

The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

Revealing the Kingdom together!

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

18th October 2026

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 45:1.4-6)

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right Hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5)

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

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

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

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Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

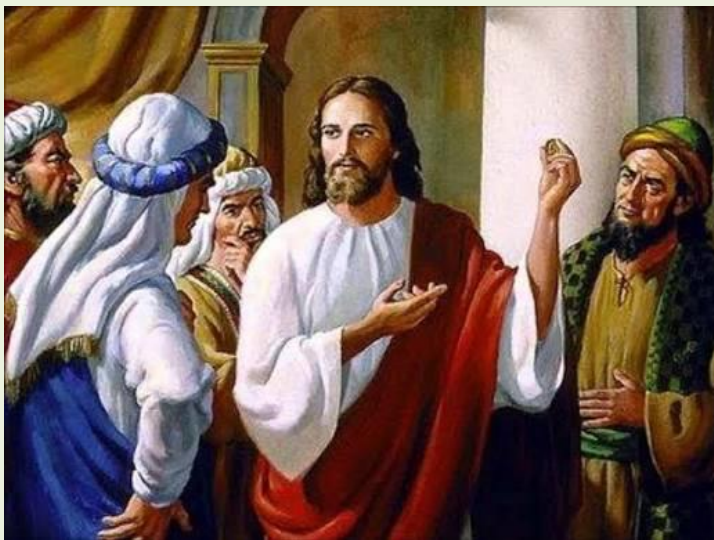
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 22:15-21)

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Thought of the Week

What a wonderful
thought it is that some
of the best days of our
lives haven't even
happened yet.

Anne Frank



**FROM THE DESK OF THE
PARISH PRIEST**



Whose Image Do You Bear?

In the Gospel of **Matthew 22:15-21**, [Jesus](#) is famously confronted with a trap about paying taxes. Holding up a Roman coin, He asks, "*Whose image is this and whose inscription?*" When they answer, "*Caesar's*," Jesus replies with timeless brilliance: "*Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.*"

While the coin bears the stamped likeness of an earthly ruler, it belongs to the temporary systems of this world. But Jesus' deeper question echoes quietly into our own hearts today: **What bears the image of God?**

You do.

The divine hand has stamped its likeness directly onto your soul. While we must responsibly fulfill our earthly duties and civic obligations, our deepest allegiance, our time, our talents, and our very being belong entirely to our Creator.

This week, let us look past the earthly "logos" and currencies that demand our attention. Let us strive to live in a way that allows the loving and merciful image of God to shine clearly through our actions, our words, and our love for one another.

Fr. D

Our Lady of the Rosary Fundraising

Hamper

We are putting together a **small hamper for our parish raffle** and would be grateful for your help! If you are able to donate a small item to be included in the hamper, please place it in the **donation basket at the rear of the church** on the weekend of **17th–18th October**. Alternatively, donations can be dropped into the **Parish Office by Thursday, 22nd October**. The hamper will be **raffled off at our Sausage Sizzle on Saturday, 24th October**. Thank you for your generosity and support. Every small contribution will help make our raffle hamper something special!

Sausage Sizzle Volunteers – We Need You....

We will be having a sausage sizzle outside Woolworths on Saturday 24th October from 8.30am to 2.30pm. A list will be at the back of the Kyneton church to put your name down if you can help in any way. We need:- helpers on the day, contacts for donations or discounted sausages and bread.

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: Gloria Brown
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



- 17.10.2026 & 18.10.2026 – Hamper raffle donations
- 24.10.2026 – Sausage Sizzle at Woolworths Kyneton from 8.30am – 2.30pm
- 06.11.2026 – Anointing of the sick at OLR Kyneton during Mass
- 07.11.2026 & 08.11.2026 – Cuppa after all Masses at both Parishes.

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.

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 19th October– Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Joques & companions, St Paul of the Cross, Thursday 22nd October – St John Paul II & Friday 23rd October – St John of Capistrano .

Next Week's Rosters: 24th October 2026 & 25th October 2026

	Saturday 6.00pm Kyneton	Sunday 8.30am Trentham	Sunday 10.30am Kyneton
Introduction & The Prayers of the Faithful:	Madeline Duckett	Rosalie White	Darren Egberts
Readers	Jennifer Flanagan Carol Ong	Adrian Green	Stella Egberts Sneddon Thompson
Special Ministers	Michael O'Sullivan	Deacon Joe	Carol Bracher
Counters	19 th October 2026	John & Kerry O'Flaherty	
Flowers - Kyneton	22 nd October 2026	No Flowers	
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, Catherine Manning, Oliver and James Mendes, KJ Meldrum, Joseph Hickman, Mary Welch, Dan O'Brien, Gordon Pearce, Lachie Hutchesson, Iona Scuteri, Jean and Christian Moret and Audrey Turks.

We pray for those who have died recently including Alison Laker and Sr Eileen Casey 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 Tom Fleming.

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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Kiara

THANK YOU OLR COMMUNITY

Little Kiara (keerah) has arrived but isn't civilised just yet. No Saturday night Mass or shops/cafes for a while.

Biscoff is 14 months old and undergoing joint x-rays, vet checks, vaccination and a dog optometrist visit (who knew!).. if all goes well, she then goes into 2 weeks testing and assessing.

Thank you to the OLR community and Fr Declan for your

interest and support, and patience! Some Mass visits have been more successful than others, but it's a great learning environment for quiet behaviour.

It takes a community to raise a support puppy. Here we go again!

Jenny Flanagan

