



## CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH  
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

## 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B 18 April 2021

**Parish Priest:** Fr Martin Ashe  
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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:  
Trevor Wood, Patrick Joseph O'Connor

*We pray for those who are ill in our community:*  
Margaret Hacker, Charlie Galea

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**First Reading:** *Apostles: 3:13-15, 17-19*

#### Responsorial Psalm: 4

Lord, let your face shine on us.

**Second Reading:** *St John: 2:1-5*

#### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when  
you speak.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** *Luke: 24: 35-48*

#### Next Week 4th Sunday of Easter Yr B

**First Reading:** *Apostles 4:8-12*

**Second Reading:** *St John 3:1-2*

**Gospel:** *John 10:11-18*

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

The gift of forgiveness can be difficult to receive at times. We wonder if we are really forgiven. According to the gospel, when Jesus said 'Peace be with you', they responded with alarm and fright and thought that they might be seeing a ghost. The risen Jesus then questioned them, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts?' It took the disciples a while to realize that they were forgiven.

It is only after the disciples had come to receive this gift of forgiveness that they were sent out as messengers of the Lord's forgiveness to others. According to our gospel, the risen Lord, having assured them that they were forgiven, went on to commission them to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all the nations. It is forgiven sinners who are entrusted with the task of proclaiming the good news of God's forgiving love to all. This is what we find Peter doing in today's first reading. He declares to the people of Jerusalem that, although they had handed Jesus over to Pilate, God's forgiveness was available to them if they turned to God by believing in Jesus.

The church has been faithful to the mission entrusted to the disciples, proclaiming down the centuries the good news that God's forgiveness is stronger than human sin. In raising Jesus from the dead and sending him back to those who had rejected him and failed him, God was declaring that he can raise anyone from their sins. The risen Jesus reveals a faithful, forgiving God. Today's 2nd Reading states this clearly: 'If anyone does sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just'.

Association of Catholic Priests



**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**

9am-4pm.

If you call the office **9412 8493** outside these hours, please leave a voice message or email **merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au** and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.



**On Saturday, 3 April during the Easter Vigil,**

our Parish Community welcomed **Mark Lockwood, Robbie King and Sonya Nwokediuko** into full Communion with the Catholic

Church. This special event gave true witness to the Spirit of Christ Jesus growing and strengthening the hearts of Sonya and Mark through a time of challenge and uncertainty a result of the pandemic. **Robbie King** joined us for his **Sacrament of Confirmation** after preparing during his final year at St Paul the Apostle School in 2020. **Gerrad Harper, our Catechumen**, who has participated with Sonya and Mark during this time, was unable to join us at the Easter Vigil and will receive the Sacraments of Initiation in the not too distant future. Let each of us recall that *“Baptism constitutes ‘the sacramental bond of unity’ existing among all who through their Baptism are reborn,”\** and is the foundation of communion for all Christians. Let us keep them in our prayers as they now enter *mystagogy*, learning about God’s self-revelation through prayer, learning and practicing with others.  
 \*Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1271.



**THANK YOU - Bunnings Sausage Sizzle:**

Thanks to all volunteers and customers for ensuring the Sausage Sizzle on April 10 was a success. It made over \$1000 for the Parish. More than that, it was the parish reaching out in a small way into the community. And both volunteers and customers enjoyed themselves. Thanks also to Michelle and Chloe and the folks at Bunnings



**All weekend Masses for 24/25 April** are open for bookings, see links below or visit our website [www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au)

- 5.30pm Nazareth Centre <https://www.trybooking.com/BQNTF>
- 8am Nazareth Centre <https://www.trybooking.com/BQNTJ>
- 8.30am St Mary’s Kinglake <https://www.trybooking.com/BQNTL>
- 10am St Mary’s Whittlesea <https://www.trybooking.com/BQNTO>
- 10.30am Nazareth Centre <https://www.trybooking.com/BQNTS>

**INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION** will be held at 10am on Saturday 24 April 21, St Mary’s Whittlesea

**Memorial Mass for Easter Sunday Bombing victims of Sri Lanka 2019**

Sri Lankan Catholic community in Christ the Light parish kindly invites our parishioners to join with them at the Memorial Mass scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021, Wednesday 7:30pm at the Nazareth Centre [St. Joseph’s Primary School]. Participants are required to arrange bookings via Trybooking please see link below

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQKDX>

[Bookings open now - closes at 5.30pm 21 April]

or contact the Parish office on 9412 8493 or the organizers Ineshka on 0426 571 605 or Ajith [Joe] on 0435 811 745.

*Project Compassion*

PLEASE remember to return your Project Compassion boxes and Lenten envelopes. Thank you.



**Catholic Theological College Newman and the Nineteenth Century Church**  
 Online unit via zoom on 12 Saturday mornings from 17 April—18 September  
 Lecturer: Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OMI AM  
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