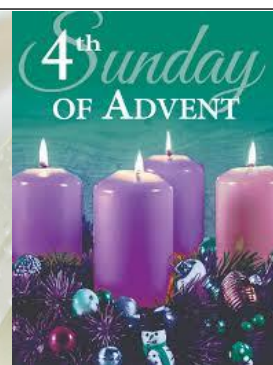


The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

Revealing the Kingdom together!



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Year A

21st December 2025

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 7:10-14)

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?
The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.
It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Immanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10

(R.) Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 1:1-7)

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

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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Administration

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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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Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 1:18-24)

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord



Thought of the Week

Patience is the
key, because when
the right time
comes, it will be
very beautiful and
totally worth the
wait.



From the desk of the Parish Priest



Therefore, the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. Isaiah 7:14

This weekend we light the fourth candle of our Advent wreath, knowing that the day of the Lord is near. And we know that Jesus is Emmanuel, God is with us!

When we feel the pangs of new life forming, pregnancy or otherwise, God is with us.

When we are too tired and in pain, God is with us.

When there's no way to pay the bills, God is with us.

When people are hungry or oppressed, God is with us.

When violence feels stronger than love, God is with us.

When despair comes easier than hope, God is with us.

When we need to trust that we are held through it all,

God is with us

(2026: A book of Grace-filled days, Julia Walsh, Loyola Press, Chicago, 2025)

FR. D

Parish Notice:

Parish Office Hours over the Christmas/New Year period.

- 25/12/2025 – Christmas Day – Public Holiday
- 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.



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.

Thanksgiving Envelopes

Thanksgiving Envelopes for the **whole of 2026** are now available at both churches. **You will have noticed the new format.** Could you please **write the amount** you are pledging to either Church or Presbytery or both. You can place your envelope in either collection if you are supporting both Church and Presbytery on the envelope otherwise 1st Collection – Presbytery & 2nd Collection Church. As always, we thank you for your kind generosity.

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.



**FLOWERS FOR OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY KYNETON IN
READINESS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES WOULD BE
JOYFULLY APPRECIATED!!**

**GARDENS ARE OVERFLOWING SO PLEASE PICK SOME AND
SHARE THEM WITH THE PARISH FOR THE CHRISTMAS &
NEW YEAR**

- **Ladies' preparation 10.00 am TUESDAY 23RD
DECEMBER**
- **Buckets will be in Church porch from Sunday 21
DECEMBER till Tuesday morning for your kind
donations**
- **Any pick ups please call Liz 0424 259 500**

Feast Days this Week: Tuesday 23rd December – St John of Kanty, Thursday 25th December – Nativity of the Lord Day & Thursday 26th December – St Stephen

Next Week's Rosters: 27th December 2025 & 28th December 2025

	Saturday 6.00pm Kyneton	Sunday 8.30am Trentham	Sunday 10.30am Kyneton
Introduction & The Prayers of the Faithful:	Mary Donovan	Gloria Brown	Snedden Thompson
Readers	Bev Jones Les Jones	Madelene Sutton	Josephine Rutledge
Special Ministers	Michael O'Sullivan	Deacon Joe	Margaret Lynch
Counters	22 nd December 2025	Les Jones & Brenda Marschall	
Flowers - Kyneton	23 rd December 2025	All Ladies	
Flowers/Cleaning – Trentham	December 2025	Guild Ladies	
Bulletin Folding:	December 2025	Bev & Les Jones	



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 Michelle Mulvahill, Bernard Mulchay, Joan Oorloff, Carrie Lux 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 Karin Fernand and Marie Kelly.

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

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, 24th December

Trentham Christmas Eve Morning Mass at 9.00am

Kyneton

Confessions from 10.30am to 11.30am

Christmas Carol Service at 5.30pm

Christmas Family Mass at 6.00pm

(Children are invited to come along dressed as Nativity characters)

Christmas Day: Thursday, 25th December

Trentham Mass for Christmas Day at 8.30am

Kyneton Mass for Christmas Day at 10.30am

Boxing Day (Feast of St. Stephens):

Friday, December 26th **Blackwood** Mass at 9.30am

New Year's Eve:

Trentham Wednesday, 31st December - Mass at 10.00am

Kyneton Wednesday, 31st December – Mass at 5.00pm

New Year's Day:

Kyneton Thursday 1st January – Mass at 9.00am

Father Declan will be available after Mass for Confession from December 18th to December 24th or by appointment.



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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