



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

30th Sunday Ordinary Time. 24 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: Johnny Ah Kiau
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
We pray for those who are ill in our community: Charles Galea, Kathryn
Rockwell, Martina Johnson, Susanna Ah Kiau

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Next Week: 31st Sunday Ord Time Yr B.

1st: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

2nd: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made?

Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Or have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst?



**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

Please see below



**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.

WE'RE OPEN FOR GOD'S BUSINESS! It is very exciting to be in a place to be able to safely begin discussions and planning to open our Parish Community's Worship Spaces. This weekend we have brought together Parish Volunteers to attend Mass by way of acknowledging their generosity of self through a Spirit of Service over these months of the challenges we have met through the pandemic. Restrictions continue to limit the number of people allowed to come into our Community spaces for Mass.

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



FOR CELEBRATION OF MASS ON SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER AND SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER.

***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) *Max attendees 17. Limit of 2 tickets per booking*

5.30pm – Nazareth Centre Sat 30 October 2021 <https://www.trybooking.com/BVACG>

8am – Nazareth Centre Sun 31 October 2021 <https://www.trybooking.com/BVABY>

10am – Anawim Centre St Mary's Sun 31 October 2021 <https://www.trybooking.com/BVABR>

10.30am – Nazareth Centre Sun 31 October 2021 <https://www.trybooking.com/BVABP>

Bookings OPEN at 10 am MONDAY 25 October

Bookings for ALL MASSES IS REQUIRED



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: 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 at merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au.

SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE had a meeting on Wednesday 20 October. Discussions have begun about our Parish Christmas events—watch this space for more details.



CHILDREN'S WEEK: 23-31 OCTOBER 2021. Children's Week is a national celebration that recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children. It presents an opportunity to consider the conditions in society which affect the lives and future of our own children. **The theme this year is: Children have the right to choose their friends and safely connect with others,** drawn from Article 15 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. To celebrate Children's Week, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is taking this opportunity to reach out to parents, carers and children in our parishes to raise awareness to the issue of online safety. More details at <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>

THE CATHOLIC CONTRIBUTION. Lectures recommended by 2 parishioners to be a very good refresher on our Catholic beginnings. Professor John Haldane's lecture series explores the nature, development and self-understanding of Roman Catholicism and its contribution to the culture of Europe and beyond, not just historically, but through to the present day and into the future. More details at <https://sites.google.com/cem.edu.au/haldane/lecture-series>



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



Catholic Theological College. 2021 Knox Public Lecture. Thursday 4th November at 7.00pm – 8.30pm. **Professor Eleanor Bourke - Truth Telling & the Yoo-rook Justice Commission.** Bookings and Info: <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/knox-public-lecture/> Email enquiries: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Phone 9412 3333. Venue: online.