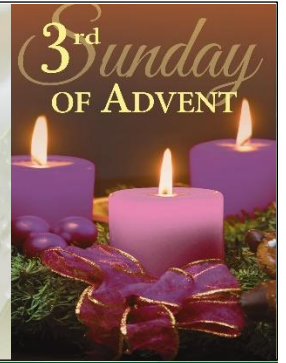


The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

Revealing the Kingdom together!



Third Sunday of Advent

Year A

14th December 2025

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 35:1-6, 10)

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St James (James 5:7-10)

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Isaiah 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

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

Tuesday	5.00pm
Thursday	9.00am
Saturday	9.00am

Word & Communion Service at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton

Friday	9.00am
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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: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Thought of the Week



From the desk of the Parish Priest



You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. -James 5:8-9

Human relationships are messy. God designed us to be social creatures with social needs to belong, to be known, and to be needed. We each deserve to be loved. Yet we can be moody, mean and self-centered. Despite all the good intentions in the world, we can cause harm! When people hurt, confuse, and betray us, it's tough not to complain! There's one task we need not take on: Judgement belongs to God!

Fr. D

Christingle is a Joyful Celebration



It brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread the message of hope. Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the ceremony.

The Christingle service is a family ecumenical celebration.

It involves creating, friendship, singing (Carols of course) and prayer.

**To be held at
Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church
4.30pm to 5.30pm
18th December, 2025.**

"Jesus is the reason for the season"
(Children will need an adult with them for safety reasons)

Parish Notice

Choir Practice for Christmas



Our enthusiastic choir welcomes singers or musicians to an enjoyable practice in the Church at 6.00pm on Thursday 11th and 18th December and after Mass on Sunday 14th December. **"Giving life to the Christmas liturgy with the gift of song."**

Inquires: Peter 0448 401 372

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 20
DECEMBER till Tuesday morning for your kind
donations**
- **Any pick ups please call Liz 0424 259 500**

Feast Days this Week:

Next Week's Rosters: 20th December 2025 & 21st December 2025

	Saturday 6.00pm Kyneton	Sunday 8.30am Trentham	Sunday 10.30am Kyneton
Introduction & The Prayers of the Faithful:	Elizabeth Turang	Ceri Spain	Scot Atkin
Readers	Kerri Ruff Jennifer Flanagan	Tony Van Rensberg	Virginia Love
Special Ministers	Karel Turang	Deacon Joe	Lucy Atkin
Counters	15 th December 2025	Mary Elsum & Brenda Marschall	
Flowers - Kyneton	18 th December 2025	No Flowers	
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 Hocht, 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 Raymond Evans, Jean Mulhearn, Bill O'Connell and John Vallance 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 Aileen Fleming, Frank Hankman and Brenda Turley.

Monthly Giving (Parish Support) – Trentham and Kyneton Parishes (November 2025)

THANKSGIVING – UPKEEP OF PARISH – 2ND COLLECTION			
KYNETON PLEDGE PER MONTH	\$4435.50	TRENTHAM PLEDGE PER MONTH	\$1700.00
RECEIVED	\$4196.60	RECEIVED	\$1208.20
PRESBYTERY – 1ST COLLECTION			
RECEIVED	\$2736.75	RECEIVED	\$1205.00`

If your credit card details have changed, we would be grateful if you could please notify the parish office on (03) 5422 1261.

Your generous support of our parish priest and upkeep of the parish is very much appreciated.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 15/12/2025 – Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7.00pm – St Mary Magdalen's Trentham
- 17/12/2025 – Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7.00pm – OLR Kyneton
- 18/12/2025 – Christingle Service with Carols 4.30pm – OLR Kyneton
- 24/12/2025 – Christmas Eve Morning Mass 9.00am – St Mary Magdalen's Trentham
- 24/12/2025 – Confessions 10.30am-11.30am – OLR Kyneton
- 24/12/2025 – Christmas Carols at 5.30pm – OLR Kyneton
- 24/12/2025 – Christmas Family Mass at 6.00pm – OLR Kyneton
- 24/12/2025 – Christmas Vigil Mass at 10.30pm – St Mary Magdalen's Trentham
- 25/12/2025 – Mass of Christmas Day at 8.30am – St Mary Magdalen's Trentham
- 25/12/2025 – Mass of Christmas Day at 10.30am – OLR Kyneton
- 26/12/2025 – Boxing Day – Feast of St. Stephens – Blackwood Mass at 9.30am

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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