



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Easter Sunday Year A 12 April 2020

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Nazareth Centre (St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754

Weekend Masses: Nazareth Centre:

Sat. 5:30 pm Sun. 8 am Sunday 10:30 am

Children's Liturgy each Sunday 10.30am

St Mary's

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Weekend Mass: Sunday 10 am

Children's Liturgy each Sunday 10am

St Mary's

124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd Kinglake 3763

Weekend Mass Sunday 8:30 am

St Joseph's

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am

We pray for those who have died recently: Panfilo Olarte, Alvin Ignacio, Eduardo Santos, Leng Villaroman

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Trevor Wood, Patrick Joseph O'Connor

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Eduardo Santos, Leng Villaroman

Entrance Antiphon:

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 10.34. 37-43

Responsorial Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

Next week: 2nd Sunday Easter Year A

First: Acts 2:42-47

Second: St Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Easter Reflection 2020

Our journey to Easter this year has taken place in the midst of the Covid-19 virus. We have been confronting many challenges during this pandemic, with all of its fears and uncertainties about the future. We are experiencing anxiety and uncertainty, now and even about the future. In many ways the world finds itself imprisoned or enslaved by our present predicament. We cry out for liberation and freedom. One of the scripture readings from the Easter Vigil is the story of the Exodus. It calls to mind a God, who liberates his people and leads them to freedom, to become a new people. They are invited to come to know the closeness of the liberating presence of God with them.

Out of love for humankind, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross embraces all that has enslaved humanity all that is fragmented and evil. Through the resurrection of Jesus, Christ liberates us from all that enslaves and imprisons us, our fears, sicknesses, evil actions, even death itself. The resurrection of Jesus begins a new liberation of humankind, a new way of being human together in God's world. Through our baptism, we enter into this new liberation. With the spirit of the risen Christ alive in us, we continue the liberating action of God. We see expressions of this liberating activity, even now during this pandemic. We offer an enormous sense of gratitude to the courageous and persevering efforts of medical teams, doctors, nurses, welfare and government agencies. We are also conscious that so many ordinary people have been giving of themselves, ensuring that the Social Distancing measures become signs of that liberating activity which enable us to be free from this disease. May we find hope this Easter, in the one whose life and resurrection has given true liberation to our world and even over the reality of death itself. May we allow the risen Christ to continue his liberating activity through us now and into the future.

Fr Martin Ashe

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Fr Martin and Fr Shymon and the Parish Team of Christ the Light Parish
Wish every blessing to our Parishioners as we celebrate the joy of the Risen Lord during this Easter time.

Holy Week Live Streaming – We will be live streaming Holy Thursday, 9 April at 7.30pm, Good Friday 10 April at 3pm, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 11 April at 7.30pm and Easter Sunday 12 April at 10.30am. A variety of resources are also available on the website for 'Holy Week at Home'. This will help you to pray and reflect on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

HOLY WEEK AT HOME. Please go to the website www.christthelightparish.org.au to find resources for Holy Week at Home. This will help you to pray and reflect on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. This weekend, you will also find resources with a Children's Gospel worksheet and for the younger children, a junior worksheet is included. In addition, there are scripture word search, crosswords and prayers appropriate for primary school aged children. Please continue to use the resources on our Parish website to provide support for you and your family as you pause to reflect and pray as a family in your home.

Please see below some details on how we can celebrate the Holy week from Home.

Palm Sunday at Home
Palm Sunday Yr A Gospel for Kids
Palm Sunday Yr A Junior for Kids
Holy Week at Home
The end of Lent
Holy Thursday
Good Friday
Easter Sunday
Children's Holy week worksheets



LIVE STREAM SUNDAY 10:30AM MASS Can be accessed from the Home Page of our website every week. It will be an opportunity for all of us to join in the Eucharist, allowing us to be united to Christ and to one another as our community of Christ the Light. Physically, we may not be present to one another but spiritually we do join one another across the parish as the one community so that our faith in Jesus Christ can be a source of strength and hope for us all.

PARISH WEBSITE: www.christthelightparish.org.au During this time we will be relying more and more on digital communication, especially our website. We hope to be kept informed in this way, updating news from our Archdiocese, our own Parish Life and our continuing growth in faith. Given our situation, this will be our main source of information. This newsletter will be easily accessible through our website.

While physical distancing is the reality of our present situation, it is still important to be conscious of our brothers and sisters who might feel isolated and alone. Through our e-mails, phone calls, and other caring gestures, we seek to ensure that we're all part of the one community together at this time.

We encourage you to continue active participation in the life of the Church, through activities such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> or <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass or Sunday mornings Channel 10 at 6am.



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. When we Go Further Together in love and compassion, the whole world thrives. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2020 Lenten appeal. www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion #projectcompassion 1800 024 413

CARDINAL GEORGE PELL'S ACQUITTAL Archbishop Peter Comensoli's letter to the Laity, Religious and Clergy of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, regarding the acquittal of Cardinal George Pell can be found on our website.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC If you would like to follow up on other news in our Catholic community, please visit the website www.melbournecatholic.org.au



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.