



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time. Year A. 19 July 2020

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Nazareth Centre

(St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754

Weekend Masses: Nazareth Centre:

Sat. 5:30 pm Sun. 8 am Sunday 10:30 am

Children's Liturgy each Sunday 10.30am

St Mary's

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Weekend Mass: Sunday 10 am

Children's Liturgy each Sunday 10am

St Mary's

124 Whittlesea-KinglakeRd Kinglake 3763

Weekend Mass Sunday 8:30 am

St Joseph's

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am

We pray for those who have died recently:

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Pinghe, Grazia Segreto

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Janna Stewart, Margaret Carter.

Entrance Antiphon:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading:

St Paul to Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Next week: Yr A 17th Sun Ordinary Time

First: Kings 3:5,7-12

Second: St Paul to Rom 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Gospel Reflection:

When words fail

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come.

We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

Fr Michael Tate.

UPDATE FOR PARISHES COVID-19.

We have to abide by stage 3 restrictions again for at least 6 weeks. **All Masses in our Parish have been temporarily suspended for 6 weeks or until further notice.** **We are still permitted to have our Live Stream Mass**, as has been the case from the very beginning.

LIVE STREAM SUNDAY 10:30AM MASS Can be accessed at the Home Page of our website. **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.



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.

REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM, 14th JULY 2020

New period of lockdown. We are all conscious of the renewed difficulties and anxieties as we endure a second period of COVID-19 lockdown. Frs Martin and Shymon have been asked to prepare a letter to all parishioners acknowledging the current situation and how, as Christians, we bring to this time of trial our hope and trust in our loving God, and how we seek in faith, hope and love to reach out to those in need, especially at this time. The letter will be made available on our parish website and will be delivered to those parishioners without internet access.

Parish Website. The parish website remains a critical avenue of communication during this time of extended lockdown. New information is added weekly including the parish newsletter, together with many resources that enable parishioners to participate prayerfully in our live streaming Masses, as well as other opportunities for prayer and reflection. Our parish schools were invited to contribute news about the children's learning in our newsletters.

A Missionary Parish. The team discussed the recent video organised by the Melbourne Archdiocese in which Fr Stephen Langridge from London spoke about a missionary parish and our role as missionary disciples. The video link is available on our parish website and is highly recommended to all parishioners. Fr Stephen speaks about the missionary parish as one which is outward focussed and invites people in to the life of the parish to share in Christ's evangelising mission. The team resolved to make this a focus for our work as we move forward.



"Prayer makes your heart bigger, until it is capable of containing the gift of God himself." St Teresa of Calcutta.

Would you be interested in joining a Parish Rosary Group via Zoom digital format? Please contact the Parish Office, 9412 8493. This is an opportunity to pray for our world in need of healing and renewed hope.

PARISH CHILDREN'S CATECHETICAL PROGRAM. *But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Mt19:14. The children of our Parish continue to come together, via ZOOM, to prepare for their Sacrament of Eucharist. Pray for them and their families to use this time in excited anticipation when we may gather, some time in the future to celebrate the First Eucharist.*



THE PARISH SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE will have a Zoom meeting Tuesday 21st July at 7pm.

NEWS FROM SR MARGARET RYAN: We are pausing the masks project now as the last parcel leaves Australia this week for PNG. The final count was just over 1800 masks made by 25 volunteer seamstresses from all over Australia and from college students to nonagenarians, most recently St Joseph's College, Mildura. What a marvellous effort! It is just as the world total of Covid-19 cases passes 10 million. That there have been only 10 reported cases in Papua New Guinea is a miracle of good management. Let us hope that PNG, like most of Australia, continues to avoid the worst of the virus. Thanks to all our donors and mask contributors for the gift of your skill and time to help our neighbours in this crisis.

SUNDAY MASSES FROM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

Broadcasting the Sunday Mass on TV has been essential during this time of COVID-19, especially for those in our community with limited internet access. A reminder that the 11am Sunday Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral will continue to be broadcasted on channel 44 on digital TVs.