



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

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

Weekend: Sunday 5pm

17th Sunday Ordinary Time.

24 July 2022. YEAR C.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

Assistant Priest: Fr Simeon Anthony

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

Parish Secretary: Margaret Stanford [Tues & Fri: 9am – 4pm]

Pastoral Associate: Sandy Starbuck Tue, Wed, Fri [9401 6321]

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We pray for those who have died recently: Christopher Montalti

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Nuccia Roks, John & Vivian Sguerzi, Jenna Huynh, Daniel Tawil, Bill Geralovski, Kevin Reidy, Vincent Orchard, Patrick Anderson

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading: St Paul to Col 2:12-14

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Next Week: 18th Sun Ord Time. Year C.

1st: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

2nd: St Paul to Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Heaven and Earth can coincide

People often imagine huge distance between Earth and a Heaven beyond the horizon of the universe. But Jesus Christ taught us to pray 'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.'

How can this come about? Jesus identified two areas on which we need to focus to help make Heaven and Earth share the same space.

'Give us this day our daily bread.' This petition is very real for most inhabitants of the world – a plea for the necessities of life to stave off real hunger. If we respond to this plea, we can change a Hellish situation to a place where Heaven and Earth coincide.

'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' But, first to Shakespeare: 'The quality of Mercy is not strained. It falleth as the gentle rain of Heaven on to the place beneath.'

If we develop a hardness of heart which refuses to show forgiveness, then we are like earth concreted over and are unable to absorb God's forgiveness into our own lives. When we forgive someone, we become more able to absorb the gentle rain of heavenly mercy and forgiveness.

So, Heaven and Earth need not be as distant as supposed. Our Lord has shown us how we can help make these dimensions of existence coincide. We could take a moment to resolve to pray the 'Our Father' by our lives, helping to provide evidence for our acclamation:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and *Earth* are full of your Glory'.

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



ARCHDIOCESE LITURGICAL GUIDELINES UPDATE.

Current Liturgical Guidelines were received this week from the office of the Archbishop. **Face coverings remain optional within places of worship.** However, parishioners are encouraged to be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity. **Sanitising of hands** before distribution and receiving of Holy Communion is strongly encouraged.



FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES—PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER. Over our weekend Masses, children from across our Parish who have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist, will be presented with the Lord's Prayer. Please remember our young Parishioners in your daily practice of prayer.

ST MARY'S, WHITTLESEA students, teachers and principal Phillip Smith, arrived at school on Friday 22 July dressed in their pyjamas. A gold coin donation from everyone will be given to children with cancer. It was also a "Buddy Day" where the older children can be a role model and friend to the younger children.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY. Sunday 24 July. This was instituted by Pope Francis last year. It is a day to remind everybody that 'old age is a gift' and that the elderly are not to be forgotten. Pope Francis reflects on the need to see ageing not as a condemnation but as a blessing. To read more visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pope-francis-to-the-elderly-be-artisans-of-the-revolution-of-tenderness>



RCIA. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is our Catholic response to reaching out to those wishing to know more about being a Catholic. Soon, that journey will begin. If you or someone you know, may be pondering about the Catholic Faith, wondering how to answer God's invitation to them to enter into a relationship with Jesus and with our Church, invite them to contact us. I'm available to discuss any queries about RCIA, by contacting me at the Parish Office either in person, or by phone, **9401 6321. Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate.**

THE BUNNINGS MERNDA SAUSAGE SIZZLE was held last weekend. Thank you to all of our volunteers who worked from 8am-5pm. A total of \$1,172.95 will go to our Church Building Fund. Thank you everyone for supporting our Parish.

Parish Social and Fundraising Activities - What would you like?

The Social and Fundraising Committee would like to seek your views on what you might like the Committee to host. If there is some activity(ies) you would like, please tick the appropriate box on the sheet provided and we will collect after Mass. But we do ask that you only tick a box if you are prepared to attend the function and perhaps contribute to organising it. Any activity will be at Anawim Centre, Whittlesea or Nazareth Centre, Mernda.

ST MARY'S PARISH GREENSBOROUGH presents an afternoon of opera featuring Michelle Francis Cook, Renowned Spinto Soprano. Saturday 20 August at 2pm and light afternoon tea. Tickets \$20. For more details please call 03 9435 1543 or email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

OVERSEAS MISSIONS WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA. They are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Enquire online <https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad/> or phone: 0422 742 567. You can also register for a Webinar on **Monday 1 August at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with people. <https://palms.org.au/event/celebrate-palms-return-to-global-mission/> The stories will inspire.

DATE	MASS	WELCOMER	READER	EUCARIST	LAPTOP
30 July	5.30pm	Margaret S. Evmin N.	Leader: Patrick B. Reader: Savain N.	Sandy S.	Charlie S.
31 July	8am	Neeta K. Michelle B.	Leader: Mary D. Reader: Sr Maureen	Biju K.	Mya E.N
	10am	Mary W. Xander B.	Leader: Tracey K Reader: Xander B.	Mary W.	Barry K.
	10.30am	Laetitia M. Bella T.	Leader: Juliet P. Reader: Laetitia M.	George Snr	Al and choir

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. Saturday 30 July at 4:30pm. Patrick B, Margaret S, Charlie S

Thank you to all of our volunteers who bring Christ the Light Parish to LIFE!