



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Pentecost Sunday. Year A 31 May 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: Autilia De Souza
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
We pray for those who are ill in our community: Kerrie Densley, David Buttigieg*

Entrance Antiphon:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1,24,29-31

Lord, send our your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading:

St Paul to Cor 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Next week: Most Holy Trinity Year A

First: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

Second: St Paul to Cor 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Gospel Reflection:

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

Dianne Bergant CSA

PARISH WEBSITE: www.christthelightparish.org.au

LIVE STREAM SUNDAY 10:30AM MASS Can be accessed at the Home Page of our website. Please note that the Mass remains on the website and is also available to watch at anytime on that day. 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.

VIRTUAL MORNING TEA will meet straight after the Live Stream Mass through the Zoom app. If you would like to be a part of this initiative, please call Robert Williams (Ph. 0403 303 470) or **Join Meeting ID number** 580 909 8622 and **Password** 8ZdmNa This is a great way to connect with some of our Parishioners.

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

COVID 19 GUIDELINE UPDATE. The new Government update allows **no more than 20 people** at the celebration of Mass. As you would appreciate there are strict conditions in place. These include collecting of contact details of those attending (for the purposes of contact-tracing if it becomes necessary), strict monitoring of numbers (20), ongoing hygiene requirements and respecting social distancing protocols.

For the Parish of Christ the Light we will have our Masses on **Thursdays 4th, 11th, 18th June 9:15am at St Mary's, Whittlesea** (No more than 20 people can attend). Also the **Live Streaming Sunday Mass on 7th, 14th, 21st June at 10:30am at St Mary's, Whittlesea** will be open for 20 people to attend.

In order to address the limit of 20 people at any one time in attendance, people will need to **ring the Parish Office (9412 8493) on Tuesday or Wednesday between 9:30am-4pm** giving their name, phone number, and email and stating your choice of Mass. You will be notified by Parish staff either by return phone call or email confirming your attendance for the Mass.

Until such time that restrictions are lifted to a significant level for our Parish worship, the overwhelming majority of our community will continue to rely on our **live-streaming Mass**. At this time this is a most important and valuable spiritual resource through which our people can participate.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. As restrictions are lifting and we are encouraged to get some exercise, would you have some time to spare on your walks to drop off our Parish newsletter to those who do not have access to our Parish Website? If so, we would appreciate your help in continuing connection with these Parishioners through our newsletter. Contact the Parish Office on 9412 8493 if you can spare some time with this Reach Out initiative.



The Parish Safeguarding Children and Young People Committee came together this week through ZOOM to begin our Parish Safety Self-Assessment to facilitate implementation of the Professional Standards. We are assessing our compliance with the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework to ensure that child safety is embedded within the culture of Christ the Light Parish and is reflected in the way we minister to our people. Over the coming weeks, the committee will work through the 10 Standards to assess our Parish against each Standard Indicator Requirement based on the CPSL Compliance Assessment Scale.



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.

BACK TO SCHOOL. Students and teachers were reunited in our Parish schools, St Joseph's, Mernda, St Paul the Apostle, Doreen and St Mary's, Whittlesea. The first phase of the return to classroom teaching began earlier this week for students in Prep, Years 1 and 2. The older students, years 3,4,5,6, will return to school on Tuesday 9th June.

Bishop Mark Edwards, one of our Auxiliary Bishops of Melbourne, has been appointed by Pope Francis as the Bishop of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. In accepting his appointment, Bishop Mark wrote to the people of Wagga Wagga saying, *"I experience this appointment as a call from God to be with you and to journey with you as disciple, brother and bishop."* Archbishop Peter A Comensoli thanked Bishop Edwards for his service as an Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne and acknowledged his missionary zeal.