



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

6th Sunday Ordinary Time. Year B. 14 February 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 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: Laurence Ouna, Brian Jordan, Giovanni Di Cola, And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sr Irma Isiongo, Gina Mercante, Olimpia e Francesco Di cola, Paola e Giorgio Leone, Franca & Domenico Carbone, Franca e Oreste, Jolanda & Luigi, Clelia & Franco, Pina and Michele. We pray for those who are ill in our community: Sajad Kolahdooz, Virginia Ballo Baltazar

Entrance Antiphon:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading:

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Responsorial Psalm:

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of
salvation.*

Second Reading:

St Paul to Cor 10:31-11:1

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Next week: Yr B 1st Sunday of Lent

First: Genesis 9:8-15

Second: St Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus outcast for us!

Lepers were social outcasts forced to live outside the villages and towns. Jesus heals the leper, allowing him to return to communal living, but, in touching him, Jesus put himself on the outer. The Gospel says that Jesus 'had to stay outside where nobody lived'. Jesus willingly changed places with the leper!

This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal of the Gospel. Because of our deliberate wrongdoing, we are 'on the outside' with God. Our Lord and Saviour willingly experienced that alienation on Calvary, *outside* the walls of Jerusalem, in a desolate place where no-body lived. He suffered the dis-locating consequences of sin in his body and mind: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

He took our place outside the human awareness of the loving presence of His Heavenly Father so that we might be located in the right place, *insiders* with God.

We might pause for a moment to lovingly thank our Saviour for leading us into 'the One in Whom we live and move and have our being'.

Reflection by Fr. Michael Tate.



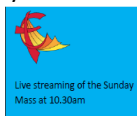
*We are a Child Safe Parish.
We hold the care, safety and
well-being of children, young people
and vulnerable adults as a central
and fundamental responsibility of
our community.*

LIVE STREAM MASS SUNDAY 10:30AM

Can be accessed at the Home Page of the parish website.

www.christthelightparish.org.au

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

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY: 17 February 2021



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following: Prayer, Self-Denial, Helping Others. All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast.

All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).



Project Compassion Sunday 14th February 2021. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Be More"**. Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM, 9TH FEBRUARY 2021

Parish life in COVID normal: We recognise that with continuing outbreaks of COVID-19 it is important to ensure that parish life continues in a safe manner mindful of our responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of all in our community. Our current practices (such as live streaming of Masses, Trybooking for Sunday Masses, meetings via Zoom, electronic communications) will continue for the foreseeable future and we encourage all parishioners to be attentive and responsive to the needs of family members, friends, and fellow parishioners. We emphasise the importance of the parish website in maintaining communication and connection with each other.

Sacramental programs 2020/2021: Because of COVID restrictions celebrations of the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation have had to be held over from 2020 and will be completed during the first school term. We thanked all involved at parish and school level for their work in preparing the children and in planning for the delayed celebrations of these sacraments. The sacramental program for 2021 has commenced once again with appropriate adjustments because of COVID-19.

Our Parish Schools: Our three parish schools have welcomed students and staff to what we hope is a much less disrupted year in comparison to 2020. We thank the school Principals for their leadership and for their commitment to not only their school communities but to the broader parish community as well. We wish them, the school staff members, and the children and their families every blessing for their endeavours in 2021.

Friday Lenten Reflection Series. Lent is a season when we turn back to God and it begins on 17 February. In order to increase our prayerful journey through Lent, the parish is hosting **Friday Lenten Reflection Series**. Our first Zoom Meeting on this Series will begin on **19 February at 7:00 pm** for six-week [19 Feb, 26 Feb, 5 March, 12 March, 19 March and 26 March] and it may take approximately 45 minutes. *"It's all about hope"* by Christopher Monaghan CP will be used to guide our reflection and meditation throughout this series. Email the Parish Office to sign up the **Friday Lenten Reflection Series**. **Zoom Link details: Meeting ID: 278 901 2630 Password: 374 347**

WHITTLESEA MINISTRIES INC (WMI). All are welcome to attend Annual General Meeting at 1pm Thursday 11 March, Uniting Church meeting room. All Whittlesea churches are members of WMI. Individual membership is available. Come to the AGM and help our churches witness to Jesus Christ in this community.



Christ the Light Parish welcomes the **Catholic families whose children attend schools other than Catholic schools**. If you are interested in your child preparing for the Sacraments of the Church, please contact us to discuss the **preparation program for 2021**. Children who are *in Grade 3 may be registered for the Sacrament of Reconciliation* – those in *Grade 4 are ready to learn about the Sacrament of Eucharist*, and *Grade 6 children will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation*. Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate – 9401 6324 or email sandy.starbuck@cam.org.au