

SECOND SUNDAY OF
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The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

Revealing the Kingdom together!

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Year A

7th December 2025

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. (R.)
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)
4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. (R.)

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 15:4-9)

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The Word of the Lord

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

Tuesday	5.00pm
Thursday	9.00am
Saturday	9.00am

Word & Communion Service at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton

Friday	9.00am
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Weekday Mass Times at St Mary

Magdalen, Trentham	
Wednesday	10.00am

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Administration

Admin: Leanne Maynes

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Tues & Thurs 9.00am – 4.00pm

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

Parish Liaison (Trentham)

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Gospel Acclamation: Luke 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

**Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 3:1-12**

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Thought of the Week

Nothing can bring you
peace but yourself.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON



**From the desk of the
Parish Priest**



As we progress a little further into Advent this week, I am finding the Advent reflections of the Sisters of Mercy of the Mercy international Association helpful, as a means of focusing on the "reason for the season"

My piece this week is composed by Brenda Drumm

"Advent is a season of waiting. Yet, if I'm honest, waiting doesn't come easily to me. I find myself impatient, rushing through the days, checking the calendar, counting down to Christmas. There is a tension in this season too between longing and presence, between the desire for joy now and the invitation to embrace the pause.

We live in a world that moves quickly, where we are encouraged to embrace instant gratification as the only option, especially at this time of year when even our traditional Advent Calendar is competing with all sorts of commercial and beauty advent calendars.

Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "arrival" or "coming".

Advent reminds us that some things cannot be hurried. We cannot rush the turning of the season, the unfolding of God's promise, or the growth of our hearts. There is beauty in the pause, in the quiet accumulation of hope and expectation. Yet I admit: I still catch myself trying to skip ahead, trying to leap from the waiting to the celebration, from the longing to the fulfilment."

Fr. D

Parish Notice:



Choir Practice for Christmas

Our enthusiastic choir welcomes singers or musicians to an enjoyable practice in the Church at 6.00pm on Thursday 11th and 18th December and after Mas on Sunday 14th December. **"Giving life to the Christmas liturgy with the gift of song."**

Inquires: Peter 0448 401 372

PARISH GROUPS

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

Parish Finance Committee

Fr. Declan
Deacon Joe (Chair)
Lindy Priest, Tim Walsh
Jennifer Flanagan
Andrew Banks
'a Parish Council to advise the Parish Priest on financial governance and financial management'

Parish Child Safety Committee

Fr. Declan

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr. Declan, Deacon Joe
Alice Walsh
Damien Sandercock
Kerri Ruff (Chair)
Josephine Rutledge, Les Jones
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: 0423 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.

Meet for a Cuppa

Angie's Cafe
Mollinson Street
COFFEE & A CHAT
Wednesday 10th December
10.30am
Everyone Welcome

St Mary Magdalen's Church Cleaning Group

This month: Madelene Sutton
Volunteers always welcome
Contact Parish Office

Grounds Maintenance This month:

Francis Newton 1/12/25 – 15/12/25
More volunteers to assist with general clearing and weeding greatly appreciated.
Contact Parish Office.

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 Mollinson 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 Ldy 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.

Meet for a Cuppa



Meet for a coffee and chat at Angies Café this Wednesday 10th December at 10.30am. Please contact Brenda on 0408 571 578 to confirm your attendance by Tuesday 9th December. See you all there.

PRELOVED PEDLAR CHRISTMAS STOCK



The Preloved Pedlar now has a selection of religious Christmas Cards, Gift Cards and Columban calendars for sale.
We also stock a supply of small religious items suitable for gifts.

Parish Financials

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



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 6/12/2025 & 7/12/2025 – Both Parishes Cuppa after Mass weekend

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.

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

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after each mass this weekend.

All welcome.



Feast Days this Week: Monday 8th December – Immaculate Conception, Tuesday 9th December – St Juan Diego Cuauhtiatatzin, Wednesday 10th December – Our Lady of Loreto, Thursday 11th December – St Damasus & Friday 12th December – Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Next Week's Rosters: 13th December 2025 & 14th December 2025

	Saturday 6.00pm Kyneton	Sunday 8.30am Trentham	Sunday 10.30am Kyneton
Introduction & The Prayers of the Faithful:	Brenda Marschall	Rosalie White	Carol Bracher
Readers	Martin Bourke Peter Sporle	Janet Sims	Terry Morley
Special Ministers	Mary Elsum	Deacon Joe	Bernadette O'Sullivan
Counters	8 th December 2025	Les Jones & Brenda Marschall	
Flowers - Kyneton	11 th December 2025	No Flowers	
Flowers/Cleaning – Trentham	December 2025	Guild Ladies	
Bulletin Folding:	December 2025	Bev & Les Jones	



IN OUR PRAYERS

We continue to pray for the sick in our parish, including Fr. Shane Hctor, Adrienne Ryan, Mary Eppingstall, Sara Little, Mark Hunter, Matthew Lynch, Catherine Manning, Oliver and James Mendis, KJ Meldrum, Joseph Hickman, Jenny Bowe, Gordon Pearce and Audrey Tunks.

We pray for those who have died recently including Raymond Evans, Jean Mulhearn, Bill O'Connell and John Vallance 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 Aileen Fleming, Frank Hankman and Brenda Turley.

Christingle is a Joyful Celebration

It brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread the message of hope.

Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the ceremony.

The Christingle service is a family ecumenical celebration. It involves creating, friendship, singing (Carols of course) and prayer.



To be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

4.30pm to 5.30pm

18th December, 2025.

"Jesus is the reason for the season"

(Children will need an adult with them for safety reasons)

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

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