



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH
DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

1st SUNDAY ADVENT. YEAR C. 28 November 2021.

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Nazareth Centre (St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754
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
Reconciliation after Tuesday & Thursday
Mass at 10am.

Weekend: Anawim Centre 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 Outdoor Mass: Sunday 5pm

We pray for those who have died recently: Sr Elizabeth Costigan, Linda Cornelious

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Antony Bale, Shirley Coates, Lionel Gamlath, Murin Perera, Susan Jacintha, Vincent Orchard
We pray for those who are ill in our community: Kathryn Rockwell, Lucy Abolencia, Paula Caruana, Margaret Carter

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading: : Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading: St Paul to Thes 3:12-4:2

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Next Week: 2nd Sunday Advent. Year C

1st: Baruch 5:1-9

2nd: St Paul to Phil 1:3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope.

The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest.

What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.



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.

SUNDAY 10:30am Mass

will be our LIVE STREAM MASS

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

www.christthelightparish.org.au

Contact the Parish Office. 9am-4pm

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.

PARISH MASSES – Further easing of State Regulations and an update from the Office of the Archdiocese has lifted some of the restrictions on Mass attendance. **TryBooking is no longer required BUT** we continue to maintain the safety of our community setting a cap on attendees working within the DQ2.



ALL ATTENDEES WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED AND HOLD VERIFICATION OF THEIR VACCINATION STATUS ARE REQUIRED TO USE THE QR CODE UPON ENTRY AND THIS WILL BE CHECKED BY THE COVID SAFETY OFFICER.

Parents of children 12 years and younger are required to be fully vaccinated (verification required) and will be warmly welcomed to Mass. **MASS TIMES** (noting maximum capacity numbers):

NAZARETH CENTRE: Saturday 5.30am, Sunday 8am, 10.30am. **MAXIMUM 100**

ST MARY'S ANAWIM CENTRE: Sunday 10.00am. **MAXIMUM 150**

ST MARY'S CHURCH – KINGLAKE: Sunday 8.30am. **MAXIMUM 30**

OPEN OUTDOOR MASS: EVERY 5pm SUNDAY AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH [Plenty Road Mernda] We warmly welcome all those with undisclosed vaccination status to join us at our outdoor Mass. QR check-in is required upon arrival. Limit of 30 people.



Bunnings Mernda Sausage Sizzle—Sunday 28 November. Please come and support the Parish at our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle today.



ADVENT REFLECTION SESSIONS. THURSDAYS – 7pm. Zoom ID: 278 901 2630 and Passcode: 374 347. December 2, 9, 16 and **FRIDAYS following the 9.15am Mass – St Joseph's Church, Plenty Road** –December 3, 10, 17. A copy of our resource -“*Blessed*”- will be at each Mass centre for you to take home.



RCIA Enquirers will formally express their intention to follow the way of Christ at their Rite of Acceptance at our Parish Masses this weekend. Jasdimple Gill will be welcomed at the 5.30pm Saturday Mass with Anna Cook and Celia Evans present at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday. As community God calls us to respond in our apostolic mission to support them during the next stage of their faith journey. Please pray for Anna, Jasdimple and Celia as they continue their journey to full communion with the Resurrected Christ Jesus at Easter.



November and December will see the children of our Parish Community receive the **Sacrament of First Eucharist.** Please pray for them and their families as they are welcomed to the table of our Lord Jesus Christ.

VOLUNTEERS will be required at all of our Christmas Masses across our communities. More details will be given next weekend.

Help Needed!! Altar Linen Volunteers Nazareth Centre – An important part of the Mass is to have freshly laundered Altar Linen. If you are available to assist with collection, washing and return of the Altar linen after a weekend Mass, please contact the Parish office 9412 8493. If we get enough volunteers, we would like to be able to start up a roster. Many hands make light work!



Belated Priests Retirement Foundation Father's Day Appeal– Leaving collection at all Masses this weekend 27/28 November for the Annual Father's Day Appeal. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Sale of handmade Christmas cards and Rosary beads. Thanks to Kelly Andrews and Vanessa Carnevale for making and donating these. **Handmade covered coat hangers and hair scrunchies.** Thanks to Gloria Boulous for making and donating these. Perfect for sending to friends or as gifts. Available at Nazareth Masses this weekend. All proceeds donated to the church building fund.

DATE	MASS	WELCOMER/COVID SAFETY OFFICERS	READER	SANITISTER	EUCCHARIST	LAPTOP
4 Dec	5.30pm	Chris B, Doris M, Ernie M, Ray R	Trish B	Chris B Ray R	Ernie M	Liz B
5 Dec	8am	Mick A, Carmel A, Bill F, Anthony F	Carmel	Mick A Anthony F	Bill F	Carmel
	10am	Nuccia R, Dora B, Estalita B, John F	Angelo I	Dora B Estalita B	Mary W	Barry K
	10.30am	Libano D, Vanessa C, Malou L, Lanka E	Leader: Malou Reader: Lanka	Malou Vanessa	Libano D	Yvonne D