



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

5th SUNDAY EASTER. YEAR C.

15 MAY 2022.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

The Parish Office open hours are Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm

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Nazareth Centre

(St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday 4pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8am and Sunday 10:30am

LIVE STREAM MASS Every SUNDAY 10:30am

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St Mary's, Whittlesea

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Confession/Reconciliation after

Tuesday & Thursday Mass at 10am.

Weekend: Sunday 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

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am

We pray for those who have died recently: Mary Orr

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dot Stanford, Mary Brooks

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Maryanne Zammitt, Vincent

Orchard, Nuccia Roks, John & Vivian Sguerzi, John Foster, Faye Vandenberg,

Michael Shew, Peter Kavanah, Malcom Cox, Ray Thompson, Bill Geralovski,

Paddy Fitzgerald, Sam Coleiro, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, Anna De Souza,

Sarah De Souza,

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he
has worked wonders; in the sight of
the nations he has shown his
deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my
king and my God.

Second Reading: Rv 21:1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Next Week: 6th Sunday Easter Year C

1st: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

2nd: Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Everything is new! There is a new law of love, a new heaven and earth that is established in the church, a new depth of communion there, and a new glory of God that shines forth from its members.

The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this love is the diversity discussed last Sunday. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder that the commandment is called new. It calls for something completely different.

The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there. The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God.

Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way. The eschatological future is anticipated in the present. The age of fulfilment has dawned.



Our new location for the Parish Office is beginning to take shape! Slowly we are getting through the packed boxes and finding a home for everything. We are very grateful for the help we received from people in our Community, the warm welcome from Phillip Smith and Staff of St Mary's School and also for the worship community taking time to call in and say 'HELLO!' God Bless! The Parish Staff - *please note all phone numbers and emails remain the same.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING – REPORT: Tuesday, 10 May – the Parish Leadership Team met to continue discussions on our Parish Mission Priorities with due consideration of the continued impact being experienced by our Parish resulting to the COVID pandemic. Next meeting: 14 June.

PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS: Applications are being accepted for our Parish Sacramental Catechetical Program. If your child attends one of the State Schools within our Parish, please go to our website, www.christthelightparish.com.org.au and complete an application form and Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate will contact you.

NEW Church Building Bank Account Details:

If you would like to make a Direct Deposit DONATION to the New Church Building account please use account details below:

BSB: 083 347
Acct No: 135 263 131
Name: New Church Building



FUNDRAISING EVENTS: All proceeds going to Christ the Light Parish New Church Building Fund

LEGO raffle tickets are \$2 each. The Raffle tickets can be purchased at each Mass centre. All raffle tickets are to be returned this week either at Mass or the parish office. **It will be drawn on Sunday 22 May at 10:45am St Mary's, Whittlesea.**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Workshop with Fr Elio Capra sdb. Suited for clergy, both experienced and new RCIA Co-ordinators and team members and all interested in this integral parish ministry. **Saturday 18 June, 10am-3:30pm. Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville, 3052. Lunch and refreshments provided. PLEASE JOIN ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS MINISTRY! Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate**

ELECTION DAY WEEKEND MASSES

Nazareth Centre - Saturday 21 May and Sunday 22 May

Masses will be celebrated in Green Village of St Joseph's Primary School.

Live-stream Mass will **NOT** be streamed Sunday 22 May.

Thank you for your understanding.

We are having the traditional **Election Day Sausage Sizzle** at St Joseph's Primary School, 44 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda. If you are able to help, please put your name and contact details on the clipboard provided at each of our communities or by phoning the parish office.



GREEN VILLAGE SET UP. Saturday 21 May. Terry W, Carmel W, Ray R, Ushmani F.

Welcome to Children's Liturgy



At present, gathering our young Parishioners for Children's Liturgy isn't possible, please take home one of the Children Worksheets which are available each week in our communities!

REMEMBER: Parents are the first faith teachers – rise to the challenge and take a few minutes to share Sunday's Gospel teaching with your children.

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC. Sunday 22 May, 11am - St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne. In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. You are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF> The names will be placed in a book on the Sanctuary, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.

DATE	MASS	WELCOMER	READER	EUCARIST	LAPTOP
21 May	5.30pm	Doris M. Ernie M.	Chris B.	Paul N.	Liz B.
22 May	8am	Roy J. Mick A.	Leader: Cath M. Reader: Carmel A.	Carmel A.	Ryan J.
	10am	Bernadette S Angelo I.	Leader: Warner B. Reader: Angelo I.	Bernadette S.	Barry K.
	10.30am	Libano D. Yvonne D.	Leader: Laetitia M. Reader: Yvonne D.	Libano D.	AI and choir

Thank you to all of our volunteers. We wouldn't be able to celebrate weekend Masses without your help.