



# The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

*Revealing the Kingdom together!*

First Sunday of Lent

Year A

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

**First Reading: A reading from the book of Genesis (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7)**

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3**

**(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**

2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R.)**

3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 5:12-19)**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

**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 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month) |         |

**Weekday Mass Times at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton**

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Monday (Communion Service) | 8.00am |
| Tuesday                    | 5.00pm |
| Weds (Communion Service)   | 8.00am |
| Thursday                   | 9.00am |
| Saturday                   | 9.00am |
| Friday                     | 9.00am |

**Weekday Mass Times at St Mary Magdalen, Trentham**

|           |         |
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| Wednesday | 10.00am |
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**Parish Office Address**

53 Ebdon Street, Kyneton 3444

Phone: (03) 5422 1261

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53 Ebdon Street, Kyneton 3444

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Trentham@cam.org.au

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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

P: (03) 5422 2056

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### Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 4:1-11)

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of  
God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,  
and they will support you on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

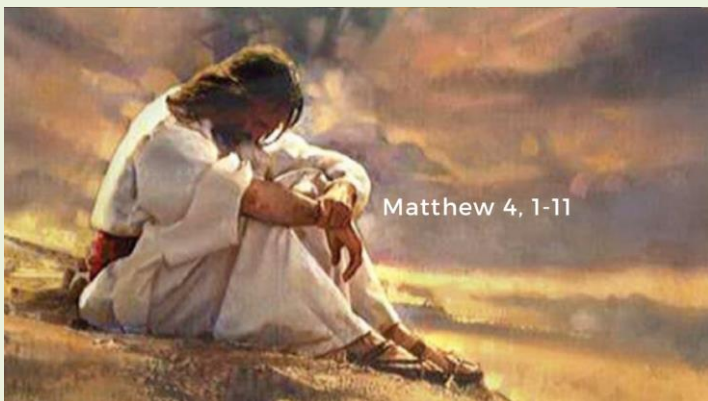
You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

### The Gospel of the Lord



### Liturgy and Special Minister Rosters

In the midst of preparing rosters for next round, any changes for current volunteers, please contact as soon as possible. For anyone interested in being added to roster, please let me know by end of February.

Many thanks

Kerri Ruff

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### From the desk of the Parish Priest



Each year, Project Compassion invites us to encounter stories of courage and hope from people around the world who are striving for a brighter future.

In 2026, Project Compassion shares four stories of resilience and strength. We'll meet Sisilia, a young student from Tanzania, whose education was being disrupted by long daily walks to collect water for her family. With the support of Caritas Australia and people like you, Sisilia now has access to clean water from taps installed in her school and village.

We'll get to know Monoranjon from Bangladesh, where communities are heavily impacted by natural disasters and climate change. Caritas Australia, together with supporters across Australia, has helped Monoranjon to learn climate-resilient farming skills. We'll be introduced to Manaini from Fiji, who struggled with poverty and food insecurity. With support, she gained training in food processing and gardening, improving nutrition and creating income to support her children's education. And we'll hear the story of Ahmad, a Caritas Jerusalem worker from Gaza who was displaced many times due to ongoing conflict. Despite this hardship, he continues to serve families in need through Caritas' emergency response.

Boxes and envelopes are available at both churches. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

Fr. D

### Thought of the Week

*"Lent is a time of  
going very deeply into  
ourselves... What is it  
that stands between us  
and God? Between us and  
our brothers and sisters?  
Between us and life,  
the life of the Spirit?  
Whatever it is, let us  
relentlessly tear it out,  
without a moment's  
hesitation."*

—Catherine Doherty

### Saint Mary Magdalen's Church Trentham

Meditation in The Christian Tradition

Saint Mary Magdalene's Church, Trentham.

A series of talks for Lent

7.00pm till 8.00pm

Feb. 24, Lectio Divina, praying the scriptures

March 10, Via Negativa, finding God in silence

March 24, Imagio Dei, imagery and imagination.

