

The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

Revealing the Kingdom together!

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

2nd August 2026

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 55:1-3)

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:35. 37-39)

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Kyneton	6.00pm
Sunday Trentham	8.30am
Sunday Kyneton	10.30am
Sunday Blackwood	4.00pm
(2 nd Sunday of every month)	

Weekday Mass Times at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton

Monday (Communion Service)	8.00am
Tuesday	5.00pm
Wednesday (Communion Service)	8.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	9.00am

Weekday Mass Times at St Mary

Magdalen, Trentham	
Wednesday	10.00am

Parish Office Address

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Administration

Admin: Leanne Maynes

Accountant: Genevieve Conlan

Tues & Thurs 9.00am – 4.00pm

Outside of these hours, please leave
a message and your call will be
returned.

Parish Liaison (Trentham)

Rosalie White

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School

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Sacred Heart College

Principal: Dr. Darren Egberts

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Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 14:13-21)

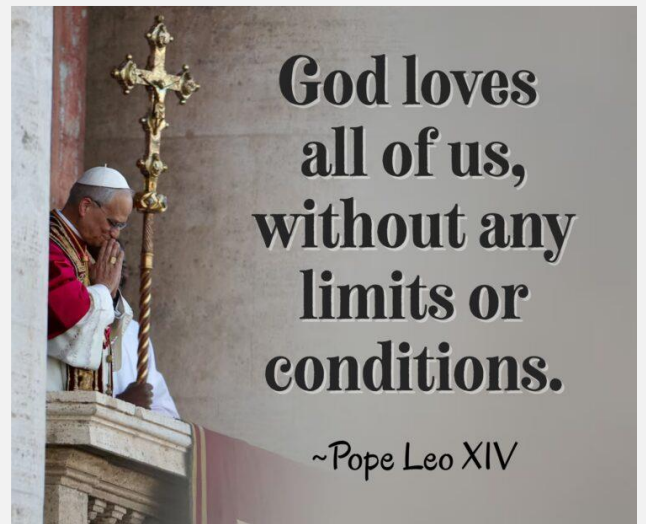
When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord



Thought of the Week



From the desk of the Parish Priest.



This is the final instalment of the Caritas Australia summation of Pope Leo's encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*.

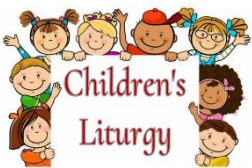
The person.

Pope Leo believes that what makes us human is our flaws, our shortcomings. None of us is complete on our own. We are frail and mortal. AI is set up to achieve perfection. This is not human.

Our relationship with life seems to be in crisis today. Everything that appears as a "limit" — incapacity, illness, old age, suffering, vulnerability — tends to be seen primarily as a defect to be corrected, rather than as a reality through which our humanity matures and opens itself to relationship. And yet we must remember that humanity flourishes not despite limitations, but often through them. The light of faith offers a perspective on reality that helps us recognize what we call the "contingency" of the things of this world. (MH #118)

What makes us special. Leo expresses this in an exquisite passage: *So-called artificial intelligences do not undergo experiences, do not possess a body, do not feel joy or pain, do not mature through relationships and do not know from within what love, work, friendship or responsibility mean. Nor do they have a moral conscience, since they do not judge good and evil, grasp the ultimate meaning of situations, or bear responsibility for consequences. They may imitate language, behaviour, and analytical skills, or even simulate empathy and understanding, but they do not understand what they produce, for they lack the affective, relational, and spiritual perspective through which human beings grow in wisdom. (MH #99)*

Children's Liturgy during Sunday Morning Mass this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary



Our Lady of the Rosary Church on the 1st Sunday of the month, our Children's Liturgy will be held during 10.30am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton Sunday 2nd August 2026. All Children are welcome!!!

Our Lady of the Rosary Fundraising

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kyneton, have joined the **Combined Catholic Parish Raffle for 2026** to help us raise funds for our upcoming parish projects. **Tickets are now available to purchase after all Kyneton Masses for the next three weekends. A table will be set up at the rear of the church. Don't miss out, tickets are limited!**

Raffle draw: Saturday, 5 December 2026 at 7.00 pm

Location: Holy Trinity Parish, 844 Centre Road Bentleigh East

Ticket price: \$2.00 each

Great prizes to be won! See attached flyer for prizes

PARISH GROUPS

We are grateful for the generosity of those who contribute to the following groups

The Parishes of Kyneton & Trentham Finance Committee

Fr. Declan
Deacon Joe
Lindy Priest
Andrew Banks
Byranna Sandercock
Tim Walsh

'a Parish Council to advise the Parish Priest on financial governance and financial management'

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr. Declan, Deacon Joe
Alice Walsh
Damien Sandercock
Jackie Robson, Janet Sullivan
Josephine Rutledge
Darren Egberts, Carol Bracher
'a Parish Team to work with the Parish Priest and support all Parish groups'

St Mary Magdalen's Op Shop

Volunteers Always Welcome



Bridge Street
Trentham

Phone: 0457 476 629

Cooks Who Care

Meals for those in need...

A foodbank of frozen meals is kept at the Parish Office for anyone in need who calls. If you are in need and would like a meal please contact the Parish Office.

