

Happy New Year

May God keep you & your family happy and healthy throughout the year.

The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

Revealing the Kingdom together!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Year A

28th December 2025

First Reading: A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14)

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! (R.)

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (Colossians 3:12-21)

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

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
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	9.00am

Weekday Mass Times at St Mary Magdalen, Trentham

Wednesday	10.00am
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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

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P: (03) 5422 2056

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Principal: Dr. Darren Egberts

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Gospel Acclamation: Colossians 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23)

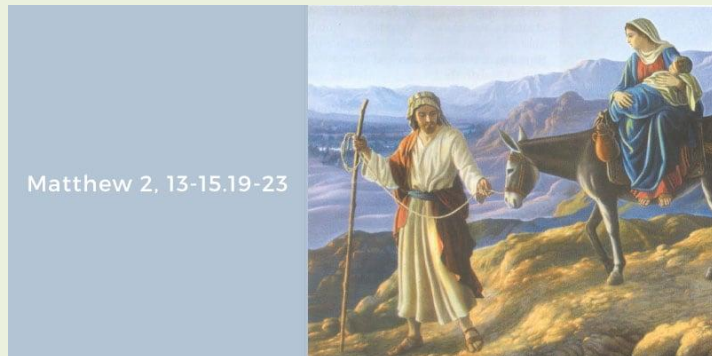
After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord



Parish Notice:

Parish Office Hours over the Christmas/New Year period.

- 30/12/2025 – Office Closed
- 01/01/2026 – New Years Day – Public Holiday
- 06/01/2026 – Office Closed
- 08/01/2026 – Office Closed
- 13/01/2026 – Office Closed
- 15/01/2026 – Office Closed

From Tuesday 20th January 2026 normal office hours resume.



**From the desk of the
Parish Priest**



May I take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the preparation for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at both parishes.

On a personal note, thank you to all who have supported me through out the year and more importantly supported the parish through out the year.

Christmas Offering envelopes are available at both churches. Please return them by the 6th January 2026. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Merry Christmas and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

Fr. D



Thought of the Week

**“Try to be a
rainbow in
someone else's
cloud.”**

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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
Josephine Rutledge, Les Jones
Darren Egberts, Carol Bracher,
Jackie Robson, Janet Sullivan
*'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 14th January
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:

Paul Healey 16/12/25 –
31/12/25

**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 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 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.

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 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.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 31/12/2025 – New Year's Eve Mass – 10.30am at St Mary Magdalen's, Trentham.
- 31/12/2025 – New Year's Eve Mass – 5.00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton.
- 01/01/2026 – New Year's Day Mass – 9.00am at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton.
- 03/01/2026 & 04/01/2026 – Have A Cuppa after Mass Weekend. Both Parishes

**CUPPA AFTER MASS NEXT
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 next weekend at both parishes.

All welcome.



Feast Days this Week: Monday 29th December – St Thomas Becket, Wednesday 31st December – St Sylvester I, Thursday 1st January – Mary, Mother of God & Friday 2nd January – Sts Basil & Gregory

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

	Saturday 6.00pm Kyneton	Sunday 8.30am Trentham	Sunday 10.30am Kyneton
Introduction & The Prayers of the Faithful:	Martin Bourke	Janet Sims	Brenda Marschall
Readers	Jackie Robson Janet Sullivan	Mandy Leach	Terry Morley
Special Ministers	Kerri Ruff	Deacon Joe	Dorothy Walsh
Counters	29 th December 2025	Jackie Robson & Brenda Marschall	
Flowers - Kyneton	1 st January 2026	No Flowers	
Flowers/Cleaning – Trentham	January 2026	Kath Morrison	
Bulletin Folding:	January 2026	No Bulletin Folding	



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 Bernard Mulchay, Bryan Smith and the victims of the recent Bondi incident 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 all those who have an anniversary at this time.

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

Job Vacancies:

Please see below an update to the current vacant roles listed on our Melbourne Catholic website. Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Parish Positions

- Finance Officer, Our Lady of Pentecost, Balwyn
- Parish Property Co-Ordinator, Our Lady of Pentecost, Balwyn
- Youth Worker, St Macartan's Parish, Mornington
- Pastoral Worker, St Andrew's Parish, Clayton South

Other Positions

- Executive Director, Finance and Administration, Newman College

In addition to our current vacancies, please find below the details of volunteer opportunities available over the Christmas season.

Christmas Volunteer Opportunities - St Mary's House of Welcome

- **OzHarvest Delivery Support** - Fridays, 2:30pm – 5:00pm. Help unpack, sort and store the weekly OzHarvest delivery that supports hundreds of meals each week.

Apply via the SMHOW website [Volunteer - Support Homeless People in Melbourne — St Mary's House of Welcome](#) or email Holly Pabian volunteers@smhow.org.au.

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: [Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic](#)

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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