



## CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH  
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

### Nazareth Centre (St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday 4pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8am and Sunday 10:30am

**LIVE STREAM MASS Every SUNDAY 10:30am**

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### St Mary's, Whittlesea

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Confession/Reconciliation after

Tuesday & Thursday Mass at 10am.

Weekend: Sunday 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

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am

Weekend: Sunday 5pm

## 21st Sunday Ordinary Time.

### 21 August 2022. YEAR C.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Hien Vu

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Simeon Anthony

**The Parish Office open hours are Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm**

**Parish Secretary:** Margaret Stanford [Tues & Fri: 9am – 4pm]

**Pastoral Associate:** Sandy Starbuck Tue, Wed, Fri [9401 6321]

**Sacraments:** Contact Parish Office [9412 8493]

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*We pray for those who have died recently:* Jean Smith, Christiano Cortez

*And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:* Dr Rowena Trino

*We pray for those who are ill in our community:* Nuccia Roks, John & Vivian Sguerzi, Jenna Huynh, Vincent Orchard, Patrick Anderson, Angela Barilari, Bill Geralovski, Paddy & Eileen Fitzgerald

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 66:18-21

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 13:22-30

**Next Week: 22nd Sun Ord Time. Year C.**

First: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20,28-29

Second: Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

## GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment.

Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.

Dear Friends,

This weekend we welcome Jeff Miller, a deacon with the Salesians, who is preparing for ordination early next year. Jeff will join the parish team for the remainder of the year as part of his preparation for priesthood. Jeff has provided the following short bio for our information. We note that he has experience and qualifications as a musician!

"Jeff Miller is a deacon with the Salesians of Don Bosco, awaiting ordination to the priesthood in February, 2023. Jeff grew up in Coburg, the third of four children, and attended primary school at St. Fidelis Moreland, then secondary school at St. Joseph's Pascoe Vale/North Melbourne. He went on to study two years of a music degree, before working as a professional musician for seven years. Jeff joined the Salesians at Clifton Hill in 2013 after a long affiliation with their youth centre in Brunswick and holiday camp in Dromana; he is currently completing his Masters of Theology at CTC in East Melbourne, and the final year of his music degree. Jeff has a passion for cooking, long drives, and 7-eleven coffee. "

Let us all walk with Jeff at this special time of his journey! **Fr Hien**

**NEW Church Building Bank Account Details:**

If you would like to make a Direct Deposit DONATION to the New Church Building account please use account details below:

BSB: 083 - 347  
Acct No: 135 263 131  
Name: New Church Building



**First Eucharist Celebrations.**

During the month of August children from across all schools in the Parish, will receive for the FIRST time, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. As we are all reminded of the life giving presence of Jesus we receive at Eucharist, may we take this opportunity to rekindle our prayer life and make time to be still with our God. Pray for these children and their families that they may continue to love Jesus with their whole hearts and forever live faithfully.

**CAKE STALL ON FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND: SATURDAY 3 AND SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER.**

- \* All proceeds (donations) go towards the building of the new church.
- \* All cakes, biscuits, etc need to have a list of ingredients with them. Especially if they contain NUTS (this must be clearly labelled).
- \* They are to be on a paper/plastic plates and covered in food wrap or a freezer bag.
- \* Items like cupcakes/biscuits are to be put in a group of approx. 2 - 6 and offered as a unit, not a single item.
- \* Anything with cream or custard must be refrigerated until just before being put out.
- \* Donations of items can be taken to any of our Masses when we will hold the cake stalls after each Mass on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 September.



**St Mary's Primary School, Whittlesea.** Trivia Night on **Friday 26 August at 7pm. \$20 per person.** The night will be professionally run, for ages 15 +. BYO food and drinks (including alcohol). Bring along some cash for the key raffle. Call the school office to organise your tickets: 9714 9999

**Invitation to Day Retreat on 'Growing Missionary Disciples'**

All parishioners and friends are invited to the St Francis of Assisi Parish Retreat to be held on Saturday 27 August. 8.15am – 3.30pm at Loyola College, 325 Grimshaw Street, Watsonia. The Retreat will be presented by Lorraine McCarthy & the Archdiocesan Proclaim Team. \*Cost: \$5 \* Lunch - bring your own lunch \* Tea & Coffee provided \*Booking Essential – RSVP please by phone: 9407 6700 or Email: [Ruth.Lees@cam.org.au](mailto:Ruth.Lees@cam.org.au)

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY EVENING. Celebrating Women's Strengths.** Guest Speaker - Sr Nicole Rotaru RSM

St Francis of Assisi Parish hall - 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park. 6pm – 9pm on Friday 16 September. \$25 per head includes two course meal. RSVP 08/09/2022 To book please go to the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=941463&> or call the parish office on 9407 6700

DATE	MASS	WELCOMER	READER	EUCARIST	LAPTOP
27 August	5.30pm	Lanka E. Savain N.	Leader: Chris B. Reader: Evmin N.	Paul N.	Liz B.
28 August	8am	Mick A. Anneston A.	Leader: Mary D. Reader: Sr Maureen	Carmel A. Roy J	Ryan J.
	10am	Bernadette S. John F.	Leader: Lynne O Reader: Xander B.	Tracey K.	Barry K.
	10.30am	John O. Angelo I.	Leader: Vanessa C. Reader: Bella T.	George Snr	Al and choir

**NAZARETH CENTRE SET UP. Saturday 27 August at 4:30pm.** Carmel W, Terry W, Ray R, Ushmani F

Thank you to all of our volunteers who bring Christ the Light Parish to LIFE!