



# CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

## 11th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME. Year B. 13 June 2021

**Parish Priest:** Fr Martin Ashe  
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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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 10 am

*We pray for those who have died recently: Allan Roberts  
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Moira Anderson, Christie De Silva, Clarence and Hilda Gressieux  
We pray for those who are ill in our community: Margaret Hecker, Charles Galea, Frances Lock, Gloria Boulous*

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 17:22-24

#### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

**Second Reading:** St Paul to Corinthians 5:6-10

#### **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

#### **Next Week: 12th Sun Ord Time Yr B**

1st: Job 38:1, 8-11

2nd: St Paul to Cor 5:14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

#### **GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Sowing of the Seed By Fr Michael Tate**

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang of in the Magnificat)!

Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: 'Be patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush' (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the depths of stony ground of the tomb to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to a fair and just distribution of the world's resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germinating power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade'.

#### Whittlesea - ST MARY'S



#### Mernda - NAZARETH CENTRE



#### Kinglake - ST MARY'S





*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 30 May 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](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au)



**The Parish Office is open**

**Tuesday—Friday  
9am-4pm**

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.

**You must register via TryBooking to attend weekend Mass. The link is on our website:**

[www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au) Due to the government regulations, there is a maximum

number of **50 people allowed for Mass**. Please do not be late as the door is likely to be closed at the commencement of Mass. **5:30pm Nazareth Centre Sat 12 June** - <https://www.trybooking.com/BSCOW>

**8am Nazareth Centre Sun 13 June** - <https://www.trybooking.com/BSCOV>

**\*8.30am St Mary's Kinglake [Regional] Sunday 13 June** [Trybooking is NOT required and maximum of 33 people]

**10am Anawim Centre Whittlesea Sunday 13 June** - <https://www.trybooking.com/BSCOU>

**\*10.30am Nazareth Centre Sun 13 June** - <https://www.trybooking.com/BSCOR>

[this Mass will be livestreamed via Parish Website until further notice]

In addition to TryBooking for Weekend Mass **you must register with the QR Code as you arrive for Mass**. These codes can be found at the entrances of worship centres.

**Mask must be worn during Mass** for all over the age of 12 or a lawful exemption applies.



**Vinnies Winter Appeal 2021 will be held on the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021.** From food and financial support to clothing and utilities, you can take the pain out of poverty this winter. You can donate directly via the website: [www.vinnies.org.au/winterappeal](http://www.vinnies.org.au/winterappeal) or call 13 18 12 or leave a donation at the Parish Office, 9:30am-4pm Tuesday—Friday. **Please mark your donation** for either Mernda or Whittlesea.

**REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM, 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021. Mission Communities for the**

**Archdiocese of Melbourne:** Parishioners are encouraged to read the Archbishop's Pentecost letter "Take the Way of the Gospel" which is available on our parish website. In the letter Archbishop Comensoli has outlined a vision of how our communities of faith are to be revitalised so that we may better proclaim the Good News to all people in our parishes and broader communities. The aim is for our parish communities to be effectively resourced spiritually, ministerially and materially into the future. It is proposed to establish Missions throughout the Archdiocese which may consist of individual parishes or groups of parishes so that gifts and resources may be shared and to ensure the sustainability of our missionary communities. Recently a meeting was held for all the priests of the Archdiocese and a separate meeting was held for a lay representative from each of the 209 parishes of the Archdiocese. Our parish was represented at that meeting by Chris Blake. Over the next twelve months meetings of parish representatives across the four regions of the Archdiocese will be held to start planning for the development of this exciting new stage in the life of the Church of Melbourne. Parishioners will be kept informed of these developments.

**'Take the Way of the Gospel': Together we Pray.** You are invited to take up the invitation from Archbishop Comensoli to pray for our Archdiocese as we begin the journey of 'Take the Way of the Gospel'. To allow for differing availabilities, each week the same session will be run twice: **Wednesdays 7.30–8.00pm:** June 16, 23, 30 and July 7 & 14 [Zoom meeting link here](#) **Thursdays 12.30–1.00pm:** June 17, 24 and July 1, 8 & 15 (repeat sessions) [Zoom meeting link here](#) More details at <https://melbournecatholic.org/about/mission>

**'Take the Way of the Gospel'—Beginning the Journey.** In this online workshop, we will listen carefully to 'Take the Way of the Gospel' and ponder how we are each being called by the Holy Spirit into a renewed way of being in our local Church. Friday 18 June, 2pm–3:30pm or Tuesday 22 June, 7.30–9.00pm (repeat session) **Location:** Zoom.

**Registration via:** [www.trybooking.com/BRYSQ](http://www.trybooking.com/BRYSQ)



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI** on the 10th anniversary of his episcopal ordination. Ten years ago, none of us knew he would one day be the Archbishop of Melbourne, we are certainly grateful that this is where the Lord has placed him. More details can be found on the Facebook page: Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.