



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Third Sunday Ordinary Time. Year A 26 January 2020

Parish Priest: Rev Martin Ashe
Assistant Priest: Rev Shymon Thekkekalathungal
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Nazareth Centre (St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754

Weekend Masses: Nazareth Centre:

Sat. 5:30 pm Sun. 8 am Sunday 10:30 am

Children's Liturgy each Sunday 10.30am

St Mary's

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Weekend Mass: Sunday 10 am

Children's Liturgy each Sunday 10am

Reconciliation 2nd & 4th Saturdays 10 am

St Mary's

124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd Kinglake 3763

Weekend Mass Sunday 8:30 am

St Joseph's

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am

Reconciliation 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays 10 am

*We pray for those who have died recently: Arabella Dias, Esperenza Melgar
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Robin Espina Sr, Alfred
Camilleri, Austin Daley, Mary Buttigieg*

We pray for those who are ill in our community:

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

Entrance Antiphon:

I will praise you, Lord, among the
peoples, among the nations sing
psalms to you, for your mercy reaches
to the heavens, and your truth to the
skies.

First Reading: Isaiah 32:15-18

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord speaks of peace to his
people .

Second Reading: St Paul to Corinth
12:4-11

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth; you have revealed
to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:22-32

Next week: 4th Sun Ord Time Year A

First: Zeph 2:3,3:12-13

Second: St Paul to Cor 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Gospel Reflection:

AUSTRALIA DAY

South Land of the Holy Spirit

Australia is a place to which people have been attracted over the millennia to forge a new future. First, the original inhabitants coming down through Asia, and then the settlers, migrants and refugees of the last 220 years. (Of course, the convicts were a less voluntary part of the movement of peoples!)

Most were attracted by a vision of a different future, a future where human beings could relate to each other differently to the old order in Europe, and more recently in the Middle East or Africa or Asia or Central or South America.

People were and are prepared to take the risk of being dis-located, of re-locating because of that vision of a different future, particularly a future not determined by the violence of feud and warfare which had characterised their homelands for generations, centuries, and even millennia.

Those mapping expeditions gave us our name 'Australia'? De Quiros, the great Portuguese explorer of the 16th Century, set out on a quest for 'Terra Australia del Espiritu Santo', South Land of the Holy Spirit. Right from the start, the full title of our land was bound up with the Holy Spirit.

Fr Michael Tate.

2019 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM RESULTS. On behalf of my fellow priest Father Shymon, members of the Parish Renewal Program team and our entire parish staff, we want you to know how much we appreciate your presence and participation in our parish communities. It's been an eventful past two months and we would not have achieved our Program results without the engagement of parishioners who offered their time and God-given talents and financial pledge commitments. Effective 22 December 2019, Christ the Light Catholic Parish has pledged Stewardship income of \$2,809 per week (a 40% increase) from 204 givers, i.e. 171 existing and 33 new contributors. Your willingness to be part of our Groups and Ministries has resulted in 92 parishioners committing to help support everything that we do. Thank you all very much. With sincere gratitude, Fr Martin.

Parish Feast Day BBQ: Saturday 15th February 6.15 pm at St Joseph Primary School, 44 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda. A family BBQ to be held on the lawn area of the school grounds. Sausages and steak in bread, salads, cold cans of drink and sweets/desserts available for purchase. Coin toss and children's games, will be held, for all to join in and enjoy. (Don't forget to bring your gold coins for the coin toss). Bring your own alcohol, drinking glasses, picnic rugs or folding chairs. If anyone can donate any sweets/desserts it would be greatly appreciated, please remember to list ingredients for anyone with allergies. Looking forward to seeing you all there helping to celebrate our combined Parish feast day. Don't forget to pray for good weather.



We would like to thank the parish community for the generosity shown towards the National Catholic Bushfire Appeal, a total of \$2,940.40 was donated to SVDP! Donations can still be made on-line at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-vic>

COME! Experience a taste **of the First Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola!**

We invite you to a 'taster' evening of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius on Friday, 7 February at the Nazareth Centre, 7pm – 8.30pm. This evening will lead to the **First Spiritual Exercises** being offered during Lent, led by Annmaree Sutton and Anita Davine, who spoke to our Parish community in December. **Note your interest to attend on the clipboards located at the back of the church.** Any questions call: Sandy Starbuck, 9401 6322. Look forward to seeing many of you in February!



Thank you to all those who responded to God's invitation to volunteer in the various areas of Ministry within the Parish of Christ the Light. At present, we are processing the many Groups and Ministry Forms completed during our recent Parish Renewal Program. Details of Volunteer Induction including Training and Formation will be forthcoming. A 3 month roster was sent via email this week that includes the experienced volunteers in Ministry rostered on. Please call Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate, 9401 6322.



Christ the Light Parish welcomes the **Catholic families whose children attend schools other than Catholic** who are interested in their child preparing for the Sacraments of the Church, to contact us to discuss the **preparation program for 2020.** Preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** commences with a **Registration Evening on Wednesday 5 February, 7pm** – at the Nazareth Centre-St Joseph's Primary School, Mernda. For more information please call – Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate – 9401 6322.

Communication Meeting: Thursday 30th January at the Parish Office at 7pm.

Social/Fundraising Meeting: Tuesday 4th February at the Parish Office at 7pm

MERENDA COMMUNITY

Nazareth Centre Set up: Saturday 1st February at 4:30pm. Rob Williams, Liz Williams, Neeta Biju, Ray Rosales

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 1st February at St Mary's, Fir Street Whittlesea at 10am.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

2020 Strength in Weakness Conference. Saturday 15th February, 9am-6:30pm, 400 City Road Southbank (Planetshakers Centre). Encouraged by the message of Pope Francis that we are all called to be saints, the underlying theme of the conference is to rely solely on God's grace and strength—especially in times when your faith can be questioned and challenged. Guest speakers will include Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Fr Augustine Vallooran V.C, Lenyce Willason, Fr Ken Barker MGL and Lalith Perera. Everyone is invited to this free event.

For more information and free registration visit www.strengthinweakness.com.au



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.