

The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

Revealing the Kingdom together!

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

20th September 2026

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 55:6-9)

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**
2. 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.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 1:20-24. 27)

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

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)

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Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 20:1-16)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord



A Series of Information Sessions

Why does the Catholic Church Believe As It Does?

Session One: The Search for Happiness

St. Mary Magdalen's Catholic Church, Trentham. On Sunday the 20th of September 2.00pm.

or

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Kyneton on Thursday the 24th of September 7.00pm.

Note: These are information sessions only. No intention or commitment is implied.

All Welcome



FROM THE DESK OF THE PARISH PRIEST



The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE IN GOD,
THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,
CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,
AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD,
WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,
WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED AND WAS BURIED;
HE DESCENDED INTO HELL;
ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD;
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE
FATHER ALMIGHTY;
FROM THERE HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING
AND THE DEAD.
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,
THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS,
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY,
AND LIFE EVERLASTING.

Amen.

Thought of the Week



Faith is a living, daring
confidence in God's grace,
so sure and certain that a
man could stake his life on
it a thousand times.

MARTIN LUTHER

St Mary Magdalen's – Trentham

There will be morning tea after the 8.30am Mass at St Mary Magdalen's next Sunday 27th September to farewell Ceri Spain and Tony vanRensburg.

Please join us if you can.

Dafodill Display at Our Lady of the Rosary

We would like to offer a special thank you to our team of **Flowers Ladies** for a super display of flowers during the Daffodil Festival and to the generosity of all who provided donations of flowers.



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
Brenda Marschall
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

Frozen meals are on hand for those needing a little extra support due to illness or other circumstances. If you cannot directly help a needy friend or acquaintance consider collecting a meal for them from the Parish Office freezer

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: Moria Bourke
Volunteers always welcome
Contact Parish Office

Grounds Maintenance

This month: Kevin & Jenny Flanagan
Volunteers welcome to assist 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
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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



- 02.10.2026 – Anointing the Sick First Friday of the month at 9.00am Mass.
- 03.10.2026 & 04.10.2026 – Cuppa after Mass at both parishes.
- 14.10.2026 Monthly Cuppa & Chat at 11.00am at Kyneton RSL

Parish Financials

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



Parish Pastoral Team Membership

Expressions of interest are being sought from any parishioners who may be interested in joining the PPT. The purpose of the PPT is to work alongside the Parish Priest to:

- To enrich the quality of parish life for parishioners.
- To provide hospitality to those within and outside of the parish
- To provide opportunities for faith development in the community

Membership is for a 2 year period.

Please reach out to me if this is of interest to you.

Fr Declan

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.

Cooks Who Care

Cooks Who Care has been an on-going program in OLR Parish for many years. Once or twice a year the volunteer cooks are asked to prepare a home cooked meal, pack it in a freezer friendly container and drop it off at the Parish Office.

If you would like to volunteer, occasionally contribute a meal, boost the numbers and share the load, please call Patrick on 0400 010 696 for further details.

Feast Days this Week: Monday 21st September – St Matthew & Wednesday 23rd September – St Pius of Pietreicina

Next Week's Rosters: 26th September 2026 & 27th September 2026

	Saturday 6.00pm Kyneton	Sunday 8.30am Trentham	Sunday 10.30am Kyneton
Introduction & The Prayers of the Faithful:	Martin Bourke	Tony Van Rensburg	Brenda Marshall
Readers	Mary Elsum Peter Sporle	Ceri Spain	Snedden Thompson Stella Egberts
Special Ministers	Michael O'Sullivan	Deacon Joe	Jennifer Flanagan
Counters	21 st September 2026	John & Kerry O'Flaherty	
Flowers - Kyneton	24 th September 2026	No Flowers	
Flowers/Cleaning – Trentham	September 2026	Moiria Bourke	
Bulletin Folding:	September 2026	Jenny Bowe	



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 Zelda Rutledge 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 Josefa Caniogo and Pat and Stan Plowman.

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

Monthly Giving (Parish Support) – Trentham and Kyneton Parishes (August 2026)

THANKSGIVING – UPKEEP OF PARISH – 2ND COLLECTION			
KYNETON PLEDGE PER MONTH	\$5,800.00	TRENTHAM PLEDGE PER MONTH	\$1,575.00
RECEIVED	\$3,396.80	RECEIVED	\$1,182.85
PRESBYTERY – 1ST COLLECTION			
RECEIVED	\$2,361.45	RECEIVED	\$912.15

If your credit card details have changed, we would be grateful if you could please notify the Parish Office on (03) 5422 1261.

Your generous support of our Parish Priest and upkeep of the parishes is very much appreciated.

Parish Notice:

We are in the process of updating our parish database. If you now have an email address or need to update an existing one on file. Could you please email Leanne at

Kyneton@cam.org.au.

Thanking you in advance.

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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