



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Third Sunday Ordinary Time. Year B. 24 January 2021

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St Mary's

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St Mary's

124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd Kinglake 3763

St Joseph's

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754

We pray for those who have died recently: Linda Kaur

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Vanessa Sutherland, Vivienne Sguerzi, David Buttigieg, Sajad Kolahdooz

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading:

St Paul to Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Next week: Yr B 4th Sunday Ord Time

First: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Second: St Paul to Corinth 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

GOSPEL REFLECTION

We sense around us that there are new beginnings taking place for many people. Our schools will open in a few days, for our staff and students. For many individuals and families, their work situation may have changed and different kinds of arrangements have been put in place. In contrast to this time last year, when bushfires were so prevalent, Covid-19 in 2021 has given us a new context in the way we live our lives.

Even in the living out of our following of Jesus, our discipleship, we do in the reality of this time and place. We notice that when Jesus called his first disciples, he did so in the midst of what they were doing, in the ordinariness of their lives. Some were repairing their fishing nets, and one collecting taxes. But Jesus met them where they were at and called them to begin a new life with him. There was an urgency in the call. The message in the Good News of God's kingdom is near in the proclamation and the deeds of Jesus. Jesus wanted others to join him in this life giving task and mission.

We continue to be involved and challenged at this time within our Parish community and in our overall Australian community to work for a deeper sense of commitment in nurturing a more just, compassionate and reconciling community. May we allow the urgency of the invitation from Jesus to take hold of our hearts, knowing that this is the time provided for us to make the Good News of Jesus Christ practical and real, especially during this time of pandemic.

Fr Martin Ashe, Parish Priest.



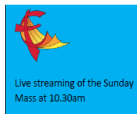
***We are a Child Safe Parish.
We hold the care, safety and
well-being of children, young people
and vulnerable adults as a central
and fundamental responsibility of
our community.***

LIVE STREAM MASS SUNDAY 10:30AM

Can be accessed at the Home Page of the parish website.

www.christthelightparish.org.au

Please note that the Mass remains on the website and is also available to watch at anytime on that day

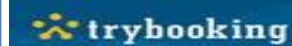


Parish Office

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.

We welcome this weekend, our new Assistant Priest, Fr Jude Johnson. We pray that God will bless his work and priestly ministry among us.

Weekend Mass Attendance. *Due to the current Covid guidelines issued by the Victorian Government it is vital that you book a space for weekend mass via trybooking as it can affects our limited number of attendees*



Bookings are now open for SATURDAY 30 and SUNDAY 31 January and close at 10am Saturday 31 January. Limit of 5 tickets per booking Covid requirements can be found in 'Terms & Conditions'. If you require assistance with booking please call the parish office 9412 8493

5.30pm Mass Nazareth Centre Mernda Saturday 30 January <https://www.trybooking.com/BOCFE>

8am Mass Nazareth Centre Mernda Sunday 31 January <https://www.trybooking.com/BOCFJ>

8.30am Mass St Mary's Kinglake Sunday 31 January <https://www.trybooking.com/BOCFL>

10am Mass St Mary's Whittlesea Sunday 31 January <https://www.trybooking.com/BOCFM>

10.30am Mass Nazareth Centre Mernda Sunday 31 January <https://www.trybooking.com/BOCFN>

All weekend Masses up until Sunday 17 February are now open for bookings via trybooking, all links can be found on the parish website www.christthelightparish.org.au

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Please be aware!! As we know people [priests included] become victims of scams. Unfortunately Fr Martin's name is being used on scam emails purporting to be from him. We would like ensure you that Fr Martin would never send out communications requesting donations for sick or needy friends in the form of gift cards. DO NOT reply to or click on any link that might be included within these emails. We encourage you to contact the parish office on 9412 8493 and leave a message if you need to clarify whether Fr Martin has emailed you. Unfortunately there are bad people out there that see the generosity of the church community as a soft target. Thank you.

We celebrate **Australia Day** on Tuesday 26th January and our 9:15am morning Mass will be held at St Mary's, Whittlesea. We pray for peace and reconciliation so that all Australians are cared for and belong. We especially commit to educating ourselves more deeply about the long and rich tradition and culture of our indigenous people and to working with them to deepen our understanding and improve their quality of life and access to justice together with health and educational opportunities that we may take for granted.



International Day of Commemoration of the Victims of the Holocaust is designated by the United Nations each year on January 27. The date marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau by Soviet troops on 27 January 1945. UNESCO pays tribute to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust and reaffirms its unwavering commitment to counter antisemitism, racism, and other forms of intolerance that may lead to group-targeted violence. The Holocaust profoundly affected countries in which Nazi crimes were perpetrated, but also had universal implications and consequences in many other parts of the world. More details can be found at <https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/holocaustremembranceday>

Australia's Premier Organist to play at St Patrick's Cathedral. On Friday 5 February, Australia's own concert organist and internationally acclaimed organ virtuoso, Thomas Heywood, will play the organ at St Patrick's Cathedral nearly 60 years after its installation. More information and details for how to attend this event can be found at this website: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/australias-premier-organist-to-play-at-st-patricks-cathedral>

Word of God Sunday, 7th February 2021. In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God in his Apostolic Letter *Aperuit Illis* to encourage the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. While most countries will celebrate the day on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February each year, starting with February 7 in 2021.