando, Neeta Biju, Ann McGuire

DATE	MASS	QR CODE	READER	SANITISTER	EUCCHARIST	LAPTOP
14 August	5.30pm	Chris B. Doris M.	Patrick B.	Trish B. Ernie M.	Chris B.	Liz B.
15 August	8am	Anthony F. Roy J.	Bill F.	Roshanthi J. Roy J.	Anthony F.	Ryan J.
	10am	Malou L. Tracey K.	Mary W.	Carol C. Tracey K.	Nuccia R.	Barry K.
	10.30am	Libano D. Yvonne D.	Yvonne D.	Libano D. Yvonne D.	Lasith F.	Juliet P.