



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Palm Sunday. Year B. 28 March 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: Abelino Pajinag, John Tissizis, Pappachan Joseph Puthussery

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Lionel Gamlath, Murin Perera, Susan Jacintha, Denise Lumsden

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Mark Lockwood

Entrance Antiphon:

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

First Reading:

First: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

My God, my god, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading:

St Paul to Phil 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Chris became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

Next week: Yr B Easter Sunday

First: Acts of Apostles 10:34, 37-43

Second: St Paul to Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Looking on from a distance

There is great hostility in the story we have just heard, all of it directed against Jesus. There is the hostility of the chief priests, of the Roman soldiers, of those who passed by and jeered as he hung from the cross. Alongside the hostility of those who rejected Jesus, there is the failure of those who had been closest to him. His disciples all deserted him and fled; Judas betrayed him and Peter denied him publicly. Yet, there were a few people who responded to Jesus in that dark hour faithfully and nobly. There was the anonymous woman who in an extravagant gesture of love and respect anointed the head of Jesus. Then there was the Roman centurion, who looked on as Jesus died and exclaimed, 'this man was son of God'. Joseph of Arimathea took the bold step of going to Pilate to ensure Jesus had a dignified burial. The women disciples who looked on from a distance noted where Jesus was buried and went away to prepare spices to anoint his body at the earliest opportunity. All of these people men and women saw Jesus with eyes of faith and love.

The story we have just heard invites us to identify with those who saw Jesus with the eyes of faith and love, who recognized the light of God in the darkness of Jesus' passion and death. When we look upon the passion and death of Jesus with such eyes, we see a divine love that is stronger than sin, a divine light that shines in all our darkneses, a divine power that brings new life out of all our deaths, a divine poverty that enriches us at the deepest level of our being. We have heard the story of Jesus' last journey told in the space of ten minutes. This Holy Week, the church invites us to travel that journey at a much slower pace, day by day as it were. We are invited to enter into that journey with the eyes of the anointing woman, the centurion, Joseph of Arimathea and the group of faithful women. We look beneath the surface of what is happening, we listen deeply to all that is taking place, so as to recognize the good Shepherd who laid down his life for us all, so that we might have life and have it to the full.

Association of Catholic Priests.



**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.**

LIVE STREAM MASS SUNDAY 10:30AM

Can be accessed at the Home Page of the parish website.

www.christthelightparish.org.au

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



The Parish Office is open

Tuesday—Friday

9am-4pm.

If you call the office **9412 8493** outside these hours, please

leave a voice message or email

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and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.



Holy Week and Easter

This year you are asked to assist us in the preparation of the Easter ceremonies by registering via [TryBooking](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au) link on our website (www.christthelightparish.org.au). This will ensure that as many parishioners as possible can attend each of the ceremonies in a Covid safe environment. Bookings are now open. If the liturgy you wish to attend is "Sold Out", please check availability at the Anawim Centre at St Mary's, Whittlesea. If you need help with the Trybooking, please call the office on 9412 8493 so that Margaret or Monique can make the booking for you.

TRYBOOKING Mass Links HOLY THURSDAY 1 April 2021 Open now. Bookings close 5pm Thursday 1 April

7.30pm Nazareth Centre Mernda Thursday - **FULLY BOOKED**

Anawim Centre Whittlesea Thursday 1 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVRI>

TRYBOOKING Mass Links GOOD FRIDAY 2 April 2021 Open now. Bookings close 1pm Friday 2 April

3pm Nazareth Centre Mernda Friday 2 April 21—**FULLY BOOKED**. Weather permitting, seats will be available outside in the green area. Please register using the QR code on arrival.

3pm Anawim Centre Whittlesea Friday 2 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVRK>

TRYBOOKING EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL - 3 April 2021 —**FULLY BOOKED**

TRYBOOKING EASTER SUNDAY - 4 April 2021 Open now. Bookings close 5pm Saturday 3 April

8am Easter Sunday Nazareth Centre Mernda 4 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVUC>

8.30am Easter Sunday St Mary's Kinglake 4 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVUF>

10am Easter Sunday Anawim Centre Whittlesea 4 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVUE>

10.30am Easter Sunday Nazareth Centre Mernda 4 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVUG>


EXTRA MASS: 12noon Easter Sunday Nazareth Centre Mernda 4 April 21 <https://www.trybooking.com/BQBOM>

NAZARETH CENTRE EASTER SUNDAY MASSES—Weather permitting, seats will be available outside in the green area.

Please register using the QR code on arrival.

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION will be held on Wednesday 31 March at 7pm and Saturday 3 April at 10am.

St Joseph's church, Plenty Road at 7pm.

 **Wearing Masks** are no longer mandatory in our worship spaces, however they are required to be worn when singing.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS—10am Nazareth Centre. **No Trybooking is needed.** Please register using the QR code on arrival.

GOOD FRIDAY Reflective Service – 10am WHITTLESEA. Due to Covid we are unable to have our usual Ecumenical Good Friday Walk or Hot Cross Buns. This year we welcome you to join us for a REFLECTIVE Service at 10am at the rotunda next to the Whittlesea swimming pool Walnut Street Whittlesea. All welcome.

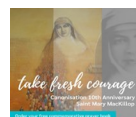
Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection is encouraged by Pope Francis. Through this collection, you will join Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

Project Compassion 2021. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



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MARY MACKILLOP PRAYER BOOK IS AVAILABLE. Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Mary MacKillop. **Registrations for mailing close on 7 April.** If you would like to receive your own free copy of the Prayer Book, please register your details at the website www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book