



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

4th Sunday of Easter Year B 25 April 2021

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Nazareth Centre (St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754
Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am
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
Weekend Mass: Sunday 10 am
Reconciliation 2nd & 4th Saturdays 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
Reconciliation 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays 10 am

We pray for those who have died recently: Sr Therese Quinn (Good Samaritan Sister)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Miller

We pray for those who are ill in our community:

Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading: Apostles 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm: 117

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone

Second Reading: St John 3:1-2

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, say the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Next Week 5th Sunday of Easter Yr B

First Reading: Apostles 9:26-31
Second Reading: St John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15: 1-8

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Voice of the Good Shepherd

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

Fr Michael Tate.

Whittlesea
ST MARY'S



Mernda
NAZARETH CENTRE



Kinglake
ST MARY'S





**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



The Parish Office is open

Tuesday—Friday

9am-4pm.

If you call the office **9412 8493** outside these hours, please leave a voice message or email **merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au** and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.

MANDATORY QR Code Registration at Places of Worship

On Friday 26 March, electronic record keeping became mandatory for all venues and facilities, including our Places of Worship. Importantly, activities involving ceremonies and religious gatherings must use the **QR Code** electronic record keeping system that is compatible with the Victorian Government’s visitation application programming interface, which is the primary line of defence in keeping our community **safe and open**.

Upon ENTRY to our worship places, we will have volunteers to assist you with your registration via QR Code. We appreciate your patience and co-operation during this time.

Trybooking will be available until 30 May 2021.

How to Register via QR Code

The following steps can be followed, should you need it on how to scan a QR code:

1. Open the Camera app
2. Select the rear facing camera. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the camera view. Your device should recognize the QR code and show a notification.
3. Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.
4. Fill out the required * details and submit.

Report from the meeting of the Parish Leadership Team, 20th April 2021

Archdiocesan Parish Renewal Program: The parish has been invited to participate in a parish renewal program sponsored by the Archdiocese. After consultation with the PLT, Fr Martin has accepted this invitation on behalf of the parish. It is a long term project involving twelve parishes across the Archdiocese. Its broad aim is to respond to the call from Pope Francis for all of us to become missionary disciples and in so doing to renew parish life and reach out to the many people who are searching for a deeper relationship with God. In the first stage of the program Fr Martin and other parish priests are involved in an online program with Fr Rohan Huntley, a facilitator who is based in Canada.

Child Safe Parish: As previously reported we have an active Safeguarding Children and Young People Committee. A number of parishioners have joined the committee this year and there is a photo collage of committee members in each of our Mass centres. The committee recently completed a self-audit of our structures and procedures which indicated that we have a high level of compliance with relevant archdiocesan and government requirements. The state government will be conducting an audit of selected parishes during June.

There is NO MORNING MASS at Nazareth Centre WEDNESDAY 28 April as Fr Martin and Fr Jude will be attending a Diocesan Meeting

The 2021 National Count of Attendance at Mass

commences next weekend and is conducted over the first four the weekends of May. This year parishes will also be asked to provide age and sex and the number of views of live streamed Masses during this time.

Thank you to those who will take the count at all our Masses

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES: THANK YOU for your generous Easter Offerings that help to provide vital support for the priests of our parish and the Archdiocese of Melbourne.



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
Lest we forget*

TODAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS.

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with others in a project **‘Pledge to Pray’** - an online platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the ‘Invisible Monastery’. You are invited to ‘pledge a prayer’ for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.



All weekend Masses for 1/2 May are open for bookings, visit our website www.christthelightparish.org.au

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION will be held at 10am on Saturday 1 May 21, St Joseph’s, Mernda