

# CHRIST THE LIGHT CATHOLIC PARISH



**St Mary's**  
124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd  
Kinglake 3763  
Weekend Mass  
Sunday 8:30 am

**St Joseph's**  
1490 Plenty Road Mernda 3754  
Weekday Mass:  
Wednesday and Friday 9:15 am  
Weekend Masses:  
St Joseph's Church Sat. 5:30 pm Sun. 8 am  
Nazareth Centre: Sunday 10:30 am  
Reconciliation 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 10 am

**St Mary's**  
2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757  
Weekday Mass:  
Tuesday and Thursday 9:15 am  
Weekend Mass:  
Sunday 10 am  
Reconciliation 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 10 am

**Parish Priest:** Rev Martin Ashe  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Shymon Thekkekalathungal  
**Parish Secretary:** Monique Heckmann  
[Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9.00a.m. – 4.00p.m]  
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**Pastoral Associates:** Sandy Starbuck Tue, Wed, Fri [9715 2455]  
Sr Margaret Ryan [Kinglake] 5786 1064  
**Baptisms:** Christine Hall [Mon & Tues]  
**Sacraments:** Contact Parish Office [9715 2455]

We pray for those who have died recently:  
Denise McKenney

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
James Peter McMahon, Eufemia Rosales

We pray for those who are ill in our community:  
Sabrina Geraldine Gaughan, Savinia Bouchereau,  
John Muscat

We pray for those who are welcomed onto our  
community with Christ this weekend:

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time                      Year B                      5 August - 2018

**Entrance Antiphon:**  
O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

**First Reading:** Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** 77  
The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:17,20-24

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** John 6:24-35

**Next Week 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B**  
**First Reading:** Kings 19:4-8  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:30-5:2 **Gospel:** John 6:41-51

**Reflection**

All four Gospels relate the miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand, which comes immediately before the passage we hear in today's Gospel, taken from St John. This text begins what is known as the 'Bread of Life Discourse' (John 6. 22-59), which we start today and will continue reading over the next two Sundays.

It is the morning after the night before, and the people go across the lake looking for Jesus – because, as he says, 'they have eaten all the bread they can eat'. Through dialogue, Jesus helps them to see that it is the Father who has always provided for them – a theme reinforced in the First Reading and Psalm.

Jesus also reveals something new to them: he himself is the sign they seek. Through his gift of living bread, he is offering them renewal of their minds and the ability to walk in the way of goodness and truth (Second Reading).

This week, let's give time for dialogue with the Lord that we, too, might respond to his desire to give himself totally to us, so that our deepest hunger and thirst may be satisfied.

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## Parish Events:



# Winter Wonderland Social



A parish and schools social evening.

To be held **NEXT Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>** at the **Anawim centre, St Mary's School, Fir Street, Whittlesea**. Starting from **6pm**.

In the format of a Spit Roast with a selection of nibbles, 3 meats, 5 salads, 3 desserts, bread rolls and potatoes in foil.

The cost of the evening is **\$25.00 for adults** and children over 12

**\$5.00 for children under 12 years old**.

Soft drink is available for purchase on the night but feel free to BYO any other drinks and glasses.

A variety of games and activities will be held on the night including, coin tosses and paper planes for the children.

Tickets available from Parish Office, each school and after each mass.

**As it is catered for we need it to be paid for THIS Sunday 5th August**

All proceeds will be put towards future parish costs.

It will be a great night with a large selection of food for a small fee. A evening full of fun, laughs and friendship. All welcome.



## Eucharist Presentation Masses This Sunday 5 August and Sunday 12 August

Children preparing for the  
Sacrament of Eucharist in our Parish  
will be presented with the

'Our Father' at **10am Mass,**

**St Mary's Church, Whittlesea** and the **10.30am Mass,**  
**Nazareth Centre, St Joseph's School Mernda.**

**EUSHARIST**

Next Wednesday 8 August all children will  
participate in a '**Retreat Day**' @ St Joseph's School  
Mernda, and on the same evening, families will attend  
a child/parent workshop @ 7pm St Joseph's  
school Mernda.

We ask that you continue to remember these  
children and their families in our prayers.

Our parish of **Christ the Light** was one of 4  
parishes from across the **Archdiocese** invited  
to present four parish representatives to

**Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli**

at his Liturgical Reception and  
Solemn Mass on **WEDNESDAY 1 August**.

The experience was described as

being: 'a great honour to represent all the people and parishes  
of the Northern Region of the Archdiocese. The liturgy was a  
wonderful affirmation of the unity and diversity of the Catholic  
faithful of Melbourne. The new Archbishop spoke with us  
briefly when we were presented to him and he came across as  
a warm and engaging person. In his homily he spoke about our  
shared role as missionary disciples which echoes the words of  
Pope Francis and has been taken up in our Parish Vision  
Statement. Overall it was a wonderful celebration'



**Next weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal.** As our  
parish's social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and  
relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support,  
education and school programs, and pastoral services.  
Donations from our parish community will help care for the  
most vulnerable families in our community.

**Whittlesea Community**

**SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION**

St .Mary's Church **SATURDAY 11 August @ 10am**

## Events Elsewhere

**Vocation Reflection - Constant in Faith** Archbishop Hart chose as his motto 'Constant in Faith'. For the past seventeen years he has shown us what it is to live this out. May his example, and our prayers and witness help many more young people to be future leaders of our Local Church in the vocations of married life, consecrated life or priesthood.

**TRUE NORTH** - Young Adults coming together in Faith and Friendship Second Sunday of each month 6.30pm-8pm St Monica's Symons Centre 820 Mt Alexander Road Moonee Ponds 18-35 year olds #FollowTrueNorth  
Next gathering **SUNDAY 12 August ALL WELCOME!!**

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING.** Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"** Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)



Christ the Light Parish has a commitment to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community