

The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

Revealing the Kingdom together!

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

12th July 2026

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 64:10-14 R. Lk 8:8

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **(R.)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **(R.)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:18-23)

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

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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Tues & Thurs 9.00am – 4.00pm

Outside of these hours, please leave
a message and your call will be
returned.

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Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 13:1-23)

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord



From the desk of the Parish Priest.



I have taken this from the Caritas Australia website, in an attempt to give us another view of Pope Leo's recent encyclical. I do so in the hope that it will act as an encouragement to take a, read and ponder on what the Pope is saying

Magnifica Humanitas revises the entire traditional of Catholic Social Teaching. If it wasn't an encyclical, the first two chapters would be a terrific introduction to the roots and purpose of the Catholic Social Tradition for students in Catholic Schools and Universities. The pope goes over the whole thing, including Vatican II, beginning with the encyclical of Leo XIII, *Rerum Novarum*, published in 1891. Leo XIII said, 'The proclamation of the Gospel cannot overlook the concrete lives of people.' (MH #3). Leo XIII's 'new thing' included the dehumanisation of workers in factories and other workplaces. *Rerum Novarum* 'reminds us that there is no authentic evangelisation that does not also affect the structures of human society.' (MH # 30). Pope Leo's active engagement with Catholic Social Teaching is a great support to Caritas. It is our agenda and he supports it lock, stock and barrel.

Leo XIV is also alive to the temptation that has existed throughout history for those in power to dehumanise those who make the money for them. A quarter of the way through what used to be a new century, Leo can see the possibility of AI doing what factories once did, even if in a less physical manner. He stands up against the replacement of people by robots. His concern, like that of his namesake, is the unwitting cooperation of humans in their own dehumanisation. If robots choose our words, they also choose our thoughts:

Thus, intelligence, when absolutized, overshadows other essential dimensions of life, such as affection, the will, commitment and relationships. Similarly, technical power, if left unbalanced, does not make us more capable; it makes us more isolated and more vulnerable to being dominated and excluded. This critical point does not oppose intelligence, but serves as a reminder that when intelligence becomes self-referential, its true purpose of serving life and the human person is lost. (MH#113)

Fr. D

Parish News : Change of Mass Times

On Sunday 19th July 2026 Trentham Parish will celebrate the Feast of St Mary Magdalen during Mass at 10.30am.

Please note Our Lady of the Rosary Mass time on Sunday 19th July 2026 will change to **8.30am**.

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: Tim & Belinda Walsh
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
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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



- 18/07/2026 – Fundraising Meeting 11am @ OLR
- 19/07/2026 – Feast of St Mary Magdalen 10.30 Mass at St Mary Magdalen's, Trentham.
- 26/07/2026 – Sacrament of Baptism during 10.30am Mass at OLR – Kyneton
- 01/08/2026 – Woolworths BBQ fund raiser

Fundraising for OLR Church AV (audio visual) system.

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.

Our next fundraiser will be a **Sausage Sizzle** outside Woolworths on **Saturday 1st August 2026**. 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

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.

Thought of the Week:

“God promises to make something good out of the storms that bring devastation to your life.”

—Romans 8:28

Feast Days this Week: Monday 13th July – St Henry, Tuesday 14th July – St Camillus de Lellis, Wednesday 15th – St Bonaventure & Thursday 16th July – St Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Next Week's Rosters: 18th July 2026 & 19th July 2026

	Saturday 6.00pm Kyneton	Sunday 8.30am Trentham	Sunday 10.30am Kyneton
Introduction & The Prayers of the Faithful:	Jackie Robson	Ceri Spain	Carol Bracher
Readers	Janet Sullivan Kerri Ruff	Tony Van Rensberg	Stella Egberts Terry Morley
Special Ministers	Mary Elsum	Deacon Joe	Darren Egberts
Counters	13 th July 2026	John & Kerry O'Flaherty	
Flowers - Kyneton	16 th July 2026	No Flowers	
Flowers/Cleaning – Trentham	July 2026	Tim & Belinda Walsh	
Bulletin Folding:	July 2026	Faye Law	

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 Hugh O'Neill, Sister Carmel O'Dwyer R.S.M., Philomena Carty, Denis Denker and Peter Hansard 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 Richard Desmond (Des) Kennedy, Carrie Scott & Michael Callus.



St. Mary Magdalen's Feast Day Celebrations (A Combined Celebration for Both Parishes)

Retreat.

Friday 17th July – Evening Prayer 3.00
Saturday 18th July – From 10.00 to 3.30,
The Penitent Woman (Luke 7:36-50)
(BYO Lunch)
Mary of Bethany (Luke 10:38-42)
Sunday 19th July - From 9.00
Mary of Magdala (Luke 24:10, John 20:18)
Finishing with Mass at 10.30.
Followed by the Feast Day Lunch. (Please bring a plate)

Also

The Pilgrimage walk for St. Mary Magdalen's proposed for Sunday the 26th has been postponed till later in the year when the track is passable. It's currently flooded.

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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