Monthly Cuppa & Chat

Every 1st Wednesday of the month at 11.00am
At Kyneton RSL
Everyone Welcome
Contact: Brenda
0408 571 578

St Mary Magdalen's Church Cleaning Group

This month: Georgina B
Volunteers always welcome
Contact Parish Office

Grounds Maintenance

This month: Kevin & Jenny Flanagan
Volunteers urgently needed with general clearing, mowing and Weeding. Contact Parish

We Care: For Help of Any Sort

Kyneton:
Liz: 0424 259 500
Dorothy: 0411 454 258
Trentham:
Janet: 5424 1830

Preloved Pedlar

Volunteers Always Welcome
136 Mollison Street
Kyneton
Phone: 5422 7134
Email
prelovedpedlarolr@gmail.com

Scripture Study Group

Every Thursday at 2.30pm for 1 hour in the side chapel – Our Lady of the Rosary – Kyneton
Contact Terry Summers on 0448 341 272 for further details.

Flower Arranging

Volunteers Appreciated.

If you would like to assist with this in any way.

Contact Parish Office.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 01/08/2026 – Woolworths BBQ fund raiser
- 01/08/2026 & 02/08/2026 – Cuppa after Mass at both Parishes
- 02/08/2026 – Children's Liturgy during 10.30am Mass at OLR - Kyneton
- 07/08/2026 – Anointing of the Sick during 9.00am Mass at OLR - Kyneton

Monthly Cuppa & Chat

Our Monthly Cuppa & Chat will be held next Wednesday 5th August 2026 at 11.00am at the Kyneton RSL. All Welcome.



Parish Financials

Profit and Loss Statements for both parishes are available at the Parish Office.



Priest & Presbytery by Direct Debit

Anyone not already contributing to the 1st Collecton – Parish Clergy and 2nd Collection- Parish Upkeep expenses who would like to contribute may do so by direct debit to the accounts below:-

Our Lady of the Rosary Presbytery Kyneton

BSB 083 347 Account 678241473

Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kyneton

BSB 083 347 Account 678889421

St Mary Magdalen's Presbytery Trentham

BSB 083 347 Account 842535335

St Mary Magdalen's Church Trentham

BSB 083 347 Account 451603919

Please use your surname as the reference.

A Special Thank You...



Thank you to the **Watts Family** who kindly donated \$500 to go towards the raising of funds for the AV System in memory of their loving mother **Dorothy Bourke** whose first anniversary was on 27th July 2026

The Parish team would like to offer their sincere apologies to the Watts family for not placing the tribute in last weekend's bulletin.

Feast Days this Week: Monday 3rd August – St Dominic, Tuesday 4th August – St John Vianney, Wednesday 5th August – Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major, Thursday 6th August – Transfiguration of the Lord & Friday 7th August – St Sixtus II & Companions.

Next Week's Rosters: 8th August 2026 & 9th August 2026

	Saturday 6.00pm Kyneton	Sunday 8.30am Trentham	Sunday 10.30am Kyneton
Introduction & The Prayers of the Faithful:	Mary Donovan	Gloria Brown	Scott Atkin
Readers	Mary Elsum Jackie Robson	Janet Sims	Terry Morley Andrew Banks
Special Ministers	Michael O'Sullivan	Deacon Joe	Lucy Atkin
Counters	3 rd August 2026	Jackie Robson & Brenda Marschall	
Flowers - Kyneton	6 th August 2026	Betty Cornthwaite & Ylone Fernand	
Flowers/Cleaning – Trentham	August 2026	Georgina B	
Bulletin Folding:	August 2026	Bev & Kevin Lynch	



IN OUR PRAYERS

We continue to pray for the sick in our parish, including Bill Gallagher, Adrienne Ryan, Mary Eppingstall, Sara Little, Mark Hunter, Matthew Lynch, Catherine Manning, Oliver and James Mendes, KJ Meldrum, Joseph Hickman, Jenny Bowe, Mary Welch, Dan O'Brien and Audrey Turks.

We pray for those who have died recently including Sister Carmel O'Dwyer, Flo O'Sullivan and Aileen Moloney (Sisters of Mercy) Denis Denker, Fiorena Miranda, and Michael Brown and and we pray for those who have died in any war torn countries.

We also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time including the Patricia (Trish) Bowe and Dorothy Bourke.

Baptisms

Are arranged by appointment with the Parish Priest.
Baptisms are usually last Sunday of the Month.

Marriages

Arranged by appointment with Fr Declan at least 6 months in advance.
Brochure and Booking Form available from Parish Office after initial discussion with Fr Declan.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30am-10.00am & 5.00pm – 5.30pm

Child Protection Compliance Notice

The Combined Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham, together with the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults. Any issues relating to Child Safety, please ring 0478 850 754

CUPPA AFTER SUNDAY MASS THIS WEEKEND AT BOTH PARISHES – ST MARY MAGDALEN'S & OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after Masses this weekend at both Parishes. All welcome.



Fundraising for OLR Church AV (audio visual) system.

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted at our inaugural Sausage Sizzle a Woolworths today. Your efforts were greatly appreciated by all.

Also, a huge thank you to everyone donating bottles and cans through our CDS recycling collection. Please keep them coming. Look for the 10c refund, usually near the barcode, and drop them in specially marked bin behind the church in Kyneton. So far we have raised \$120.80. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

We celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at Kyneton Mass on Friday morning 7th August at 9.00am.

The Combined Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham community warmly welcomes visitors and new parishioners. We invite new parishioners to introduce themselves to Fr Declan, fill in the information sheet found on the table at the back of the church and place it on either collection plate or contact Leanne directly at the Parish Office on (03) 5422 1261

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