



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

The Most Holy Body And Blood Of Christ. Year A. Sunday 14th June 2020

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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:

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*We pray for those who are ill in our community: *Guia Go**

Entrance Antiphon:

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Second Reading:

St Paul to Cor 10:16-17

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Next week: Yr A 12th Sun Ordinary Time

First: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Second: St Paul to Rom 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

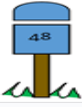
Gospel Reflection:

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

Dianne Bergant CSA

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.



LETTERBOX DROP - 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 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 CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP -

We have a list of addresses for 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** and we will contact volunteers with addresses for our first end of the month 'newsheet letterbox drop'! Thanking you in anticipation!

CARE CALL GROUP We currently have a number of volunteers who are making calls to parishioners as a part of our 'Care Call Group', which has been very successful and well received. However we still have a number of parishioners on the list that have yet to be contacted. If you would like to volunteer to be a 'Care Caller' please contact the parish office and leave your details or for more information. This is designed to reach Parishioners who may feel isolated at this time. This proposed initiative is a way of extending a caring presence amongst us and beyond.



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 move forward into July, we are hoping to have more Masses celebrated in our Parish, including Baptisms at 12.30pm and 2pm at St Mary's Church, Whittlesea. The need for volunteers to assist us with our Covid-19 protocols will continue to be necessary during this time.

If you would like to assist us with this please contact the Parish Office on 9412 8493.

CELEBRATION OF MASS. For the Parish of Christ the Light we will have our Mass on **Thursday 18th June 9:15am at St Mary's, Whittlesea** (No more than 20 people can attend). Also the **Live Streaming Sunday Mass on 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 stating your choice of Mass. You will be notified by Parish staff either by return phone call or email to confirm.



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.

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.



Report from the meeting of the Parish Leadership Team, 9th June 2020

Parish Website. The team discussed the importance of the parish website as a vehicle for communication and maintaining connection between parishioners. It is also a 'door' through which we welcome parishioners and enquirers into the life of our Christian community. Parishioners are urged to not only make good use of it but to inform friends and neighbours of its existence and its usefulness. A reminder that the web address is: christthelightparish.org.au

Reach out initiatives. The parish continues to reach out to all parishioners at this time in order to ensure that people do not feel isolated and to address any needs that may be expressed. A team of volunteers has been involved in the 'Call care' program, and other initiatives include the live streaming of Sunday Mass, the virtual morning teas, the Thursday evening rosary, and the physical distribution of the newsletter to those who may not have internet access. Please refer to the latest parish newsletter if you would like to assist with any of these initiatives. We are most thankful for the efforts of many parishioners during this time of isolation and lock-down.

Residence for our priests. The construction of a home for our priests is now well under way in Bassetts Rd. Doreen. There are a number of photographs of the building progress on the parish website. All going well the house should be completed by the end of this year. This will mark the first step in the development of a parish hub on the site at the northeast corner of Bassetts Rd and Eminence Blvd. Doreen.