

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 1st & 3rd & 5th 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 2nd & 4th 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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Sacraments: Contact Parish Office [9715 2455]

We pray for those who have died recently:
Fr John Van Suylen

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Carmel O'Brien

We pray for those who are ill in our community:
John Muscat

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 12 August - 2018

Entrance Antiphon:
Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading: Kings 19:4-8

Responsorial Psalm: 33
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:41-51

Next Week 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B
First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20 **Gospel:** John 6: 51-58

Gospel Reflection

Living life to the full involves adopting the outlook of Jesus himself, For the Christian to fully live is to live “like Christ” and that means to live “in Christ.” What does this kind living look like? It’s a disposition of kindness to those around us, forgiveness of their annoyances and the ways they reject us, the ability to be tender-hearted towards anyone in need. It is a kind of living to which we would all aspire and even occasionally achieve, but it is a kind of living that needs constant support and nourishment if it isn’t to die out altogether.

We are greatly helped by the Eucharist to live in harmony with God’s will. This is where we receive the bread of life and are united to Christ, believing and listening to him. If our communion with him is real we have his own life within us and it will be something we need to share with others. Living the Christian life means living out what we have celebrate in the Eucharist. Without this frequent return to the bread of life it is difficult to keep the spirit of Christ alive in our hearts. Just as we need holidays, so we need spiritual renewal. Our Eucharist is a source of re-creation, a source of new life in us. Here we find new inspiration and vision through the Word of God. Here we can have our faith renewed and we are given the strength to live it out.

Catholic Association of Priests

Parish Events:



FEAST of the Assumption WEDNESDAY 15 August

Mass times in our Parish on Wednesday 15 August are as follows:

9.15 am Anawim Centre St Mary's Whittlesea

9.15am Nazareth Centre St Joseph's School Mernda

[There will be NO morning Mass @ St Joseph's Church]

12noon St Paul the Apostle school 80 Bassetts Road Doreen

7.30pm Nazareth Centre St Joseph's School Mernda

PLT [Parish Leadership Team] Meeting this TUESDAY 14 August 7pm St Mary's Whittlesea

Mernda Community

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION St. Joseph's Church SATURDAY 18 August @ 10am



This weekend is the **CatholicCare Sunday Appeal**. Donations from our parish community will help CatholicCare to support the most vulnerable people in our community. If you have forgotten to bring your donation with you, please take an envelope home and return it directly to CatholicCare.

Melbourne Catholic August Edition is available for purchase @ \$4 each. This issue features articles on both Archbishop Denis Hart and Archbishop Peter Comensoli

Eucharist Presentation Masses This 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 weekend will be the first of our 'First Eucharist' celebrations at St Mary's School Anawim Centre

Saturday 18 August 5.30pm and **Sunday 19 August 10am**

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

Please note there is still 5.30pm Mass at St Joseph's Church

Events Elsewhere

Archdiocese Media and Communications has had some enquiries as to where you can view the **Archbishop's Installation Mass**. A DVD will be available shortly. Videos and photos from the Mass can be found on the Melbourne Catholic website here: <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/> Or you can view the entire mass here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cYjUU03YBM You can also view just Archbishop Peter's homily here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFREREBpO3E&t=324s> The Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana reading the letter from Pope Francis announcing the Archbishop of Melbourne can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27C3dyCWKEQ&t=27s>

Vocations are our responsibility In one of his addresses in Broken Bay, Archbishop-Elect Comensoli reminded us that "a priestly vocation is a joint project of the individual, the faith community, and Christ" (August 2017). Let us pray for more vocations from our Local Church. May our prayers and witness inspire young men and women to serve in priesthood and consecrated life.

Write to Victorian senators to oppose euthanasia. The Senate will soon vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please contact your senators TODAY and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill. Visit the HOPE website to send your message <http://www.noethanasia.org.au/sign>

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



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