

The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

Revealing the Kingdom together!

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

23rd August 2026

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 22:19-23)

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 11:33-36)

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge –
and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods!
Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his
counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that
exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever!
Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

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

Principal: Anne Ferrie

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Principal: Dr. Darren Egberts

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Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 16:13-20)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord



Our Lady of the Rosary Fundraising Raffle

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 and Trentham Masses this weekend. 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!

Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Permit No: MG-R26345948

CDS Recycling Collection

Thank you to everyone donating bottles and cans through our **CDS recycling collection**. Please keep them coming. So far we have raised approximately **\$270.00**. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Words to Gladden the Heart!

Gather to sing and speak words that inspire us to live and work in hope, as part of *Trentham Words in Winter*:
When: 11am on Sunday, 30 August 2026
Where: St George's Anglican Church, 58 High Street, Trentham
Entry is free; bookings are recommended. Find more information at <https://www.trenthamwordsinwinter.org/2026events>, including a link to book tickets.



FROM THE DESK OF THE
PARISH PRIEST



This is a final reminder to complete your pledge for the 2026 Archbishop's Campaign and to play your part in supporting the vital ministries that serve our faith community across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The campaign invites all the faithful to support the formation of seminarians, the care of our retired priests, and the important charitable and evangelisation works of the Archdiocese. Further details, along with information on how to make a gift, can be found in the brochures available in the pews and foyer today. While recognising the challenges many people may be facing, I encourage you to consider giving generously in whatever way you are able.
Thank you..

Fr D

The Archbishop's Campaign invites us to proclaim the Good News by supporting ministries that serve those in need across our Archdiocese. Your generous gift helps bring this mission to life – not only in word, but in action.
Thank you.



Thought of the Week

MAY I NEVER
FORGET ON
MY BEST DAY
THAT I STILL
NEED GOD AS
DESPERATELY
AS I DID ON
MY WORST

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

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



- 22.08.2026 & 23.08.2026 - 2026 Archbishops Campaign collection weekend both churches all masses.
- 04.09.2026 – Anointing of the Sick during 9.00am Mass at OLR – Kyneton
- 05.09.2026 & 06.09.2026 – Cuppa after Mass at both Parishes

Priest & Presbytery by Direct Debit

Anyone not already contributing to the 1st Collector – 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.



Parish Financials

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

2026 The Archbishop's Campaign



The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

A third collection will be taken up at both churches during all masses on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th August 2026 and Saturday 22nd August and Sunday 23rd August 2026. As always, we thank you for your kind generosity. Envelopes are available in both churches.

Feast Days this Week: Monday 24th August – St Bartholomew, Tuesday 25th August – St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz, Thursday 26th August – St Monica & Friday 27th August – St Augustine.

Next Week's Rosters: 29th August 2026 & 30th August 2026

	Saturday 6.00pm Kyneton	Sunday 8.30am Trentham	Sunday 10.30am Kyneton
Introduction & The Prayers of the Faithful:	Jennifer Flanagan	Tim Walsh	Terry Morley
Readers	Martin Bourke	Mandy Leach	Andrew Banks Snedden Thompson
Special Ministers	Peter Sporle	Deacon Joe	Dorothy Walsh
Counters	24 th August 2026	Mary Elsum & Brenda Marschall	
Flowers - Kyneton	27 th August 2026	No Flowers	
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 we pray for those who have died in any war torn countries.

We also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Nicholas Turang, Eardley Fernand, Mary Comfort, Mary Ellen O'Brien and Ray Beare.

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

SPRINGTIME DAFFODIL DISPLAY AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY KYNETON



**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH TO SUNDY SEPTEMBER 13TH
DAILY 10am to 4pm**

The Flower Ladies welcome your generosity in providing daffodils and spring flowers from your gardens for our displays. Buckets will be left at the Church foyer from **Wednesday 2nd September until Thursday 3rd September until 10am. Flower prep starts soon after 10am.**

Contact Liz Turang 0424 259 500 or Betty Cornthwaite 0408 318 560 for anything relating to flowers.

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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