



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time. Year A. 26 July 2020

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Nazareth Centre (St Joseph's Primary School)

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Weekend Masses: Nazareth Centre:

Sat. 5:30 pm Sun. 8 am Sunday 10:30 am

Children's Liturgy each Sunday 10.30am

St Mary's

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Weekend Mass: Sunday 10 am

Children's Liturgy each Sunday 10am

St Mary's

124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd Kinglake 3763

Weekend Mass Sunday 8:30 am

St Joseph's

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am

*We pray for those who have died recently: Angela Peritore
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Lionel Gamlath, Murin
Perera, Susan Jacintha
*We pray for those who are ill in our community: Janna Stewart**

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who
unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to
his people.

First Reading: Kings 3:5,7-12

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading:

St Paul to Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth, you have revealed
to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Next week: Yr A 18th Sun Ordinary Time

First: Isaiah 55:1-3

Second: St Paul to Rom 8:35,37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Gospel Reflection:

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

Dianne Bergant CSA

UPDATE FOR PARISHES COVID-19.

We have to abide by stage 3 restrictions again for at least 6 weeks. **All Masses in our Parish have been temporarily suspended for 6 weeks or until further notice.** **We are still permitted to have our Live Stream Mass**, as has been the case from the very beginning.

LIVE STREAM SUNDAY 10:30AM MASS Can be accessed at the Home Page of our website. **PARISH WEBSITE:**

www.christthelightparish.org.au

Please note that the Mass remains on the website and is also available to watch at anytime on that day.



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.

LETTER FROM FR MARTIN AND FR SHYMON. Parishioners have been sent a letter by email, those without email will receive the letter in their letterbox shortly. The letter is on the home page of our website. The school families from St Joseph's, Mernda, St Paul the Apostle, Doreen, St Mary's, Whittlesea have received the letter via their school app.

THE PARISH SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE had a Zoom meeting on Tuesday 21st July.



The Parish Safeguarding Children and Young People Committee continue to review our policy and practices in the life of the Parish using the Self-Assessment Tool. We have now reviewed 7 of 10 National Catholic Safeguarding Professional Standards. Once we have completed the assessment tool it will be forwarded to the Archdiocesan Professional Standards Unit.

REMOTE LEARNING. During this time all of our Parish schools are involved with remote learning, including introducing the day with a prayer. At St Paul the Apostle, Doreen, this is the prayer from Year 1 and Year 2 Junior Remote Learning.

MACKILLOP'S VIRTUAL WELCOME FOR OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE THIS WEEKEND. www.mackillop.org.au

While most of Melbourne is in lockdown, MacKillop Family Services is throwing open its (virtual) doors to take part in this year's ground-breaking Open House Melbourne digital program. MacKillop's head office in South Melbourne was Victoria's first purpose-built Catholic orphanage and is one of the oldest former orphanages still standing in Australia today. We pray in the lead up to the Feast of St Mary MacKillop on 8th August.

LEADING A MISSIONARY PARISH. The online Zoom series continues.

Guest speaker, Dr Mary Healy, was leading a session entitled **'The hope that does not disappoint'**. One of the first three women to be appointed a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, Dr Healy has made it her mission to see renewal in Christian hearts everywhere. She is a professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and speaks regularly on topics related to Scripture, evangelization, healing and the spiritual life. This talk is available to watch on our website under **"Parish News"**.

The next Zoom session is on Thursday 30th July at 8pm-9:15pm. The topic is **'The father's heart: a vision for missionary renewal'** by Fr James Mallon. He is passionate about building parishes that prioritise the formation of missionary disciples. To register for this free event go to www.trybooking.com/BKDAZ

SUNDAY MASSES FROM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

Broadcasting the Sunday Mass on TV has been essential during this time of COVID-19, especially for those in our community with limited internet access. A reminder that the 11am Sunday Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral will continue to be broadcasted on channel 44 on digital TVs.

A Daily Prayer For You To Share

Dear God,

Before we begin our learning today, let us take some time to pray. Help me God to be kind and strong, to know what's right and to know what's wrong. Remind us to care for each other like sisters and brothers, in my work and while I play, be with me God throughout the day.

May God give us; light to guide us, courage to support us, love to unite us, now and forever.

Amen.