



## CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

## 5th Sunday of Lent. Year B. 21 March 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 10 am

*We pray for those who have died recently: Hema Wijethunga*

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Cuthbert Ganlath, Joseph KC, Kathleen Muldoon

*We pray for those who are ill in our community: Mark Lockwood*

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

#### **First Reading:**

First: Jeremiah 31:31-34

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

***Create a clean heart in me, O God.***

#### **Second Reading:**

Hebrews 5:7-9

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel:** John 12:20-30

#### **Next week: Yr B Palm Sunday**

First: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second: St Paul to Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

#### **We want to see Jesus.**

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response.

And there was a response full of allusions to the future.

Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground.

Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life.

We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.

**Fr Michael Tate.**



**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](http://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.



**Holy Week and Easter**

This year you are asked to assist us in the preparation of the Easter ceremonies by registering via **TryBooking** link on our website ([www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au)). This will ensure that as many parishioners as possible can attend each of the ceremonies in a Covid safe environment. Bookings are now open. Nazareth Centre can only have a maximum number of 120 people. (Weather permitting, more spaces may become available outside in the green area). If the liturgy you wish to attend is "Sold Out", please check availability at the Anawim Centre at St Mary's, Whittlesea. If you need help with the Trybooking, please call the office on 9412 8493 so that Margaret or Monique can make the booking for you.

**TRYBOOKING Mass Links HOLY THURSDAY 1 April 2021** Open now close 5pm Thursday 1 April

7.30pm Nazareth Centre Mernda Thursday 1 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVRE>

7.30pm Anawim Centre Whittlesea Thursday 1 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVR1>

**TRYBOOKING Mass Links GOOD FRIDAY 2 April 2021** Open now close 1pm Friday 2 April

3pm Nazareth Centre Mernda Friday 2 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVRL>

3pm Anawim Centre Whittlesea Friday 2 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVRK>

**TRYBOOKING EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL - 3 April 2021** Open now close 1pm Saturday 3 April

7.30pm Easter Vigil Nazareth Centre Mernda 3 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVUA>

**TRYBOOKING EASTER SUNDAY - 4 April 2021** Open now close 5pm Saturday 3 April

8am Easter Sunday Nazareth Centre Mernda 4 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVUC>

8.30am Easter Sunday St Mary's Kinglake 4 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVUF>

10am Easter Sunday Anawim Centre Whittlesea 4 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVUE>

10.30am Easter Sunday Nazareth Centre Mernda 4 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVUG>

**Wearing Masks** are no longer mandatory in our worship spaces, however they are required to be worn when you are singing.



**LITURGY MEETING** will be held on Tuesday 23 March at the Nazareth Centre at 7pm.

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN COMMITTEE** meeting will be held on Thursday 25 March at the Nazareth Centre at 7pm.

**HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** We continue to call for volunteers for Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Clipboards for you to register your interest to be involved will be available in all worship places over the next two weekends. Any questions? Call 9412 8493.



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS.** This weekend marks the 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny for our RCIA Elect – Mark, Sonya and Gerrad. At this time they will each be presented with the words Jesus taught his disciples: The Lord's Prayer. Please keep them in your prayers during this "period of intense spiritual preparation through internal reflection to a deeper knowledge of Christ the Saviour." RCIA 126.



**St. Joseph's school, Mernda Feast Day.** This was held on Friday 19 March. They worked in themed activities throughout the villages which included raising their awareness of St Joseph's life. The day concluded with St Joseph's feast day liturgy, co-celebrated by Fr Martin and Fr Jude, which included 2 beautiful children's hymns about St Joseph. A great day was had by all. This year the Church all over the world celebrates the 150th anniversary of St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church.

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.** Thanks for the great response to request for volunteers for this. We will be in contact with you soon to confirm your duties. We now have more than enough helpers for this project. Once again, thank you for your generous offers of your time and commitment to our Parish of Christ the Light.

**Project Compassion Sunday 21 March 2021.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.