## PARISH GROUPS

We are grateful for the generosity of those who contribute to the following groups

### Kyneton Parish Finance Committee

Fr. Declan  
Deacon Joe  
Lindy Priest  
Andrew Banks

'a Parish Council to advise the Parish Priest on financial governance and financial management'

### Trentham Parish Finance Committee

Fr. Declan  
Tim Walsh

'We are currently forming a separate finance committee for Trentham to advise the Parish Priest on financial stewardship'

### Parish Pastoral Team

Fr. Declan, Deacon Joe  
Alice Walsh  
Jackie Robson, Janet Sullivan  
Damien Sandercock  
Josephine Rutledge, Les Jones  
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: 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 11<sup>th</sup> March  
10.30am  
**Everyone Welcome**

### St Mary Magdalen's Church Cleaning Group

**This month:** Michael Peluso  
Volunteers always welcome  
Contact Parish Office

### Grounds Maintenance

**This month:**  
Barry Lynch  
**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 NOTICE

Please be advised that the Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:-

24/02/2026 & 26/02/2026

03/03/2026 & 05/03/2026

10/03/2026 & 12/03/2026

14/03/2026 & 19/03/2026

Office will reopen 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Fr. Declan will be available, could you please

leave a message on the answering

service or email the office [Kyneton@cam.org.au](mailto:Kyneton@cam.org.au)

and Fr. Declan will get back to

you in due course

## **Celebrating the Season of Lent at St. Mary Magdalen's Catholic Church in Trentham.**

### **Stations of the Cross**

3.00pm every Friday

To be followed by a session of a Guided Reflection on the Gospels for those who wish to stay and deepen their understanding.



During the Friday's of **Lent**, the **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at 6.00pm beginning Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kyneton.

## Priest & Presbytery by Direct Debit

Anyone not already contributing to the 1<sup>st</sup> Collecton – Parish Clergy and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

22.02.2026 – Baptisms during Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary

06.03.2026 – Anointing of the Sick – OLR

07.03.2026 & 08.03.2026 – Cuppa after Mass both parishes



## Parish Financials

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



**Feast Days this Week:** Monday 23rd February – St Polycarp & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February – St Gregory of Narek.

**Next Week's Rosters:** 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 & 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

|                                                        | <b>Saturday 6.00pm<br/>Kyneton</b> | <b>Sunday 8.30am<br/>Trentham</b> | <b>Sunday 10.30am<br/>Kyneton</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Introduction &amp; The Prayers of the Faithful:</b> | Elizabeth Turang                   | Janet Sims                        | Scott Atkin                       |
| <b>Readers</b>                                         | Janet Sullivan<br>Martin Bourke    | Mandy Leach                       | Margaret Lynch                    |
| <b>Special Ministers</b>                               | Karel Turang                       | Deacon Joe                        | Lucy Atkin                        |
| <b>Counters</b>                                        | 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026     | Jackie Robson & Brenda Marschall  |                                   |
| <b>Flowers - Kyneton</b>                               | 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026     | No Flowers                        |                                   |
| <b>Flowers/Cleaning – Trentham</b>                     | February 2026                      | Mandy Leach                       |                                   |
| <b>Bulletin Folding:</b>                               | February 2026                      | Faye Law                          |                                   |



## 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, Brendan Smith, Jenny Bowe and Audrey Tunks.

We pray for those who have died recently 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 Michelle Fleming, Michael Priest, John Lee, John Walsh, Leonardo Strano & Pat Fleming.



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

**Remi Elizabeth Priestly**  
Daughter of  
Samuel & Julie

**Edward (Teddy) Cameron**  
Son of  
Thomas & Claire

**Roman Loprete**  
Son of  
Marco & Berta

Who were baptised at **Our Lady of the Rosary** on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.



### First Sunday of Lent 21–22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



**UNITE  
AGAINST  
POVERTY**  
this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)  
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we **Unite Against Poverty** this Lent.

## 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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