



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER. DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.
24 APRIL 2022. YEAR C.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

The Parish Office open hours are Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm

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Nazareth Centre

(St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday 4pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8am and Sunday 10:30am

LIVE STREAM MASS Every SUNDAY 10:30am

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St Mary's, Whittlesea

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Confession/Reconciliation after

Tuesday & Thursday Mass at 10am.

Weekend: 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 9:15am

We pray for those who have died recently: Ravi Yesudasan, Annete Maureen, Dominica Mangano, Roy Cooke, Zara Bucknell, Sio Duffy

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jean Pinkston, Patrick Miller

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Frances Mendoza, Ray Bowman, Maryanne Zammitt, Vincent Orchard, Patricia Osborne, Nuccia Roks, Jenna Huynh, John & Vivian Sguerzi, John Foster, Faye Vandenberg, Michael Shew, Peter Kavanah, Malcom Cox, Ray Thompson, Bill Geralovski

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Next Week: 3rd Sunday of Easter. Year C

1st: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

2nd: Apocalypse 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples did not purge their group of 'doubting Thomas'. They remained his companions, waiting for something or Someone to be revealed to him with them.

Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story.

Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us.

How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He *is* those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress.

We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.



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.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli's Easter Message 2022: "THE ETERNAL DAWN".

In his Easter message this year, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli invites us to go out and meet the Lord, who is the 'dawn of a new creation'. As the Gospel tells us: Mary Magdalene, wrapped in grief and shock, dutifully went to attend to the dead body of Jesus, but what she encountered was the dawn of the risen Jesus – a light that broke into her darkened life.

More details at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/archbishop-peter-a-comensolis-easter-message-2022-the-eternal-dawn>

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR HEALTH & AGED CARE WORKERS

Sunday 1 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

The last two years have impacted all of us, but especially on members of the aged-and health-care service sectors. This Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for their ongoing care and **those working in these sectors are especially invited to attend.**

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday 22 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.



During the Easter Vigil our Parish witnessed Celia Evans and Jasdimple Gil receive into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please continue to pray for them over the Octave of Easter as they now enter the time of mystagogy - 'going deeper into the mysteries – that is, into the truths of the faith.'

If you know of a person who is seeking to know Christ, please ask them to ring the Parish mobile on 0448 101 401 or send a text and I'll get to you. Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate.



Our Parish Sacramental Preparation

Program is now accepting registrations for preparation for First Eucharist 2022.

Please apply for your child's preparation (minimum –grade 4) who attend the State Primary Schools within our Parish can register through our website, www.christthelightparish.org.au or by calling our Pastoral Associate, Sandy Starbuck - 9401 6324, or by email; sandy.starbuck@cam.org.au.

NEW Church Building Bank Account Details:

If you would like to make a Direct Deposit DONATION to the New Church Building account please use account details below:

BSB: 083 - 347
Acct No: 135 263 131
Name: New Church Building



Parish Office Relocation The parish office will be relocating effective **FRIDAY 29 April** to St Marys Pastoral Centre 2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea.

There won't be a newsletter 30 April/1 May as there will be considerable disruption during this time. We appreciate your understanding while we transition to our new location.

Please contact us via the parish mobile 0448 101 401 or via email merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au

FUNDRAISING EVENTS: All proceeds going to Christ the Light Parish New Church Building Fund

We are holding a **LEGO raffle**. Tickets are \$2 each.

The Raffle will be drawn on

Sunday 22 May at 10:45am

St Mary's, Whittlesea.



We are having the traditional **Election Day Sausage Sizzle** at St Joseph's School's Election Booth 44 Mernda Village Drive Saturday 21 May. This is another

opportunity to reach out to our broader community. If you are able to help on the day between 7:30am-10am, 10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm, or 2pm-4pm, please put your name and contact details on the clipboard provided at each of our communities.

ANZAC SERVICES across our Parish -Whittlesea RSL will host a dawn service at 6am at the Whittlesea Memorial Arch (near the swimming pool), with a march commencing at 2pm from the **Whittlesea Bowls Club** and finishing with the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial at the end of Church Street. Afternoon tea and refreshments will be offered at the Whittlesea Bowls Club at the completion of the march.

Doreen RSL sub-branch: services commence with a dawn service at 5.55am with a gun-fire salute, cnr. Painted Hills and Armidale Roads, Doreen – followed by breakfast and games of two-up at the Laurimar Sporting Complex. Please purchase your Anzac Commemorative Badge and pause on this day to remember all those who have given their lives so that we may live in freedom today.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 24 APRIL. St Francis of Assisi, 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park. 1pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Holy Rosary. 2:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. 3pm Holy Mass, Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image



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