



## CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 15 August 2021. Year B.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Hien Vu (Starting 8 September 2021)  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Jude Johnson  
**Parish Secretary:** Margaret Stanford [Tues & Fri: 9am – 4pm]  
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**Website:** [www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au)

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 10 am

*We pray for those who have died recently:*

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Simon Soares, Lionel Gamlath, Murin Perera, Susan Jacintha

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

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

#### **First Reading:** Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

#### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 44:10-12, 16

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

#### **Second Reading:**

St Paul to Corinthians 15:20-26

#### **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

#### **Gospel:** Luke 1:39-56

#### **Next Week: 21st Sunday Ord Time Yr B.**

1st: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

2nd: St Paul to Eph 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

#### **GOSPEL REFLECTION.**

Every individual of the human race, male and female, is made in the image and likeness of God. (Genesis 1:26). We can celebrate Our Lady's Assumption in light of this basic principle from the creation story. Mostly we are tempted to reverse this process and try to shape God in our own image and likeness. Naturally we have a limited concept of our Creator. How we cling to the notion of a docile God, who will grant our wishes if only we ask him in the right way; or an indulgent God who will turn a blind eye on the double standards in our lives; or a vengeful God, whom we obey only out of fear. To test the quality of our faith we might wonder, Do my ideas resemble Mary's vision of God, especially as in today's gospel when she says, "My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."

Mary combines sincere worship of God with deep joy in his presence, in the spirit of the advice given to the early Christians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17). In her Magnificat, Mary is enraptured by God, she does not ask anything for herself, she is not worried about the future; she thinks only of the goodness of God up to the present moment, and of the gratitude she owes to God. In her we have the supreme example of someone totally captivated by the love of God. In this sense, she is the fairest of all God's creatures.

First of all the saints, she is the handmaid, the willing and joyful servant of the Lord. She lived solely for God and therefore God, who cannot be outdone in generosity, gave her the fullness of grace. Now just as Jesus did not abandon us when he ascended to heaven, so Mary has not been separated from the Christian community by her Assumption, but remains for each of us a sign of hope. We are called, like her, to share in the fullness of Christ's glory. She is the model and guarantee of all that the believer hopes to become in heaven. We pray today that we too may be found worthy to come to that place in heaven which God has prepared for those who love him.

**Association of Catholic Priests.**



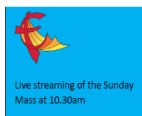
**We are a Child Safe Parish.**  
**We hold the care, safety and well-being of children, young people and vulnerable adults as a central and fundamental responsibility of our community.**

### **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](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au)



### **THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

### **Tuesday– Friday 9am-4pm.**

During lockdown you can still 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.

**Our new Parish Priest is Fr Hien Vu.** We welcome him to our Parish on 8 September.

**COLLECTIONS** - If you would like to make a financial contribution to the parish, your ongoing support would be greatly appreciated. However, if your present circumstances make this difficult for you we completely understand. Below are the account details for the First Collection [Presbytery] and the Second Collection [Stewardship Envelopes] if you would like to make your contributions directly.

**First Collection: Presbytery Support of our Priests** - Payable to: Mernda Whittlesea Parish BSB: 083-347 Account: 12 568 2420

**Second Collection: Stewardship Envelopes** - Payable to: Mernda Whittlesea Parish BSB: 083-347 Account: 12 690 3061 [please include surname and envelope no.]

*We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Parish.*

During lockdown our places of worships are closed. Weekend and weekday Masses will not be celebrated.

**Sunday 10:30 am Mass will continue to live-stream on Our Parish Website**  
[www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au).

Once Sunday Masses resume  
 Trybooking Links will be available on the Parish Website.

**BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE: SATURDAY 28 AUGUST.** The Parish will take part in the Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Mernda again on 28 August. This will be both a reach out to the wider community and also a fund raiser. If you would like to assist us with this event, please call Bill Frilay on 0410 479 257.



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION.** The first person in the Gospels to proclaim Jesus was Mary, his mother. She remains, more than 2000 years later, the most popular Christian saint. She is the most influential woman in history, and the most loved. Read the full article at <https://cathnews.com/cathnews/172-draft-11/41838-time-to-reassess-mary-the-first-christian>



**THANK YOU to our Parish Communication Team.** We would like to make a big THANK YOU shout-out to our Parish Communication Team. They keep updating the Parish News to all our parishioners and the wider community via the website and live streaming Mass. We would especially like to thank Malou Leone who updates us with the Parish News via our Website, and George Thommana and Lasith Fernando who bring Sunday Mass to all of us at this time via live streaming. May God continue to bless all of you.



**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.**



**ENGAGING YOUR FAITH.** Catholic Theological College Melbourne is offering a series of short sessions online via Zoom. Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you for just \$20 per session, running 21<sup>st</sup> August to 16<sup>th</sup> September. Booking, payment and further information: [www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/](http://www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/)

**NAZARETH CENTRE SET-UP. SATURDAY 21 AUGUST at 4:30pm:** Chris Blake, Dianne M, Margaret Stanford

DATE	MASS	QR CODE	READER	SANITISTER	EUCCHARIST	LAPTOP
21 August	5.30pm	Chris B. Doris M.	Ray R.	Ray R. Ernie M.	Trish B.	Liz B.
22 August	8am	Carmel A. Mick A.	Michelle B.	Biju K. Neeta K.	Dianne M.	Maya E.N.
	10am	Lyn M. Moiria T.	Matthew M.	Lyn M. Joan P.	Lynne F.	Barry K.
	10.30am	Libano D. Yvonne D.	Silence M.	Libano D. Laetitia M.	Silence M.	Yvonne D.