



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR B. 21 November 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: Carmel Cabone, Morita Vertucio

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Majorie Newman, Yukiko Noda, Imelda De Abreu, Mary Viscione, Jim O'Brien

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

Entrance Antiphon:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 92:1-2, 5
The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Next Week: 1st Sunday Advent. Year C

1st: Jeremiah 33:14-16

2nd: St Paul to Thess 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate.

The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine – Pilate.

Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority.

When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status – the first – in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. In a kingdom like that, what does it mean to declare oneself king? The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.



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.

www.christthelightparish.org.au

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 – Further easing of State Regulations and an update from the Office of the Archdiocese has lifted some of the restrictions on Mass attendance. **EFFECTIVE FROM THIS WEEKEND 20TH AND 21ST NOVEMBER. 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. **MASS TIMES (noting maximum capacity numbers):**

NAZARETH CENTRE: Saturday 5.30apm, Sunday 8am, 10.30am. **MAXIMUM 100**

ST MARY'S ANAWIM CENTRE: Sunday 10.00am. **MAXIMUM 150**

ST MARY'S CHURCH – KINGLAKE: Sunday 8.30am. **MAXIMUM 30**



OPEN OUTDOOR MASS: 5pm SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH [Plenty Road Mernda] We warmly welcome all with undisclosed vaccination status to join us at our outdoor Mass. QR check-in is required upon arrival. Limit of 30 attendees.

ADVENT REFLECTION SESSIONS. THURSDAYS – 7pm (via zoom) – 25 November, 2, 9, 16 December and FRIDAYS following the 9.15am Mass – St Joseph's Church, Plenty Road – 26 November, 3, 10, 17 December. Contact the Parish Office: **9412 8493** or email merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au, to register your interest in attending. A copy of our resource-“Blessed”-will be given to you and you will be notified of zoom details.



2021/2022 RCIA JOURNEY—Anna, Celia, Dimple and Jessica have been meeting with our Parish Ministry Team over the last few months and will be welcomed at their Rite of Acceptance next Sunday 28 November during the 10:30am Mass at Nazareth Centre. Please pray for them as they continue in their desire to know the love and redeeming power of Jesus Christ.

Vaccination Certificates for our Ministry Volunteers—As a result of the Government mandates the Archdioceses has advised parishes that anyone who volunteers within the parish must provide a hard copy of their Vaccination certificate. All certificates are stored in a secure location at the parish office. We would also thank everyone that has already provided a copy for our files. *Please provide a copy of your certificate to the parish office as soon as possible.*



Bunnings Mernda Sausage Sizzle—Sunday 28 November. Please come and support the Parish at our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bill (0410 479 257) or be a customer!

Belated Priests Retirement Foundation Father's Day Appeal – We are going to take up a collection at all Masses next weekend 27/28 November for the Annual Father's Day Appeal. Envelopes are available from the back of the Mass Centres today, please take one and return it next week. Thank you to those from the community that have already returned an Appeal envelope.

Sale of handmade Christmas cards, Rosary beads and fluffy toys. Thanks to Kelly Andrews and Vanessa Carnevale for making and donating these. Perfect for sending to friends or as gifts. Available at Nazareth Masses. All proceeds donated to the church building fund.

Plant Sale. Thank you to everyone for your support. A total of \$639.60 will be contributed to the church Building Fund.

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

DATE	MASS	WELCOMER/COVID SAFETY OFFICER/TRYBOOKING LIST	READER	SANITISTER	EUCARIST	LAPTOP
27 Nov	5.30pm	Chris B, Doris M, Ernie M, Trish B	Patrick B	Edmund C Trish B	Ernie M	Liz B
28 Nov	8am	Mick A, Ajith D.S Anthony F, Ruween	Ajith	Mick A Ruween	Anthony F	Carmel
	10am	Angelo I, Dora B, Estalita B, Bernadette S	Mary W	Dora B, Bernadette S	Angelo I	Barry K
	10.30am	Libano D, Vanessa C, Silence M, Laetitia M	Paul N	Vanessa C Laetitia M	Silence M	Yvonne D