

The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

Revealing the Kingdom together!

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

26th July 2026

First Reading: A reading from the first book of the Kings (1 Kings 3:5.7-12)

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **(R.)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **(R.)**
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **(R.)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:28-30)

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
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

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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 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Thought of the Week



From the desk of the Parish Priest.



Continuing our Reflection on Magnifica Humanitas through the lens of Caritas Australia...

The environment

For an encyclical that doesn't leave much out, *Magnifica Humanitas* is very quiet about the environmental crisis that is devastating many parts of the world, leading to poverty and suffering. It does make half a dozen references to Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* (2015), but none of these are really about Pope Francis' ecological concerns. Leo uses *Laudato Si'* only to speak about human dignity.

His encyclical is undeniably anthropocentric. It is hard to miss a quiet and subtle walking back of Pope Francis' Christocentric or creation-focussed theology.

Maybe Pope Leo will speak about 'cry of the earth' at a later stage, but on the strength of this I would not be holding my breath. Indeed, while expressing important questions about Artificial Intelligence, *Magnifica Humanitas* does not mention the common concerns about the environmental issues that come with it. It is said that every question asked of AI costs a litre of fresh water in cooling and other impacts. None of this features. Furthermore, when the encyclical itemises various aspects of Catholic Social Teaching (subsidiarity, the common good etc) it studiously avoids 'care for our common home.'

Fr. D

Children's Liturgy during Sunday Morning Mass next 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!!!

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



- 26/07/2026 – Sacrament of Baptism during 10.30am Mass at OLR – Kyneton
- 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

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.

Fundraising for OLR Church AV (audio visual) system.

Our next fundraiser will be a **Sausage Sizzle** outside Woolworths on **Saturday 1st August 2026 from 8.30am to 1.30pm.** Come on down and grab a sausage and support your Parish Fundraiser. If you can help, please add your name to the list at the back of the church in Kyneton or contact Brenda on 0408 571 578.

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.

Preloved Pedlar

The Preloved Pedlar are running low on Mens Jumpers and Shoes and are asking for donations. If you can donate, your generosity would be greatly appreciated.



Feast Days this Week: Wednesday 22nd – Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Thursday 30th July – St Peter Chrysologus & Friday 31st July – St Ignatius of Loyola.

Next Week's Rosters: 1st August 2026 & 2nd August 2026

	Saturday 6.00pm Kyneton	Sunday 8.30am Trentham	Sunday 10.30am Kyneton
Introduction & The Prayers of the Faithful:	Carol Ong	Janet Sims	Snedden Thompson
Readers	Martin Bourke Peter Spurl	Paul Marson	Jennifer Flanagan Margaret Lynch
Special Ministers	Madeline Duckett	Deacon Joe	Carol Bracher
Counters	27 th July 2026	Mary Elsum & Brenda Marschall	
Flowers - Kyneton	30 th July 2026	No Flowers	
Flowers/Cleaning – Trentham	August 2026	Georgina B	
Bulletin Folding:	August 2026	Bev & Kevin Lynch	

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



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 Peter Hansard, Sister Carmel O'Dwyer R.S.M, Denis Denker, Sr. Aileen Fleming R.S.M, Lois Learsch, Fiorena Miranda, Francis Murray 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 Patricia Fleming & Michael Callus.

CUPPA AFTER SUNDAY MASS NEXT 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 next weekend at both Parishes. All welcome.



Holy Baptism

We welcome into God's family and our Parish Community.

Sage Linschoten

Son of
Thomas & Kirsten
And

Milana Cassar

Daughter of
Aaron & Emily
And

Willow Batey

Daughter of
Neil & Jamilee

Who were baptised at Our Lady of the Rosary on Sunday on Sunday 26th July 2026

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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