



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

PENTECOST SUNDAY. Year B. 23 May 2021

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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 2nd & 4th 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 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays 10 am

*We pray for those who have died recently: Loudes Peiris
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Regina Ganlath
We pray for those who are ill in our community: Margaret Hecker, Charles Galea, Frances Lock*

Entrance Antiphon:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of Apostles 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 103:1, 29-31
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Next Week: The Most Holy Trinity. Yr B

1st: Book of Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

2nd: St Paul to Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA.

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

Whittlesea - ST MARY'S



Mernda - NAZARETH CENTRE



Kinglake - ST MARY'S





**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.**

**Next weekend SUNDAY 30 May
10.30 am will be our LAST LIVE
STREAM MASS**

which can be accessed at the Home Page of the parish website.

www.christthelightparish.org.au



**The Parish Office is open
Tuesday—Friday**

If you would like to 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.



A few days ago I was appointed by Pope Francis as an Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne. The announcement took me by surprise and all I can say is that I was humbled by the appointment from Pope Francis. He has put his trust in me in serving the Church's mission in the world and in particular, here in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, making God's love come alive for people. I accept this new challenge with the help of God's grace accompanying me into the future. I would appreciate it if you could keep me in your prayers during this time.

MANDATORY Victorian Government QR Code Registration at Places of Worship

On Friday 28 May, the Victorian Government made it mandatory for all Places of Worship, venues and facilities to use the Government Approved QR Code check in system. You will notice **NEW QR Codes** at the entrances of our Mass centres, these **NEW QR Codes** are also on the front of this newsletter. We ask that you continue to support the parish by checking in upon **ENTRY** using the **NEW QR Codes**, volunteers are available to assist you with your registration. We appreciate your patience and co-operation during this time.

Trybooking will also continue for the NAZARETH Centre Masses only during the month of June, this is due to an increase in the number of attendees. In order to attend Mass you will need to make a booking as there are still strict limits to the number of people who can attend. We appreciate your continued understanding of this situation.



This Pentecost Sunday we welcome and congratulate Gerrad Harper, into full Communion of the Catholic Church when he receives the Sacraments of Initiation. Join with us **after the 10.30am Mass**, to celebrate with Gerrad and hear his story of his personal encounter with Christ and the transformation he has experienced. Continue to pray for Gerrad and all those searching to know Jesus and to hear the Good News of our Risen Lord.

"Take the Way of the Cross", Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli's pastoral letter for Pentecost, reflects on the story of that long ago Pentecost in relation to "reimagining our local church as mission communities. Conversations have begun and information regarding this is available at www.melbournecatholic.org or take a copy of the letter available this weekend.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS. If you or someone you know, may be pondering about the Catholic Faith, invite them to contact us. We will be hosting an **Enquiry Gathering on Wednesday, 8th September, 7.30pm** at the Parish Office. For any queries prior, please contact me on **9401 6324. Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate.**

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION at 10am on Saturday 29 May 2021 at St Joseph's church, Plenty Road, Mernda.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK will be celebrated from 17-23 May and is a chance to acknowledge and celebrate the incredible effort of Australia's six million volunteers. We thank all of our volunteers at Christ the Light Parish who serve at all of our Masses.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, MERNDA. Our St Joseph's Caritas, Mini Vinnies and Social Justice leaders co-ordinated the initiative of collecting donations for the COVID Crisis in India. The money which we raised will directly be sent to Caritas India. We had an extremely positive response from our generous community. **The total was \$295.60.**

LEAVING COLLECTION TO ASSIST INDIA'S COVID FIGHT. Many of our parishioners have come to us from India, a country that is experiencing a catastrophic COVID wave. If you would like to make a contribution towards the current efforts undertaken by Caritas Australia in India, there will be a **leaving collection at Masses on 29/30 May.** Please continue to pray for all people affected both those locally and those who are the most marginalised and vulnerable communities in India. Details and online donations can also be made at: <https://www.caritas.org.au/news/latest-news/australia-sends-support-to-india-as-country-struggles-to-contain-massive-second-outbreak-of-covid-19/>