



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

24th Sunday Ordinary Time. 12 September 2021. Year B.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu
Assistant Priest: Fr Jude Johnson
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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:
We pray for those who are ill in our community: Charles Galea, Kathryn Rockwell, Shelle Farley, Joe Farley

Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 114:1-6. 8-9.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading:

Letter of St James 2:14-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Next Week: 25th Sunday Ord Time Yr B.

1st: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

2nd: St James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

'But you, who do you say I am?' This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was. 'Who do you say I am?' Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith. Our answer no doubt changes over time as we grow in understanding and as we experience the ups and downs of life, but nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel passage, our answer remains a clear statement of our faith. 'Who do you say I am?' Just a good guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role model? A friend? God made flesh? The Word come down from heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man of God? The Messiah?

Perhaps you've never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, 'Who do you say I am?' It's confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It's confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. 'Who do you say I am?' You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn't ask 'Who do you say I was?'; it asks, 'Who do you say I AM?' The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: 'Who do YOU say I am?'



**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.

WELCOME TO FR HIEN. On behalf of all parishioners, I extend a very warm welcome to Fr Hien Vu, our new parish priest. Fr Hien moved into the parish last Wednesday and is very keen to meet all of us when the easing of restrictions allows that to happen. As some of you may know, Fr Hien was born in Vietnam and he was ordained to the priesthood in Melbourne in 2003. He has served in a variety of parishes including the Epping parish of which we were a part until 2012, and he has most recently been Parish Priest of Flemington and Kensington parishes. We wish Fr Hien every blessing as he joins us and leads us in living out our commitment to Jesus as missionary disciples. Those who know Fr Hien will affirm that we are most fortunate to have such a fine person and caring priest in our midst.

Chris Blake, Chair, Parish Leadership Team..

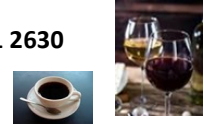
WEDNESDAY 9:15am MASS ON ZOOM. Meeting ID: 846 2845 2198 and Passcode: 003 104.

PLEASE JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY. *Every Saturday in September at 3pm.*
ZOOM DETAILS: Meeting ID: 278 901 2630 and Password: 374 347.

2021 SEASON OF CREATION. The Season of Creation starts 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends 4 October (Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi). It is a Christian celebration of prayer and action for the environment and creation. Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops invite all Catholics this traditional ecumenical moment and talk this special time for prayer and action in caring for our common home. To read more, please visit the website: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

During lockdown our places of worships 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: Gracious God,
You love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard. We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find everlasting peace. Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required. We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. AMEN



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2021

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
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THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS (IEC) is taking place from 5 to 12 September in Hungary's capital, Budapest. This is the 52nd IEC, having gathered in countries all around the world. In 1973, the Congress came to Melbourne in what was hailed as the most ecumenical IEC to date. Archbishop of Esztergom-Budapest, Cardinal Péter Erdő, described this year's event as being a 'sign of hope': 'an opportunity to recall the Christian roots of Europe and the ancient unity between the Churches of East and West.' Pope Francis will celebrate the closing Mass of the Congress on 12 September. Please visit <https://www.iec2020.hu/en> to listen/read News, Catechesis, Testimony and including the Mass.

THE SISTERS OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN STUDY AND MENTORING (SAM) PROGRAM is now open for applications and offers financial assistance for women undertaking tertiary studies at a recognised theological institution. Core components of the program include opportunities for spiritual direction, mentoring and dialogue with like-minded women. The program is for Catholic women aged 30 and over who are undertaking tertiary studies at a recognised theological institution. Applications close 30 September. More details can be found at www.melbournecatholic.org