



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time. 5 September 2021. Year B.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu (Starting 8 September 2021)
Assistant Priest: Fr Jude Johnson
Parish Secretary: Margaret Stanford [Tues & Fri: 9am – 4pm]
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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:
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Iris Wileman
We pray for those who are ill in our community: Charles Galea, Kathryn Rockwell

Entrance Antiphon:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10
Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading:

Letter of St James 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Next Week: 24th Sunday Ord Time Yr B.

1st: Isaiah 50:5-9
2nd: St James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

Strangely, this week's gospel about the healing of a man who was deaf and dumb is less about healing than it is about Jesus being the Messiah. The theme is set up in the first reading when the prophet, Isaiah, describes the signs by which the coming of the Messiah will be recognised: the blind will see; the deaf will hear; the lame will leap; and the dumb will speak. When Jesus healed the man in the gospel story the crowd were admiring of what he had done. They even exclaimed, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.' These words are a direct echo of the Isaiah text – they were recognising Jesus as fulfilling the prophecies of the promised Messiah.

However, the passage also demonstrates to us that Jesus was trying to show the people that he was not exactly the Messiah that many of them were anticipating. This healing story takes place in the region of The Decapolis – south-east of the Galilee region and populated mostly by Gentiles. By travelling in this area and working miraculous healings, Jesus is making the point that his mission is to all people, not just 'the Chosen People' of Israel. He commands the crowd who witnessed the healing to tell no one about it but, filled with the idea that Jesus was the Messiah they had been waiting for, they broadcast the news. Jesus wanted their silence because he knew that they did not fully understand the sort of Messiah that he was. Only when they understood that this Messiah must suffer and die would he have allowed them to speak of his deeds.



**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



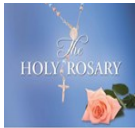
**THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday– Friday 9am-4pm.**

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.

Our new Parish Priest is Fr Hien Vu. We welcome him on 8th September.

Please visit Our Parish Website to read Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Comensoli regarding the application of *Traditionis Custodes* in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

WEDNESDAY 9:15am MASS ON ZOOM. Please join us to celebrate the feast of the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Meeting ID: 846 2845 2198**
Passcode: 003 104.



Please join me in Praying the Rosary on the Saturdays of the month commencing **Saturday 4th September at 3pm.** We will gather via zoom praying and meditating on the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Given that we are in lockdown, we will meet via zoom for September. A decision will be made before the first Saturday of October regarding how best to continue praying the Rosary on Saturdays. For this **Saturday 4th September ZOOM DETAILS: Meeting ID: 278 901 2630, Password: 374 347.** Any further questions: contact via email sandy.starbuck@cam.org.au or phone the Parish Office 9412 8493.

During lockdown our places of worship are closed. Weekend and weekday Masses will not be celebrated. **Sunday 10:30 am Mass will continue to live-stream on Our Parish Website**
www.christthelightparish.org.au.

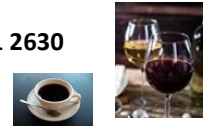
Once Sunday Masses resume Trybooking Links will be available on the Parish Website.

SEPTEMBER TRIVIA NIGHTS.

No prizes, just for fun, with a glass of wine or a cuppa.

Every Friday in September at 7pm via ZOOM:

MEETING ID: 278 901 2630
PASSCODE: 374 347



PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

God our Father, we give thanks and praise for fathers, young and old. We pray for young fathers who are newly embracing their role. May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost and suffering. May they know God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but who still mentor and guide us with fatherly advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us, but who continue to live in our memory, having nourished us with their love. AMEN



THIS WEEK IS CHILD SAFETY WEEK which will culminate in **Safeguarding Sunday on September 12.** All of us are responsible to keep children safe while promoting the importance of Children's safety and wellbeing. In line with Parish Child Safety Policies, the members of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Committee are building an overall risk analysis across our Parish communities beginning with the weekend Masses. Considering the structural differences of each community worship space, the members will be adapting the previously used Risk Assessment Template with Covid-19 regulations. We thank them for their hard work.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL. Father's Day is the traditional day for the annual collection for the Priests Retirement Foundation. This appeal goes to the care of the retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them. All contributions of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. If you would like to make a donation to the 2021 Father's Day Appeal you can do so via: www.cam.org.au/foundation

Theology at the Pub: T@P is a monthly event for those aged 18-35. Our speaker this month is Monsignor Joe Takchi, a Melbourne based Maronite Priest who will be speaking on the Eastern Catholic Churches. Grab a drink and join us over on our Facebook page.
When: Monday, 6th of September, at 7:30pm
Visit us on Facebook: [<http://www.facebook.com/tapmelb/>]
Website: www.theologyatthepub.com.au