



## CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH  
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Year A 22 November 2020

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

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754

### St Mary's

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

### St Mary's

124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd Kinglake 3763

### St Joseph's

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754

*We pray for those who have died recently:*

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Philominay Joseph, Con McMaster

*We pray for those who are ill in our community:* Vivien Sguerzi, Joseph Buttigieg, David Buttigieg, Sajad Kolahdoz

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

#### **First Reading:**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5**

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

#### **Second Reading:**

St Paul to Corinth 15:20-26, 28

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

#### **Next week: Yr B 1st Sunday Advent**

First: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8  
Second: St Paul to Corinth 1:3-9  
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

#### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

What we notice in the gospel of the Last Judgement is how the list of actions is very ordinary and very human. There is nothing dramatic being spoken of. It is to feed the hungry, to provide a drink for the one who is thirsty, to welcome the stranger, to provide clothing for the naked, to care for the sick, and visit the one who is in prison. These are actions that address basic human needs. They are simple and practical. Traditionally they have been called the works of Mercy. To be responsive to those in need is to alleviate the human suffering of another and affirm the true dignity and worth of another.

The Judgement scene itself involves all the nations. The gospel message is not restricted to those who are people of faith and nor does it exempt those of no faith. There is this basic sense that each human being is living within a community of fellow human beings. We share a common humanity and can recognize and be affected by the suffering of another to affirm their true dignity and worth.

In many ways the Judgement scene itself has already revealed that a person's life has already being judged by their very actions. We as readers of the Gospel are being made aware of what the reign of God looks like on this earth. It is a call to cultivate an environment where all members of the human family can experience a sense of dignity and belonging. It is especially being committed to responding to those in difficulty and neglect around us. The life of Jesus is a true example of this.

For us as Christians this gospel draws us into a deeper appreciation of Christ presence in the world especially recognizing the suffering of Christ in the midst of the suffering of our brothers and sisters. When we are sensitive and responsive to the suffering of the other in whatever guise it is being revealed, we are responding to Christ. Indeed we are blessed when embrace the heart and the pathway of Jesus by helping to create a more humane and merciful world in the times we live in.

**Fr Martin Ashe, Parish Priest.**



**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](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



### **Parish Office Hours.**

During this time, the Parish Office is closed, however if you would like to contact the parish please call **9412 8493** and leave a voice message or email [merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au](mailto:merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au) and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.



### **WEEKDAY Mass Attendance Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 November**

Listed below are links to the weekday Masses if you would like to book a FREE ticket. All bookings for weekday Masses open on SATURDAY 21 November at 9am and close at 3pm the day prior. There is a limit of 5 tickets per booking during this time. Covid requirements when attending Mass can be found in 'Terms & Conditions'. *We strongly encourage you to call the Parish Office by 3pm the day prior to the weekday Mass you wish to attend if you require assistance with your booking: 9412 8493.*

**St Mary's Whittlesea Morning Mass 9.15am Tuesday 24 Nov 2020** <https://www.trybooking.com/BMYUB>

[Bookings open at 9am Sat 21 Nov and close at 3pm Mon 23 Nov]

**Nazareth Centre Mernda Morning Mass 9.15am Wednesday 25 Nov 2020** <https://www.trybooking.com/BMYUP>

[Bookings open at 9am Sat 21 Nov and close at 3pm Tue 24 Nov]

**St Mary's Whittlesea Morning Mass 9.15am Thursday 26 Nov 2020** <https://www.trybooking.com/BMYUT>

[Bookings open at 9am Sat 21 Nov and close at 3pm Wed 25 Nov]

**Nazareth Centre Mernda Morning Mass 9.15am Friday 27 Nov 2020** <https://www.trybooking.com/BMYVD>

[Bookings open at 9am Sat 21 Nov and close at 3pm Thurs 26 Nov]

### **Weekend Mass Attendance Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 November**

Bookings open TUESDAY 24 November at 9am and close on FRIDAY 27 November at 4pm. Limit of 5 tickets per booking Covid requirements can be found in 'Terms & Conditions'. *We strongly encourage you to call the Parish Office before 3pm Friday 27 November if you require assistance with your booking 9412 8493.*

**5.30pm Mass Nazareth Centre Mernda Saturday 28 November** <https://www.trybooking.com/BMZQZ>

**8am Mass Nazareth Centre Mernda Sunday 29 November** <https://www.trybooking.com/BMZQY>

**8.30am Mass St Mary's Kinglake Sunday 29 November** <https://www.trybooking.com/BMZRI>

**10am Mass St Mary's Whittlesea Sunday 29 November** <https://www.trybooking.com/BMZRM>

**10.30am Mass Nazareth Centre Mernda Sunday 29 November** <https://www.trybooking.com/BMZRO>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession** can be arranged by contacting the Parish Office by phone or email.

**CONFIRMATIONS 2020.** *This year has been a particularly difficult year, regarding the celebration of the Sacraments within our Parish community. This has affected our children and their families in their faith journey, however we have now been given the opportunity to at least celebrate one of those Sacraments in this latter part of 2020. All candidates will be confirmed by Fr Martin Ashe, who has been delegated by the Archbishop to confirm the candidates. As we are still under Covid 19 restrictions adjustments have needed to be made to the way we celebrate the sacrament, however it is still with great joy that we have been presented with this opportunity to confirm our children. Candidates from **St Joseph's, Mernda** will be confirmed on Tuesday 24th November, candidates from **St Paul the Apostle** will be confirmed on Tuesday 1st December, candidates from the **Parish Catechetical Program** will be confirmed on Saturday 5th December at the Nazareth Centre, Mernda and candidates from **St Mary's, Whittlesea** will be confirmed on Wednesday 9th December. Please keep our children and families in your prayers at this time.*

**21-29 November, SOCIAL INCLUSION WEEK** is a good time to reflect on how and why we include and exclude others, and the lasting effects of exclusion and rejection. All three qualities, *welcoming, discerning, courageous*, are necessary when accompanying young people with multiple disadvantage to engage confidently with society. To be welcomed can be a strange experience for people who have faced rejection at every turn since childhood. We might expect the welcome to be tested. We need to hang in. The road is worth walking because of the unique value of the persons whom we help to connect. More details can be found at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)



**Feast Day of St Cecilia, Patron Saint of Music (22 November 2020)** We give thanks for the ministry of our Musicians and Singers. In this year of pandemic, musicians and singers have felt keenly, the absence of singing and making music. We pray that they may be blessed by God to continue to praise him with their art. "Inspire us on this feast and every day until we join Saint Cecilia and the choirs of heaven, one in praise around your throne forever and ever. Amen." [From In Holy Harmony: Prayers for Parish Musicians by Alan J. Hommerding](#)