



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time. Year A 9 February 2020

Parish Priest: Rev Martin Ashe
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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:

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ronald Cooling

We pray for those who are ill in our community:

We pray for those who are welcomed into our community with Christ this weekend: Sienna Abeyratne, Kiarah Abeyratne, Noah Smith

Entrance Antiphon:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading:

St Paul to Cor 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Next week: 6th Sun Ord Time Year A

First: Ecc 15:15-20

Second: St Paul to Cor 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-27

Gospel Reflection:

Salty and Radiant

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

Fr Michael Tate

Parish Events:



Parish Feast Day BBQ

NEXT 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.



CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASES: Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th February. Our young parishioners will be making their commitment for Confirmation at all Masses this weekend. Let us continue to support these Candidates and their families as they continue their Sacrament Preparation.



Tuesday Morning Mass, 11th February. It will be the opening school year Mass for St Mary's Whittlesea. Mass will be held in the Anawim Centre at 9:15am. Parishioners are also welcome.

PLT MEETING: Tuesday 11th February at 7pm. Please note that there is a change in venue to St Paul the Apostle, Doreen.

Liturgy Meeting: Wednesday 12th February at Mernda at 7:30pm.

MERENDA COMMUNITY

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 15th February at St Joseph's church, Plenty Road at 10am.

Nazareth Centre Set up: Saturday 15th February at 4:30pm.

Deepthi Fernando, Dinesh Fernando, Ushmani Fernando, Rosa Rinaldi, Maria Mathew



KINGLAKE FAMILY BBQ. This year's BBQ will take place on Friday 21st February, 6pm start for 6:30pm sit down. St Mary's church, Whittlesea/Kinglake Road, Kinglake. All are welcome.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE.

PARADE COLLEGE OPEN DAY. Sunday 16th February. Year 7 2022 enrolments now open.

10am-2pm Preston Campus, 8 Clifton Grove, Preston

10am-2pm Bundoora Campus, 1436 Plenty Road, Bundoora.

Register online at www.parade.vic.edu.au Phone 9468 3300

TRUE NORTH YOUTH GROUP LAUNCH PARTY. Sunday 16th February. St Ambrose Community Centre, 259 Sydney Rd, Brunswick. 6:30pm-8:00pm. Food and drinks provided. All young adults are welcome.

Event:bit.ly/TNLaunchParty Facebook:bit.ly/TrueNorthCatholic

CATHOLIC MISSION ST VALENTINE'S DAY HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER. Friday 14th February 4:40pm-7:00pm. Sofitel Melbourne on Collins, Fitzroy Ballroom, 25 Collins Street Melbourne. This event will support the war-ravaged infrastructure in Cambodia, address the gender imbalance by investing in education for women in Ethiopia and help the Eden Garden's children home in Nagaland, India. Cost:\$50 per person. Further details and registrations: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=582805>



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.