



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Third Sunday of Easter Yr B 14 April 2024

Parish Priest: Fr Hien Vu

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

Assistant Priest: Fr George Hogarty SSC
Pastoral Worker: George Thommana
Finance/Admin: Monique Heckmann [Tue, Wed, Thur: 9am – 4pm]
Sacraments: Contact Parish Office [Phone 03 9412 8493]
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Nazareth Centre, Mernda (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
Children's Liturgy EVERY Sunday 10:30am

St Mary's, Whittlesea

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757
Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am
Confession/Reconciliation after
Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am Mass.
Weekend Mass: Sunday 10am

St Mary's, Kinglake

124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd Kinglake 3763
Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:30am

St Joseph's, Mernda

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754
Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15am
Weekend Mass: Sunday 5pm

We pray for those who have **died recently**:

And for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time: Ravi Yesudasan
Susan Jacintha, Annete Maureen, Mary Murin Perera, Lionel Gamlath

We pray for those who are **ill in our community**: Peter O'Brien, K.P Abraham,
Indika Fernando, Lalaka Peiris, Maria & Joseph Ah Kiau, Gina Wherrett, Oliver
Gordon, Susan Stocks, Neth Mercado

Entrance Antiphon:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise,
alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading:

1 John 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when
you speak. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 24:35-48

Next week: Fourth Sunday Easter Yr B

First: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Second: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

A reflection...

"To err is human, to forgive Divine".

This famous quote by Alexander Pope is as simple as it states. As humans, we are prone to making mistakes and missing the mark. Sometimes knowingly, and other times unknowingly. What remains unchanging is the openness of our Father, through our Saviour, to continually offer forgiveness and reunite us to Himself. Do we recognise when we have erred? Do we sincerely seek God's forgiveness? How challenging is it for us to forgive each other 'seventy times seven'?

In the second reading, we see how forgiveness is an ongoing action to restore us to God. He welcomes us back again and again when we repent. But at the same time, we are told that if we **truly know God**, we should keep His commandments. Our actions should reflect the relationship we have with our Father and each other. Jesus summed up the commandments into two simple parts: Love the Lord your God (with every part of you) and love your neighbour as you love yourself. As we continue to walk our life journey, we may sometimes falter. Remaining true to seeking the fullness of knowing God and hence trying our best to steer clear of what is wrong in God's eyes, will allow God's love to be perfected in us. It is this same love that will allow us to forgive 'seventy times seven' as Jesus instructed. In the Gospel, Jesus graces his disciples with peace and understanding of the scripture. One key message he imparts is that *"repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations"*. How blessed are we to be part of the nations that now witness this message today!

We are set free from the bonds of sin through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Are we any closer to truly knowing God?

Laetitia Malusu

Weekly Quote

*The Prayer of
the Frog*

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Disciple: What's the difference between knowledge and enlightenment?
Master: When you have knowledge, you use a torch to show the way. When you are enlightened, you become a torch.

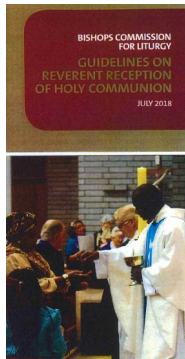
Christ The Light Parish Presents :

Mothers Day Fundraising Dinner Dance

11th MAY 2024 FROM 6PM TO 11:30PM

St Mary's Primary School Hall
2-20 Fir Street, Whittlesea, Vic 3757

TICKETS - ADULTS \$35
CHILDREN 2-12 \$15



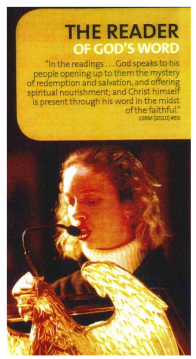
Ministry Training Sessions - Leader, Reader, Eucharistic Ministers

If you volunteer on the Ministry roster you are invited to attend a Ministry Training session **after** mass next weekend at the Nazareth Centre

Saturday 20 April 5.30pm and Sunday 21 April 8.00am and 10.30am

Copies of Reverent Reception of Holy Communion and Reader of God's Word are available from the back of the church. We encourage you to take a copy home with you today.

*Please confirm your attendance and preferred mass time to the parish office on 0448 101 401 or merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au by **THURSDAY 18 April***



BUNNINGS MERNDA BBQ SATURDAY 4TH MAY 8.30am TO 4.00pm

Once again we have been given the fantastic opportunity to raise funds for our New Church Building by hosting a BBQ at Bunnings.

We need volunteers for 2-hour shifts, and the more shifts filled, the smother the day will run.

We have sign up sheets, at the rear of each Mass Centre, for your name, phone number and preferred time slot. These days help promote the Parish presence in the neighborhood, as well as being a great way to get to meet other parishioners, whilst having fun working together for an united cause. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Project Compassion
- It is now time to

return your Project Compassion box or envelopes

Thank you for your continued support through the 2024 Project Compassion Appeal. You can still donate through Project Compassion by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413



New CHURCH Building Account Details:

If you would like to make a Direct Deposit DONATION* to the New Church Building account.

BSB: 083 - 347

Acc No: 135 263 131

*Any donation made to this account is NOT tax deductible as we are a Not For Profit organization



Join the CTL parish WhatsApp group for regular parish news updates. QR Code also available on the parish website www.christthelightparish.org.au

MINISTRY ROSTER: 20 / 21 April

[W] Welcomer [L] Leader [R] Reader [E] Eucharist [LT] Laptop

10am - Whittlesea: [W] Warner B, Maureen E [L] Moira T [R] John O [E] Michelle J [LT] Barry K

NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP: 4:30pm Saturday Month of APRIL Team B: Ajith Fernando and Team

Nazareth Centre Ministries New Roster Platform

<https://www.christthelightparish.org.au/Document/rosters>

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.

