



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

31st Sunday Ordinary Time. 31 October 2021. Year B.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu
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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 Mass: 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: Chandana Abeysekera
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Giovanni Rizzotto, Joan Mackrell, Fritz Pell
We pray for those who are ill in our community: Charles Galea, Kathryn Rockwell, Susanna Ah Kiau, Fr Jude Johnson

Entrance Antiphon:

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Responsorial Psalm: Ps

I love you Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Next Week: 32nd Sunday Ord Time Yr B.

1st: Kings 17:10-16

2nd: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.



**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
For Trybooking links: please see below**



**THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday– Friday 9am-4pm.**

During lockdown you can still 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.



FR HIEN VU, PARISH PRIEST. Greetings! Allow me to call you - Friends.

In the last weeks with you, I would like formally to introduce myself to you. Some of you may remember that I was here as an assistant priest in 2007 and 2008. Coming to the parish this time, I consider myself like a son returning after an absence.

There were life-changing experiences, that perhaps have made me a different person but I come back to you with love and desire to serve. In the last two years, it was a rough journey for us and we thank God for the opportunity to be back together for the celebration of Mass and Sacraments, which are food for our spiritual nourishment. Hopefully we experience the feeling of coming home again. We don't know what lies ahead but let us value the gift of being together and worshipping together. Personally, I wish to have many opportunities to meet you and sharing our stories together. I love to visit people at home. Please let me know if you would like me to visit you or I will contact you to arrange a time. I pray that this new chapter of my priestly ministry at Christ The Light Parish, will be an encounter of God's presence among us.

A group email has been sent to all our parishioners. Please check your junk/spam folder. If you would like to receive our emails, please contact the parish office: merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au

8.30am St Mary's Kinglake Sunday 31 October Trybooking not required. Limit of 30 people. QR Check in is required on arrival.

FOR CELEBRATION OF MASS ON SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER AND SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2021.

****IMPORTANT: ALL ATTENDEES ARE REQUIRED TO BE FULLY VACCINATED AND HOLD VERIFICATION OF THEIR VACCINATION STATUS BEFORE ENTRY***

YOU MUST BOOK THROUGH TRYBOOKING (LINKS BELOW) *Maximum attendees 25. Limit of 2 tickets per booking*

5.30pm – Nazareth Centre Saturday 6 November 2021 <https://www.trybooking.com/BVDTL>

8am – Nazareth Centre Sunday 7 November 2021 <https://www.trybooking.com/BVDTN>

10am – Anawim Centre St Mary's Sunday 7 November 2021 <https://www.trybooking.com/BVDTQ>

10.30am – Nazareth Centre Sunday 7 November 2021 <https://www.trybooking.com/BVDTR>

Bookings OPEN at 10 am MONDAY 1 November Bookings for ALL MASSES IS REQUIRED

**** OPEN MASS 5pm SUNDAY AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH*** [Plenty Road Mernda] Sunday 7 November. We welcome anyone with an unknown vaccination status to attend our outdoor Mass. QR Check in is required upon arrival. **Bring your own chair.** To attend this mass you must register via Trybooking. <https://www.trybooking.com/BVEKP> Limit of 30 attendees for this Mass.

RECONCILIATION - St Mary's Church [Fir Street Whittlesea]

From week commencing 8 November Reconciliation will resume at St Mary's Whittlesea **ONLY**

TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS After Morning Mass - 10am until 11am.

- * QR Code check-in is required prior to entry at our worship centre.
- * A face mask must be worn upon entry and worn throughout.
- * You must sanitise your hands as you enter.
- * Seating will be at the social distancing under the current density quota guidelines.

ALL SAINTS - 7pm Monday 1 November 2021


Bookings Close 4pm Monday
St Mary's Church Whittlesea

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVDIC>

ALL SOULS - 9.15am Tuesday 2 November 2021

Bookings Close 6pm Monday
St Mary's Church Whittlesea

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVDIH>

 **PLEASE JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY.** Members of our Parish continue to gather on **Saturday at 3pm for an hour of praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary via zoom.** Meeting ID: 278 901 2630, Password: 374 347.

GETTING PROOF OF YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATIONS ONLINE. A Covid-19 digital certificate is available to anyone who has received 2 doses of a Covid-19 vaccine. Please visit our website for step-by-step instructions (that were kindly supplied by our parishioner Malou Leone) to help you download your vaccination certificate onto your mobile device.

INVITATION TO "CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME" FOR PARISHES: Tuesday November 16, 7.30 – 9.00pm. This is an online forum for parishes on Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home*. Presented by two excellent speakers, Anne Boyd csb and Jacqui Remond. For more information, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=823513&>