



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

16th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME. Year B. 18 July 2021

Parish Priest: Fr Martin Ashe
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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: Albert "Bobby" Johnson

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Charles Galea, Suad Shisha, Tim Perrett

Entrance Antiphon:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: St Paul to Eph 2:13-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Next Week: 17th Sun Ord Time Yr B

1st: Kings 4:42-44

2nd: St Paul to Eph 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them.

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them.

In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

Dianne Bergant CSA



**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**

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.

The Premier has announced yesterday that Victoria will enter a snap lockdown for five days from 11:59 pm Thursday, 15 July 2021 to 11:59 pm Tuesday, 20 July 2021 unless otherwise notified.

Weekday and Weekend Masses including the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be not celebrated during this lockdown.

Sunday 10:30 am Mass will continue to live-stream on Our Parish Website and Fr. Martin will be the main celebrant.

Fr Martin's Farewell on this Sunday has been postponed and it will now be held on the following Sunday, 25 July at Anawin at 12.00pm if Covid restrictions allow us. Your booking will be carried over to then, if you are unable to attend on that day, please contact Parish Office or cancel your booking via TryBooking.

Please stay in contact with us either by email at merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au or call 9412 8493. Parishioners seeking urgent pastoral care, please call the Parish Office and leave a message. A member of staff will get back to you.

* Once Sunday Masses resumes Trybooking Links will be available on the Parish Website. Thank you for your understanding of the current arrangements. We look forward to staying connected with you over the coming days.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING was held on 13 July. Fr Martin advised that a new Parish Priest hasn't been appointed yet. We will have supply priests during the month of August. Fr Jude will be the celebrant for all of the First Eucharist celebrations to be held on 7th, 14th, 21st August.

* All 3 schools reporting a very optimistic and active program for term 3.

* A vote of thanks was given to Fr Martin for all his work for the PLT. Not just in forming the PLT but in its modus operandi. He has brought together the whole parish - communities and schools, into this group. Fr Martin has been most inclusive in seeking and hearing our views on important matters as well as offering his own advice. He is encouraging us in matters such as being a Mission Church. The good spirit and good will of the group emanates from him, and the great work of Chris Blake (who Fr Martin chose!), and above all the Holy Spirit which has been at the heart of what we do.



The Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Martin Ashe will be broadcast live from St Patrick's Cathedral on Channel 31 and the Archdiocesan You Tube Channel Saturday 31 JULY 10.30am

BECOMING CATHOLIC.

Have you ever considered this?
Has anyone ever invited you to join the Catholic Community?
Would you be interested? Would you like some questions answered?
If these questions reflect ones you may be asking of yourself – I would welcome the opportunity to chat with you.
Contact me by phoning **9401 6324/0402 984 525.**
Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL. To make a donation online go to catholicmission.org.au. A leaving collection will be at Masses next weekend 24/25 July if Covid restrictions allow us.

NAZARETH CENTRE SET-UP: Saturday 24 July at 4:30pm. Terry Wileman, Carmel Wileman, Ray Rosales.

DATE	MASS	QR CODE	READER	SANITISTER	EUCCHARIST	LAPTOP
24 July	5.30pm	Margaret S. Doris Muscat	Paul Newman	Ray Rosales Trish Bradshaw	Chris Blake	Charlie S.
25 July	8am	Bill Frilay Mick Audley	Ajith De Silva	Bill Frilay Mick Audley	Carmel Audley	Ruween De Silva
	10am	Lyn Mangoba Monique H.	Matthew M.	Lyn Mangoba Lyn Fraser	Mary Wood	Barry Kincade
	10.30am	Libano Dias Lasith Fernando	Lasith Fernando	Libano Dias Mary Diacono	Yvonne Dias	Al and choir