



**CHRIST  
THE  
LIGHT**  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD. YEAR C.

29 MAY 2022.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Hien Vu

**The Parish Office open hours are Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm**

**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

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday 4pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8am and Sunday 10:30am

**LIVE STREAM MASS Every SUNDAY 10:30am**

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#### St Mary's, Whittlesea

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Confession/Reconciliation after

Tuesday & Thursday Mass at 10am.

Weekend: 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

*We pray for those who have died recently: Freda Budwee*

*And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Antonio Caruso, Martha Dalton, Jean & Barbara & Theresa & Mary Catherine Tanna, Martha & Udeesay Coorey.*

*We pray for those who are ill in our community: Maryanne Zammit, Vincent Orchard, Nuccia Roks, John & Vivian Sguerzi, John Foster, Faye Vandenberg, Michael Shew, Peter Kavanah, Malcom Cox, Ray Thompson, Bill Geralovski, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, Anna & Sarah De Souza, Daniel Tawil, Jenna Huynh, Fr Brendan Dillon, Patricia Osborne*

**Entrance Antiphon:** Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Eph 1:17-23

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 24:46-53

**Next Week: Pentecost Sunday. Year C**

1st: Acts 2:1-11

2nd: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

### GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

### NEW Church Building Bank Account Details:

If you would like to make a Direct Deposit DONATION to the New Church Building account please use account details below:

BSB: 083 - 347  
Acct No: 135 263 131  
Name: New Church Building



### ST MARY'S WHITTLESEA

#### 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH—5 JUNE 2022

The Trading Table and Morning tea is on every first Sunday of the month.

Come along after 10am Mass and pick up a bargain while you have a cuppa. Everyone is welcome.

### LEGO RAFFLE UPDATE

#### And the winners are:

- Prize A: Black B85 - Patrick Boulous (Mernda Mass)
- Prize B: Purple B92 - Hamish McBrien (SPA School)
- Prize C: Orange EE95 - Zacc (St Mary's School)
- Prize D: Black P44 - Peter Cooper (Whittlesea Mass)

Photo of Hamish.



#### Feast Day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Rosary with Fr Hien anytime from Tuesday 31 May on our website.

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The fantastic news is that the raffle made a profit of \$4,870. Over \$200 of that was outright donations not ticket sales. Every cent helps. Thank you to everyone that helped with the sales of tickets, helped display the Lego and purchased tickets. Also the brilliant response we had from all 3 schools. But the best part of the raffle was bringing the parish and schools together to aim for a common cause - our new church building.

**Election Day Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser.** We raised a total of \$1,217.55 which included \$59 from the sale of plants donated by the Coopers. Thank you to St Joseph's School for use of their equipment. We would also like to acknowledge Eden Garden Fresh Market, Mernda Junction for its sponsorship on the day. A big thank you to all our volunteers. It was your hard work on the day that made this possible, especially Biju, who was cooking sausages on the BBQ from start to finish. It was a great team effort all round to assist in our fundraising towards building a new parish church.



**National Palliative Care Week** is celebrated from 22 to 28 May and is aimed at raising awareness and increasing understanding of the many benefits of palliative care. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli visited O'Neill House in Prahran, to meet residents and bless the new facility. Archbishop Comensoli remarked that the home was already blessed with the presence of those who've chosen to call it home, as they journey towards the end of their lives. Lydia Sorensen shares her story: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/when-family-is-everything-end-of-life-journey>



**Presbytery Account** - The parish often receive inquiries from parishioners asking how they can contribute to the financial support of our wonderful priests, Fr Hien and Fr Peter. If you would like to make a contribution to the Presbytery Account you can do so via a Direct transfer:

**Presbytery Account Mernda Whittlesea Parish BSB: 083-347 Account: 12 568 2420** THANK YOU.

**Project Compassion** – If you have not yet returned your Project Compassion boxes to the parish office, please do so as soon as possible. All donations need to be received by Project Compassion prior 30 June 2022. Thank you.

#### NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. Saturday 4 June at 4:30pm. Dinesh F, Dee F, Anton S

DATE	MASS	WELCOMER	READER	EUCARIST	LAPTOP
4 June	5.30pm	Chris B. Evmin N.	Leader: Sandy S. Reader: Savain N.	Trish B.	Liz B.
5 June	8am	Neeta K.	Leader: Sherin P.	Biju K.	Maya
	10am	Sr Dora Sr Estalita	Leader: John F. Reader: Maria M.	Angelo I	Barry K.
	10.30am	Juliet P. Bella T.	Leader: Malou L. Reader: Shevan F.	Juliet P.	Al and choir

Thank you to all of our volunteers. We wouldn't be able to celebrate weekend Masses without your help.