



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday. Year A 7 June 2020

Parish Priest: Rev Martin Ashe
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Nazareth Centre (St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754

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: Helen Reading, George De Abreu, Tony Caruso, Bernard (Bernie) O'Loughlin

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Nicholas Serritelli

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Kerrie Densley, David Buttigieg, Guia Go

Entrance Antiphon:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

Responsorial Psalm:

Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading:

St Paul to Cor 13:11-13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Next week: Corpus Christi Year A

First: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16

Second: St Paul to Cor 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Gospel Reflection:

Painting the Picture of God

When he was crucified Jesus uttered: 'It is finished.' What had finished? His earthly ministry during which he painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, so intimate that the Church needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short.

God is pulsating, shimmering light, dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other. God is 'Being-In-Love' and love is always relational.

'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? Because of the ministry of Jesus Christ, we know what that really means. We are made to live in relationship – not in solitary.

If we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient/autonomous, that leads to a hellish existence. When we live with as much self-giving as is possible, we are on the way to a heavenly existence.

We could pause for a moment to give thanks for the revelation of the nature of God, and consequently of the true nature of human beings.

Fr Michael Tate.

PARISH WEBSITE: www.christthelightparish.org.au

LIVE STREAM SUNDAY 10:30AM MASS Can be accessed at the Home Page of our website. Please note that the Mass remains on the website and is also available to watch at anytime on that day. It will be an opportunity for all of us to join in the Eucharist, allowing us to be united to Christ and to one another as our community of Christ the Light. Physically, we may not be present to one another but spiritually we do join one another across the parish as the one community so that our faith in Jesus Christ can be a source of strength and hope for us all.

VIRTUAL MORNING TEA will meet straight after the Live Stream Mass through the Zoom app. If you would like to be a part of this initiative, please call Robert Williams (Ph. 0403 303 470) or **Join Meeting ID number** 580 909 8622 and **Password** 8ZdmNa This is a great way to connect with some of our Parishioners.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC. If you would like to follow up on other news in our Catholic community, please visit the website www.melbournecatholic.org.au

COVID 19 GUIDELINE UPDATE. The new Government update allows **no more than 20 people** at the celebration of Mass. As you would appreciate there are strict conditions in place. These include collecting of contact details of those attending (for the purposes of contact-tracing if it becomes necessary), strict monitoring of numbers (20), ongoing hygiene requirements and respecting social distancing protocols.

For the Parish of Christ the Light we will have our Masses on **Thursdays 11th, 18th June 9:15am at St Mary's, Whittlesea** (No more than 20 people can attend). Also the **Live Streaming Sunday Mass on 14th, 21st June at 10:30am at St Mary's, Whittlesea** will be open for 20 people to attend.

In order to address the limit of 20 people at any one time in attendance, people will need to **ring the Parish Office (9412 8493) on Tuesday or Wednesday between 9:30am-4pm** giving their name, phone number, and email and stating your choice of Mass. You will be notified by Parish staff either by return phone call or email confirming your attendance for the Mass. Until such time that restrictions are lifted to a significant level for our Parish worship, the overwhelming majority of our community will continue to rely on our **live-streaming Mass**. At this time this is a most important and valuable spiritual resource through which our people can participate.



First and Second Collection at Sunday [Live Stream] Mass. If you have requested and been confirmed to attend Sunday Mass with the Parish Office and would like to make your contribution to the First Collection [Presbytery] and Second Collection [Stewardship envelopes] you can do so by placing it on the marked plates as you exit the church.



VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNE AND JULY MASSES

Christ the Light Parish continues to ensure our Church spaces meet the guideline protocols regarding sanitising and the recording of contact details of each person who attends Mass and our Church ceremonies. As we continue moving forward into the lifting of some of the restrictions relating to social distancing, we are required to have volunteers at each Thursday and Sunday Mass for sanitising of hands upon entry and for checking the contact details of each person. (For the purposes of contact-tracing if it becomes necessary). This will be the practice as we progress into offering baptism on Sundays through to end of July at 12.30pm and 2pm at St Mary's Church, Whittlesea. Two volunteers will be required for each ceremony time. If you would like to assist us with this please contact the Parish Office on 9412 8493.



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.



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE OFFERED TO DELIVER OUR PARISH NEWSHEET TO HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO OUR WEBSITE. **WE NEED A FEW MORE HELPERS TO GET NEWS OF OUR PARISH LIFE TO THOSE WHO WITHOUT IT, MAY CONTINUE TO BE DISTANT FROM US SPIRITUALLY AS WELL AS PHYSICALLY.** PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP - We have a list of addresses of those who aren't on email for delivery of the newsheet. You can choose to do as many or as few as you wish. We appreciate your generosity in offering your time to reach out to others in this way. **Call the office - 9412 8493** as we will be contacting all volunteers with addresses early next week for our first 'newsheet letterbox drop!' Thanking you in grateful anticipation!

BACK TO SCHOOL. Students and teachers were reunited in our Parish schools, St Joseph's, Mernda, St Paul the Apostle, Doreen and St Mary's, Whittlesea. The first phase of the return to classroom teaching began Tuesday 26th May for students in Prep, Years 1 and 2. The older students, years 3,4,5,6, will return to school on Tuesday 9th June. Please keep the children and families in your prayers.