

32nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME. Year B. 7 November 2021

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 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 Reconciliation after Tuesday & Thursday Mass at 10am.

Weekend: Anawim Centre 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 Weekend Outdoor Mass: Sunday 5pm

We pray for those who have <u>died</u> recently: And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

We pray for those who are <u>ill</u> in our community: Charles Galea, Kathryn Rockwell, Susanna Ah Kiau, Fr Jude Johnson, Sr Elizabeth Costigan

Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading: Kings 17:10-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom

of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Next Week: 33rd Sunday Ord Time Yr B.

1st: Daniel 12:1-13 2nd: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.



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.

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The Parish Office is open Tuesday—Friday 9am-4pm

If you would like to 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.

8.30am St Mary's Kinglake Sunday 14 November Trybooking not required. Limit of 30 people. QR Check-in is required at entry. FOR CELEBRATION OF MASS ON SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER AND SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2021.

*IMPORTANT: ALL ATTENDEES ARE REQUIRED TO BE FULLY VACCINATED AND HOLD VERIFICATION OF THEIR VACCINATION STATUS BEFORE ENTRY

YOU MUST BOOK THROUGH TRYBOOKING (LINKS BELOW) Maximum attendees 25. Limit of 2 tickets per booking

5.30pm – Nazareth Centre Saturday 13 November 2021 https://www.trybooking.com/BVDTU
8am – Nazareth Centre Sunday 14 November 2021 https://www.trybooking.com/BVDTX
10am – Anawim Centre St Mary's Sunday 14 November 2021 https://www.trybooking.com/BVDUC
10.30am – Nazareth Centre Sunday 14 November 2021 https://www.trybooking.com/BVDUG

Bookings for ALL MASSES IS REQUIRED

* OPEN MASS 5pm SUNDAY AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH [Plenty Road Mernda] Sunday 14 November. We welcome anyone with an unknown vaccination status to join our outdoor Mass. QR check-in is required upon arrival. Bring your own chair. To attend this mass you must register via Trybooking. https://www.trybooking.com/BVELQ Limit of 30 attendees.

RECONCILIATION will resume ONLY at St Mary's Church, Whittlesea. TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS after 9:15am Morning Mass.



<u>9:15am Wednesday and Friday Morning Mass</u> will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church—1490 Plenty Road Mernda, until further notice. Space is limited, QR check-in and proof of full vaccination is required. We thank you for your understanding at this time.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING will be held on Tuesday 9 November at 7pm.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES. In the month of November we especially remember and pray for our departed loved ones. Given the Covid-19 restrictions for religious gatherings, you may still wish to use the special November mass offering envelopes that are included in your stewardship package and put them on the collection plate at mass, envelopes are also available from the back of our mass centres. For those without envelopes or are unable to attend mass, you may wish to place the names of your loved ones and your offering in an ordinary envelope and placed in the parish office letter box **48 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda** (located at the entrance to the apartment building). Thank you.



PLANT SALE. There will be a plant sale after each of the Masses at Nazareth this weekend, thanks to Maureen Cooper and her green fingers. All proceeds will be for the Parish.

VACCINATION CERTIFICATES. If you need a copy mailed to you, just phone 1800 653 809 and follow the option choices.

<u>Prison Sunday (7 November)</u> is an opportunity to acknowledge the important work of prison ministry. Providing this care during the pandemic has been a challenge. Prison chaplain of 27 years Sr Mary O'Shannassy SGS says that while she and her team have maintained connections with those imprisoned through video conferencing, telephone calls and written messages, they feel the pain of residents who have been deprived of family visits, support and education services, and religious services. Read more at: https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pastoral-care-in-pandemic-times

DATE	MASS	WELCOMER/COVID SAFETY OFFICER/TRYBOOKING LIST	READER	SANITISTER	EUCHARIST	LAPTOP
13 Nov	5.30pm	Doris M, Patrick B, Ray R, Trish B	Paul N	Edmund C Trish B	Ernie M	
14 Nov	8am	Bill F, Roy J, Biju, Neeta	Bill F	Biju Neeta	Anthony F	Ryan J
	10am	Angelo I, Joyce L, John O, Lynne O	John O	Joyce L Lynne O	Angelo I	Barry K
	10.30am	Libano D, Vanessa C, Mary D, Lanka E	Silence M	Mary D Lanka E	Libano D	Yvonne D