



## CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

## Feast of Christ the Light. Year B. 7 February 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 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:*

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ronald Cooling

*We pray for those who are ill in our community:* Sajad Kolahdooz, Virginia Ballo Baltazar

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**First Reading:** Malachi 3:1-4

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

***Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord.***

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 2:14-18

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

#### **Next week: Yr B 6th Sunday Ord Time**

First: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Second: St Paul to Cor 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

We celebrate the feast of our Parish—Christ the Light, this weekend. It is an opportunity to reflect on the life and mission of our community. We give thanks to God for the many ways people are endeavouring to be a welcoming and supportive community, enabling our people to grow and celebrate their faith in Christ, who is the Light to guide us. For several months the pandemic has been challenging for us, especially not being able to gather and connect as a community. Yet at the same time, the pandemic has made us more conscious of our identity as a community by the way in which so many have sought to reach out to show care and concern for others. It made parishioners aware that they were truly part of Christ the Light Parish.

Our Parish logo which is on the front of our newsletters and website, continues to challenge us in being faithful to our mission. The yellow and orange lines flowing out from the cross, reminds us that we are a community sent out to bear witness, to reveal the presence of Christ's healing and compassion. Indeed we are called to be a community of missionary disciples. More than ever at this time, when there is still uncertainty and struggle in people's lives, how important it is to offer Christ as a source of Light and hope for people's lives.

Even now as we continue to go through this challenging time, it is to trust that the Light of Christ guides us to adapt in new ways to the Covid environment we are living in, and to engage creatively in being a community that makes a difference to the world around us. The words of Pope Francis speak to this, "I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world. We have to regard ourselves as sealed, even branded, by this mission of bringing light, blessing enlivening, raising up, healing and freeing". Our feast of Christ the Light is an invitation to us to recognise that our presence as a Catholic community, living joy-filled and hope-filled lives, can be a true source of blessing in our world at this 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](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



**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](mailto:merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au) and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.



**Weekend Mass Attendance. Due to the current Covid guidelines issued by the Victorian Government it is vital that you book a space for weekend mass via trybooking as it can affect our limited numbers who can attend Mass.**

All weekend Masses up until Sunday 17 February are now open for bookings via trybooking, all links can be found on the parish website [www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au)

**PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING** will be held on Tuesday 9 February at 7pm via Zoom.



**Helping Hands Needed:** Volunteers are required to assist with a large volume of letter folding in the coming weeks. As we are not able to come together in the office, an allocation of 50 letters and envelopes will be supplied to you for folding at home. If you would like to assist and have the time, please contact the parish Office 9412 8493 and we will arrange for an allocation of letters. We would be grateful for your help!



Christ the Light Parish welcomes the **Catholic families whose children attend schools other than Catholic schools.** If you are interested in your child preparing for the Sacraments of the Church, please contact us to discuss the **preparation program for 2021.** Children who are *in Grade 3 may be registered for the Sacrament of Reconciliation* – those in *Grade 4 are ready to learn about the Sacrament of Eucharist,* and *Grade 6 children will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.* Please contact *Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate – 9401 6324* or email [sandy.starbuck@cam.org.au](mailto:sandy.starbuck@cam.org.au)



**VOLUNTEERS. We need your help!** If you would like to set up chairs, operate the laptop, read, tick names on the list or help with the hand sanitising, we would really appreciate it. Please contact the Parish office by phone or email [merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au](mailto:merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au) and let us know which Mass and how often you would like to help, eg. every fortnight or once a month. Thank you to our wonderful parishioners who are already on the roster as our Masses wouldn't be possible without your help.



**Devotion to St. Joseph.** This year the Church all over the world celebrates 2021 as the year of St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. The following is a devotional help in prayer during this time. A Zoom session will begin Monday 15 February, 2021. Where: Daily on Zoom at 8.30pm until Friday 19 March. Meeting ID 934 8301 1034 / Passcode 206443. **For enquires contact Caroline Fernandez by phone 0423 838 756 or email: [smtcsf@gmail.com](mailto:smtcsf@gmail.com)**

**Vatican stamps highlight interfaith dialogue.** The series, which will be released in late February, feature photographs of some of the Pope's meetings over the past six years with leaders of other world religions.



"Dialogue between the followers of different religions does not take place simply for the sake of diplomacy, consideration or tolerance. In the words of the bishops of India, 'the goal of dialogue is to establish friendship, peace and harmony, and to share spiritual and moral values and experiences in a spirit of truth and love,'" Pope Francis wrote in the encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*.

More details can be found at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)



**RITE OF ELECTION** at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 21 February. Our Parish will be presenting 3 Candidates. They will be brought into the Catholic community at Easter. Please remember them in your prayers at this time.