

The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

Revealing the Kingdom together!

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

27th September 2026

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (Ezekiel 18:25-28)

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 2:1-11)

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

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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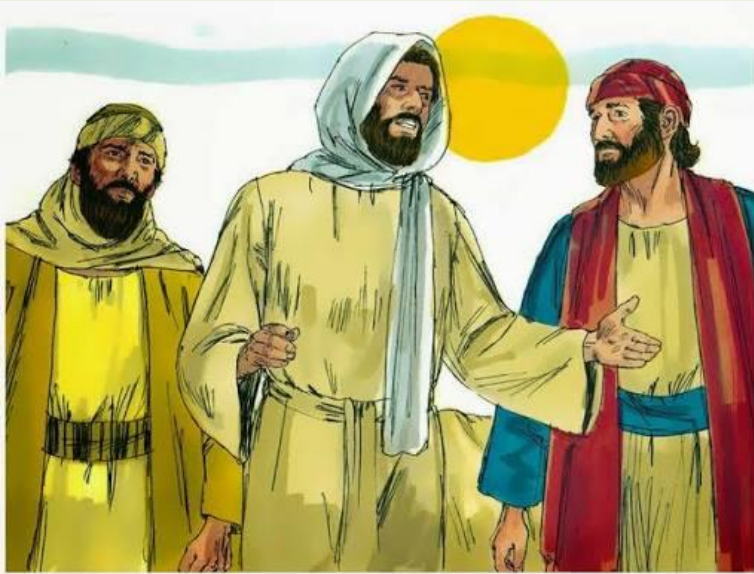
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Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 21:28-32)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Word of the Lord



Thought of the Week



FROM THE DESK OF THE PARISH PRIEST



Musings from Saint Mary Magdalen's

Well, spring is now firmly established. Yes, we have cold breaks where the wind seems to come straight from Antarctica, but we also have sunny days where the sun, at last, seems to have some warmth. The hyacinths are a brilliant blue, and the rhododendrons are coming into flower just as the daffodils are beginning to fade. All around town, the young magpies are busy sorting out their social arrangements and their carolling graces our soundscape. Some trees are covered in blossom while others still stretch bare branches to the sky. Spring is a time of transition when what was sleeping begins to wake and when life rises to greet the sun from the bare winter ground.

It is in this time of change and growth that we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In twelfth century Italy, he found the life of a young noble man superficial and turned away. He found a church asleep and woke it from its empty dreams.

People tend to diminish him, to see him simply as a sentimental animal lover. He wasn't. He was tough and he caused a revolution. His preaching to birds and fish was intended as a rebuke to the people who wouldn't listen, his poverty was a rebuke to the wealth of the powerful, his pacifism a rebuke to those who sought to solve their problems with violence.

Even his love of nature was a rebuke to those who saw the world only in terms of their own power. He saw all of nature, the sun and moon, water and fire, trees and animals, as his brothers and sisters, not as things to be used. His insight was that humanity was not separate from nature but a part of it. Stewards of God's creation, not its owners. It was a message the church needed to hear then. The world needs to hear it now. His message made enemies then. It would make even more now. No wonder people want to sentimentalise him as a simple animal lover. Otherwise, he's dangerous.

Deacon Joe

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Mission Fair

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 17 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be forwarded to the Franciscan Sisters of St Joseph, Kisumu for water tanks. Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.

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
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



- 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.
- 04.10.2026 – Childrens Liturgy during 10.30am Mass at OLR - Kyneton
- 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 28th September – St Wenceslaus, Sts Lawrence Ruiz & companions, Tuesday 29th September – Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels, Wednesday 30th September – St Jerome, Thursday 1st October – St Therese of the Child Jesus & Friday 2nd October – Guardian Angels.

Next Week's Rosters: 3rd October 2026 & 4th October 2026

	Saturday 6.00pm Kyneton	Sunday 8.30am Trentham	Sunday 10.30am Kyneton
Introduction & The Prayers of the Faithful:	Mary Donovan	Janet Sims	Virginia Love
Readers	Janet Sullivan Jackie Robson	Mandy Leach	Darren Egberts Stella Egberts
Special Ministers	Kerri Ruff	Deacon Joe	Jennifer Flanagan
Counters	28 th September 2026	Mary Elsum & Brenda Marschall	
Flowers - Kyneton	1 st October 2026	Betty Cornthwaite & Ylone Fernand	
Flowers/Cleaning – Trentham	October 2026	Gloria Brown	
Bulletin Folding:	October 2026	Bev Jones	



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.

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.

CUPA AFTER MASS NEXT WEEKEND AT BOTH PARISHES – ST MARY MAGDALEN'S & OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Please join us for a cup of tea, coffee, water or cordial after all Masses this weekend at both Parishes.

All Welcome.



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



Our Lady of the Rosary Church on 1st Sunday of the month, our Children's Liturgy will be held during 10.30am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton Sunday 4th October 2026. All children are welcome!!

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

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