



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time. 29 August 2021. Year B.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu (Starting 8 September 2021)
Assistant Priest: Fr Jude Johnson
Parish Secretary: Margaret Stanford [Tues & Fri: 9am – 4pm]
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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: Shirley Dodman (mother of Lyn Wighton)

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Paul Cassar, Janet O'Connor

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

Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading:

Book of Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading:

Letter of St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Next Week: 23rd Sunday Ord Time Yr B.

1st: Isaiah 35:4-7

2nd: St James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate. Holiness: Contagion not Quarantine.

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from any-thing or any-person.

On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them body, mind and spirit, holistically, making *them* holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes 'holiness'.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.

We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.



**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.

Our new Parish Priest is Fr Hien Vu. We welcome him to our Parish on 8 September.

COLLECTIONS - If you would like to make a financial contribution to the parish, your ongoing support would be greatly appreciated.

First Collection: Presbytery Support of our Priests - Payable to: Mernda Whittlesea Parish BSB: 083-347 Account: 12 568 2420

Second Collection: Stewardship Envelopes - Payable to: Mernda Whittlesea Parish BSB: 083-347 Account: 12 690 3061 [please include surname and envelope no.]

We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Parish.

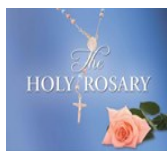
WEDNESDAY 9:15am MASS ON ZOOM. In order to keep us together around the

Eucharist as the source of Spiritual nourishment we are implementing 9:15am Mass on Zoom every Wednesday.

We will continue with this as long as the lockdown lasts. **Meeting ID: 846 2845 2198 and Passcode: 003 104.**

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.



Please join me in Praying the Rosary on 5 First Saturdays of the month commencing in September in reparation for our world. On **Saturday 4th September at 3pm** we will gather via zoom praying and meditating on the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. If there are announcements made next week by the Premier's Office regarding our current lockdown, it was decided we will meet via zoom for September. Details for the Rosary on **Saturday 2nd October** will be announced closer to that date. **Saturday 4th September ZOOM DETAILS:**

Meeting ID: 278 901 2630, Password: 374 347. Any further questions: contact via email sandy.starbuck@cam.org.au or phone the Parish Office 9412 8493.



The Parish Child Safeguarding Committee met this week to discuss a recent webinar attended by members. The Webinar, hosted by the Professional Standards Unit of the Archdiocese of Melbourne covered "Risk Assessment and Analysis for your Parish". We heard from different parishes across Melbourne and the method they each undertook to assess the risk to children and young people in various events and practise of that Parish.

As we move forward to a place where we can gather, particular members will be conducting a risk assessment to identify areas of risk at our weekend Mass in each community. To comply with criteria regarding the safety of children participating in the Sacrament Preparation zoom classes, Karen Bettinoti will join Sandy Starbuck beginning in September. Our next committee meeting will be 14th October.

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the 29th of August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, **Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor**, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. Please visit www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au to access the Statement.



We are calling for volunteers to join our **Care Call team** to ring Parishioners to say **Hello, R U OK?** –to let them know they are not alone. If you would like to join us please call Monique on 9412 8493, or email the Parish--a friendly voice on the other end of the phone is a reminder that each of us is important.

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



Lockdowns continue in NSW, Victoria and the ACT. "Once again the pavements on my daily walk are daubed with messages of hope, kindness and best wishes. If parents appreciate the break while the children are outside, know too that the messages are appreciated by those who walk past them. They invariably bring a smile, and help us to pay attention to what is around us. The Sunday readings this week make a similar point – 'they encourage us to pay attention to the ways in which the word of God truly influences how we live our lives'. This week we pray for all those

who are caring for coronavirus patients, all those who are isolating to protect families and the wider community, and especially for all those who are working to control the outbreaks". Michele Frankeni, *Australian Catholics* assistant editor.