



## CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

### Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time. Year A. 28 June 2020

**Parish Priest:** Rev Martin Ashe  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Shymon Thekkekalathungal  
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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: Josefina Andaya, Johnny Ong  
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
We pray for those who are ill in our community:*

#### Entrance Antiphon:

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**First Reading:** Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

#### Responsorial Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

#### Second Reading:

St Paul to Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 10:37-42

#### Next week: Yr A 14th Sun Ordinary Time

First: Zechariah 9:0-10

Second: St Paul to Rom 8:9,11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

#### Gospel Reflection:

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

**Dianne Bergant CSA**

### **UPDATE FOR PARISHES COVID-19.**

As you would be aware, we had hoped to be opening up these last few days and this Sunday for Mass with 50 people. That is not the case now, given the increase in the infection rate within our Victorian community and the new restrictions that have been put in place. As a result, we will maintain our present situation by having Mass on **Thursday morning at 9:15am at St Mary's, Whittlesea** with up to 20 people and on **Sunday morning at 10:30am at St Mary's, Whittlesea with up to 20 people.** We will also maintain our live streaming Mass at 10:30am which will remain on our website and is available to watch at any time on that day. These guidelines will remain in place for the time being.

**LIVE STREAM SUNDAY 10:30AM MASS** Can be accessed at the Home Page of our website. **PARISH WEBSITE:**  
**[www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au)**

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



**LETTERBOX DROP.** We thank our volunteers for being prepared to deliver our Parish Newsletter to our Parishioners who are house-bound. This week we will be organizing for this to commence. We will be calling on our volunteers this week to help us.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR MASSES AND BAPTISMS.** When we open up further for Masses and Baptisms, we will need assistance in order to continue to meet our hand sanitising requirements and checking contact details. If you are able to assist us on a roster basis as we go forward, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact **Parish Office 9412 8493.**



**NOTE FROM CHAIR OF PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:** As we are all only too well aware these are difficult times for us in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. While restrictions are beginning to ease it is still only a very small number of Parishioners who can gather to celebrate our Sunday Mass. This situation has also impacted on our parish finances. At this time if you are still able 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.] Thank you **Barry Kincade** – Chairman Parish Finance Committee

*\*the next batch of Stewardship Thanksgiving envelopes will be forthcoming.*



***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.***

**STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS and ENVELOPES have been prepared for COLLECTION** Receipts and envelopes are available for collection from the Parish Office on TUESDAY or FRIDAY next week. If you are confirmed to attend Mass we can have them taken to St Mary's for collection. If you could deliver a neighbors envelopes that would be appreciated, and it would save the parish on postage, we may need to request letterbox drop volunteers to. If you pay via Credit Card or Direct Debit you should have received your receipt via email last week if not please contact the parish office 9412 8493. Thank you Monique

**Credit Card Contributors** - please contact the parish office on 9412 8493 or email **[merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au](mailto:merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au)** if there has been a change to your card details e.g.: expiry date, new card. Your contribution cannot be processed without up to date information. Thank you Monique.



**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2020** for First Eucharist children will commence on Tuesday 30 June via Zoom. By using this digital format we can maintain our connection with families. This preparation will continue for the foreseeable future. Currently we are unable to say when the celebration of First Eucharist will be taking place. When that does become more clear – we will be ready to celebrate! Any questions about the Sacramental Program for children, please contact the Parish Office 9412 8493.



**ST PAUL THE APOSTLE SCHOOL, DOREEN** celebrated the Feast of St Paul, the Apostle on Friday 26 June, the last day of term 2, with a Feast Day Prayer Liturgy. The children wore casual clothes and gave a gold coin donation for the Annual St Vinnie's Winter Appeal. We are grateful to the children and their families for their act of kindness.