



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

6th SUNDAY EASTER. YEAR C.

22 MAY 2022.

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

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(St Joseph's Primary School)

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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 9:15 am

We pray for those who have died recently: Raymond Bowman, Sam Coleiro, Monina Sanchez

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kevin O'Brien, Barry O'Brien and Brendan O'Brien

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Maryanne Zammit, Vincent Orchard, Nuccia Roks, John & Vivian Sguerzi, John Foster, Faye Vandenberg, Michael Shew, Peter Kavanah, Malcom Cox, Ray Thompson, Bill Geralovski, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald, Anna & Sarah De Souza, Daniel Tawil, Jenna Huynh, Fr Brendan Dillon, Patricia Osborne

Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Responsorial Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading: Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Next Week: Ascension of the Lord. Year C

1st: Acts 1:1-11

2nd: Eph 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

God's home is where the heart is.

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target.

This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel.

'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I *will make our home* with that person.' It is not in *outer* space, but in *inner* space that Divine Love will make a home.

What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink.

When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us.

Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly.

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Acct No: 135 263 131
Name: New Church Building



Live-stream Mass will **NOT** be streamed Sunday 22 May.
Thank you for your understanding.

Communion Service ONLY

9:15am Wednesday 25 May

St Joseph's church, Plenty Road, Mernda

PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS: Applications are being accepted for our Parish Sacramental Catechetical Program. If your child attends one of the State Schools within our Parish, please go to our website, www.christthelightparish.org.au and complete an application form and Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate will contact you.

Welcome to Children's Liturgy



At present, gathering our young Parishioners for Children's Liturgy isn't possible, please take home one of the Children Worksheets which are available each week in our communities! REMEMBER: Parents are the first faith teachers – rise to the challenge and take a few minutes to share Sunday's Gospel teaching with your children.

Mary Help of Christians has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844 and her feast day is celebrated on 24 May. "Mary helps Christians to pursue their highest priority, which is, without exception, our readiness to serve the divine love". For more details, please read the article at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/the-marian-heart-of-the-church>



NORTHERN REGION MASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS. Sunday 29 May. Good Shepherd Parish. 88 South Circular Rd, Gladstone Park. **5:30pm – 7:30pm.** Get together with other young people from the local area for Mass, dinner and a conversation with Bishop Terry Curtin. This will be an awesome opportunity to meet other young Catholics from across the North and share with Bishop Curtin your hopes, dreams and expectations for the future of the Church. More details can be found at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/northern-region-mass-for-young-adults>



The annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on **Saturday 28 May.** It is an opportunity for men to visit the seminary, hear from the students and staff, and to celebrate Evening Prayer with Archbishop Peter and join him for a BBQ dinner. If any men over 18 years old are interested, please contact the parish office.



SAINT JOHN PAUL II. 18 May is the 100th anniversary of the birth of Saint John Paul II. Karol Wojtyla, his original name, was born on 18 May 1920, in Wadowice, Poland. He became Pope John Paul II in 1978 and he passed away in 2005. He was declared a saint in 2014. "From Heaven may he continue to intercede for the People of God and peace in the world", Pope Francis said, according to Vatican News.

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. Saturday 28 MAY at 4:30pm. Chris B, Terry W, Carmel W

DATE	MASS	WELCOMER	READER	EUCARIST	LAPTOP
28 May	5.30pm	Chris B.	Trish B.	Chris B.	Liz B.
29 May	8am	Biju K. Neeta K.	Leader: Alessandro Reader: Sr Maureen	Anthony F.	Carmel A.
		John O.	Leader: Matthew M	John O.	Barry K.
	10.30am	Vanessa C. Silence M.	Leader: Paul N. Reader: Vanessa C.	Silence M.	Al and choir

Thank you to all of our volunteers. We wouldn't be able to celebrate weekend Masses without your help.