



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

29th Sunday Ordinary Time. 17 October 2021. Year B.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu
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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: Lionel Gamlath, Murin Perera, Susan Jacintha

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Charles Galea, Kathryn Rockwell, Martina Johnson

Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wing protect me.

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-5. 18-20.
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Next Week: 30th Sunday Ord Time Yr B.

1st: Jeremiah 31:7-9

2nd: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at Baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?

Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be Baptised into his death. As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness.



**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

Trybooking links will be available when

Masses resume.



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.

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



PLEASE JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. *Members of our Parish continue to gather on Saturday at 3pm for an hour of praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary via zoom. Meeting ID: 278 901 2630, Password: 374 347.*

Altar Servers Ministry: With the easing of the restrictions Students across our three Schools and Sacramental Program will be celebrating their First Holy Eucharist. This is the sign that these children will participate in the life of the Church uniquely as their faith has grown deeper and deeper. There is a tradition in the Church that Children who have celebrated their First Communion are invited to assist the priest during Mass. Assisting at Mass is an opportunity for our children to share responsibility in the life of the Church and participating in the Liturgies provides opportunity for a deeper experience in their faith journey. By way of welcome and invitation, the Parish Team in discussion with our Child Safety Committee are re-introducing Altar Serving Ministry at our Parish. As we safely move forward from lockdown, children will be invited through an *Expression of Interest* to an **'Altar Servers: Come and See Day'**. Please stay tuned for more information to be involved in Altar Serving Ministry or register your interest now by emailing the Parish Office (merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au).

OCTOBER TRIVIA NIGHTS.

No prizes, just for fun, with a glass of wine or a cuppa.

Every Friday in October at 7pm

via ZOOM:

MEETING ID:

278 901 2630

PASSCODE: 374 347



REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM, 12th October 2021. **Emerging from COVID lockdown:** The Team discussed a number of complex issues relating to the arrangements that will need to be put in place as we begin to resume in-person celebrations of Mass and other sacraments. This is expected to begin in late October and early November. We are awaiting detailed advice from the State Government and the Archdiocese. Parishioners will be advised as soon as possible via email, website, and parish newsletters regarding issues such as vaccination status, use of Mass centres both indoors and outdoors, caps on numbers attending, and social distancing requirements. It is highly likely that we will need to resume the use of the Try Booking system and QR check-in for all events. We look forward to a gradual and safe resumption of parish life.

REPORT FROM THE PARISH CHILD & SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE MEETING. The committee met this past week to continue discussion on Risk Assessment, Analysis and Management, Volunteer role descriptions and responsibilities within the perimeters of the Victorian Roadmap and Archdiocesan Liturgical Guidelines. Fr Jude reported on the re-introduction of Altar Servers and together with the committee clarified how best to implement adhering to the legislative standards implemented through the Parish Child Safety Policies and Procedures. This will be further discussed at our next meeting on Thursday, 18th November at 7pm.

The First Assembly of the Plenary Council has come to a close with the Solemn High Mass at St. Stephen's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Melbourne Archbishop Peter Comensoli said "The Council's task is to reveal the face of Christ – a face that blends cultures, languages, ethnicities and histories". After a week of praying, listening, and constructive discussion, members of the Plenary Council are optimistic that development/change is coming. Archbishop Timothy Costello SDB, Plenary Council President, stated that the week of the First Assembly had been "inspiring, challenging and sometimes unsettling". The members will meet again for the Second Assembly in July 2022. The Council has stated that the time from now until then will be a time for "prayer, reflection, maturation and development'. **Please click** to read Concluding Statement of the Plenary. Please visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> to watch daily livestreamed Masses and public sessions. Let us continue to pray that the Holy Spirit who has begun the good works through the members of the Plenary Council will continue to completion.



'TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL'. Wednesday 20 October, 7.30–8.45pm 'Launch with prayer' with Fr Robin Koning SJ. More details at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=812085&>
LEADING A MISSIONARY PARISH: SIGNS OF HOPE. Thursday 21 October, 7.30–8.45pm. Topic: Signs of



Hope in Melbourne, featuring Melbourne parish leaders. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=810338&>

LOCKDOWN LIGHT, WEEK 7. Theology of the Body and Healing. Dr Bob Schuchts & Jake Khym discuss ways to receive healing and peace. Listen here <https://www.restoretheglorypodcast.com/episodes/3-tob1-introduction>



Getting to know your Bible: How do Scripture and Tradition work together? In this 3-minute video, hear how Scripture and tradition work together in the life of the Church. Watch at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kpdy4QJZ-GU>

Read this article <https://scripture.catholic.edu.au/index.php/home/foundations/catholic-teaching-on-sacred-scripture/>