



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. Year B. 30 May 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 2nd & 4th 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 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays 10 am

We pray for those who have died recently:

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Antonio (Tony) Caruso, Noel Boudville

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Margaret Hecker, Charles Galea, Frances Lock

Entrance Antiphon:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading:

Book of Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20
Happy the people the Lord had chosen to be his own.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 8:14-17

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Next Week: Corpus Christi. Yr B

1st: Book of Exodus 24:3-8

2nd: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Full Picture by Fr Michael Tate.

We humans are created into the image of God. If our idea of God is wrong then we can imagine ourselves in a way which is dangerously de-humanising. If we think of God as solitary Being then we might imagine that the best way of being human is to be solitary, self-sufficient, totally in-dependent of others. However, Jesus Christ revealed a different way for the eyes of faith to see God.

He had a sense of the most intimate communion with 'Abba', Father, and he had such a close relationship with the Holy Spirit that his very breathing on his disciples imparted this Breath of God upon them. The early Church was forced to conclude that Being and Relationship were both fundamentally primordial and true of the Tri-une God, or the Trinity for short.

Now, if we are created into *this* image of God, then our very existence needs to be relational for us to be fully human in this life and the next. To be totally self-absorbed is to consign oneself to a Hellish existence. To be open to communion with God, other human beings and the whole of creation is to enjoy a Heavenly existence.

We can take a moment to pray to thank God for this revelation not granted to, or at least not believed by, other great world religions. We thank Jesus Christ for satisfying our yearning to know the truth about our Creator, and helping us to understand what it is to be fully human. May we recall this every time we dip our fingers in the holy water font on entering a church, remembering our baptism: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

Whittlesea - ST MARY'S



Mernda - NAZARETH CENTRE



Kinglake - ST MARY'S



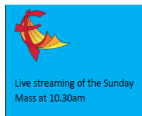


**We are a Child Safe Parish.
We hold the care, safety and
well-being of children, young people
and vulnerable adults as a central
and fundamental responsibility of
our community.**

**SUNDAY 30 May 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



**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
and a team member will get back to you
as soon as possible.

CONTRIBUTION TO ASSIST INDIA'S COVID FIGHT. Due to lockdown we are unable to have the collection this weekend. Donations can be made at: <https://www.caritas.org.au/news/latest-news/australia-sends-support-to-india-as-country-struggles-to-contain-massive-second-outbreak-of-covid-19/>. If not, after the lockdown, you may leave a cash donation at the Parish Office.

FIRST READING. Dt 4:32-34. 39-40. A reading from the book of Deuteronomy. ***The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.*** Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM.

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. With his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and they came to be.
He commanded; they sprang into being. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING. Rom 8:14-17. A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. ***You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!***

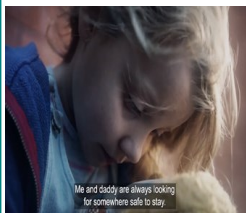
Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to
God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

GOSPEL. Mt 28:16-20. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. ***Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*** The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Vinnies Winter Appeal 2021 will be held on the weekend of the 12th to 13th June 2021.



As Vinnies responds to a growing demand for services following the end of JobKeeper and cuts to Job Seeker, the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia is calling for donations to help support the rising number of people experiencing, or at risk of homelessness, including children. [Donate to Vinnies and provide essential support to Australians living in poverty. From food and financial support to clothing and utilities, you can take the pain out of poverty this winter.](https://www.vinnies.org.au/winterappeal) Envelopes will be available on this weekend or you can donate directly via www.vinnies.org.au/winterappeal or by calling 13 18 12. **Please mark your donation** to be for either Mernda or Whittlesea Conference. Thank you in advance.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS was on 25th May. She has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844. In Melbourne, Archbishop Peter Comensoli celebrated Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral with community leaders and representatives from schools in the Archdiocese, to mark Australia's bicentenary of 200 years of Catholic Education. More details found at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/the-marian-heart-of-thechurch> and <https://melbournecatholic.org/faith-in-the-future>