



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

2nd SUNDAY ADVENT. YEAR C. 5 December 2021.

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Nazareth Centre (St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754

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
Reconciliation after Tuesday & Thursday
Mass at 10am.

Weekend: Anawim Centre 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 Outdoor Mass: Sunday 5pm

We pray for those who have died recently: Remy Alimurong

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Suhashini Jeyakumar, Bill Carter

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Kathryn Rockwell, Lucy Abolencia, Paula Caruana, Margaret Carter

Entrance Antiphon:

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading:

St Paul to Phil 1:3-6, 8-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Next Week: 3rd Sunday Advent. Year C

1st: Zephaniah 3:14-18

2nd: St Paul to Phil 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Gospel Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Do we have to be like John the Baptist, eccentrically dressed and scavenging for food, to prepare the way of the Lord? No. You and I are called to be a John or Joan the Baptist, preparing people's hearts in our own time and place.

But we have to allow God to prepare *our* hearts for this role. John the Baptist challenges us to 'Repent', i.e. to turn around our own lives seeking God's forgiveness. John then challenges us to see the big picture which is that 'All who live shall see the salvation of God'.

Pope Francis is the exemplary universal pastor inspiring us to become 'les mercifuls sans frontieres'. And young people through social media are already saying 'We are one community of human beings on this fragile planet'.

The challenge for most of us is more immediate and apparently of smaller scope. The challenge this Advent is to identify the one person whose heart you can help prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus in three weeks' time. The best method is to let that person see your faith and joy centred on that little Jewish baby lying in a manger.

Do that, and who knows what may happen because that little baby is in fact the Sovereign Lord of history and of the whole cosmos. With God's grace, you don't have to be as eccentric or bizarre as John the Baptist to play your part in changing the course of history!

We could take a moment to pray that, repenting of our own sins where necessary, we may prepare the heart of at least one person so that the Lord Jesus may enter in this Christmas, helping him fulfil his mission that all who live shall see the salvation of God.



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 10:30am Mass

will be our LIVE STREAM MASS

which can be accessed at the Home Page of the parish website.

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Contact the Parish Office. 9am-4pm

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.

PARISH MASSES – TryBooking is no longer required BUT we continue to maintain the safety of our community setting a cap on attendees working within the DQ2. ALL ATTENDEES WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED AND HOLD VERIFICATION OF THEIR VACCINATION STATUS ARE REQUIRED TO USE THE QR CODE UPON ENTRY AND THIS WILL BE CHECKED BY THE COVID SAFETY OFFICER. Parents of children 12 years and younger are required to be fully vaccinated (verification required) and will be warmly welcomed to Mass. **OUR MASS TIMES ARE:**



NAZARETH CENTRE—MERNDA: Saturday 5.30apm, Sunday 8am, 10.30am.

ST MARY'S CHURCH—WHITTLESEA: Sunday 10.00am.

ST MARY'S CHURCH – KINGLAKE: Sunday 8.30am.

OPEN OUTDOOR MASS: TIME CHANGED TO 3PM—EVERY SUNDAY AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH [Plenty Road Mernda] We warmly welcome all those with undisclosed vaccination status to join us at our outdoor Mass. QR check-in is required upon arrival.



Bunnings Mernda Sausage Sizzle. Thank you to Biju Kalathil who cooked sausages from start to finish. We thank our volunteers and customers for supporting the Parish. With donations we made \$1,400 for the church fund.

ADVENT REFLECTION SESSIONS. THURSDAYS – 7pm. Zoom ID: 278 901 2630 and Passcode: 374 347. December 9, 16 and FRIDAYS following the 9.15am Mass – St Joseph's Church, Plenty Road –December 10, 17.



November and December will see the children of our Parish Community receive the **Sacrament of First Eucharist.** Please pray for them and their families as they are welcomed to the table of our Lord Jesus Christ.

VOLUNTEERS will be required at all of our Christmas Masses across our communities. Clipboards available at the back of each Mass centre today.

Sale of Miraculous Medals for \$2 each. Available at Nazareth Masses this weekend. All proceeds for the church building fund.

The 2022 Columban Calendars are available for \$10 each at all Mass centres.

RECEIPTS AND STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES will be AVAILABLE from the Mass Centre's next WEEKEND - Credit Card and Direct Debit receipts will be issued via email, please check your junk box if you do not receive it or forward your updated email address to **merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au** and we will issue your receipt accordingly. If you do not have email and would like your receipt posted please contact the Parish office. If your credit card details have been updated please ensure you notify the parish office. Thank you .



1st Week of Advent 2021.mp4 ADVENT VIDEO. Please click the link to watch the children from St Mary's Whittlesea.

St Paul the Apostle Doreen students are selling \$1 Super Doopers at lunchtime. The money raised will go to St Vincent De Paul Society, to help families in need and Cook Houses & Tanks a Lot Program to provide clean drinking water to rural villages in Papua New Guinea.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

St Mary's School - Anawim Centre
Christmas Eve - 24 December - 6.30pm
OUTDOOR FAMILY Mass
Christmas Day - 25 December - 10am

St Joseph's School - Nazareth Centre
Christmas Eve - 24 December - 5.30pm
<https://www.trybooking.com/BWCSL>
 [Please note Trybooking required for 5.30pm Mass only limited numbers]
Christmas Day - 25 December - 8am and 10.30am

DATE	MASS	WELCOMER/COVID SAFETY OFFICERS	READER	SANITISTER	EUCARIST	LAPTOP
11 Dec	5.30pm	Doris M, Patrick B, Trish B, Ray R	Patrick B	Edmund C Trish B	Ernie M	Margaret S
12 Dec	8am	Bill F, Roy J, Biju, Neeta	Bill F	Biju Neeta	Anthony F	Ryan J
	10am	Tracy K, Joyce L, Lynne O, John O	John O	Tracy K Lynne O	Angelo I	Barry K
	10.30am	Libano D, Vanessa C, Malou L, Laetitia M	Leader: Silence Reader: Shevan	Malou L Silence M	Libano D	Yvonne D