

# The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

*Revealing the Kingdom together!*

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

13<sup>th</sup> September 2026

## **First Reading: A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach 27:30 – 28:7)**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

### **The Word of the Lord**

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8**

**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 14:7-9)**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

### **The Word of the Lord**

#### **Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

**Alleluia!**

#### **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 |
| 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**

53 Ebdon Street, Kyneton 3444  
Phone: (03) 5422 1261

#### **Parish Office Postal Address**

53 Ebdon Street, Kyneton 3444

#### **Kyneton Email**

Kyneton@cam.org.au

#### **Trentham Email**

Trentham@cam.org.au

#### **Parish Clergy**

Fr. Declan O'Brien  
E: Declan.Obrien@cam.org.au  
M: 0457 708 586  
H: (03) 5422 1608

Rev. Joe Leach (**Deacon**)

Phone: 0410 800 664

#### **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

E: [info@kyneton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@kyneton.catholic.edu.au)

#### **Sacred Heart College**

Principal: Dr. Darren Egberts

P: (03) 5421 1200

E: [principal@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au)

**Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 18:21-35)**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**



**Our Lady of the Rosary Fundraising Raffle**

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kyneton, have joined the **Combined Catholic Parish Raffle for 2026** to help us raise funds for our upcoming parish projects. **Last weekend to buy raffle tickets after both Kyneton Masses. A special thankyou to Trentham for their support. Don't miss out, tickets are limited!**

**Raffle draw:** Saturday, 5 December 2026 at 7.00 pm

**Location:** Holy Trinity Parish, 844 Centre Road Bentleigh East **Ticket price:** \$2.00 each

**Great prizes to be won!**

Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Permit No: MG-R26345948

**Note:**

Anyone who has taken a book please try to return by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Contact Brenda 0408 571 578

**A Series of Information Sessions**

Why does the Catholic Church Believe As It Does?

**Session One:** The Search for Happiness

St. Mary Magdalen's Catholic Church, Trentham. On Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2.00pm.

or

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Kyneton on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 7.00pm.

Note: These are information sessions only. No intention or commitment is implied.

All Welcome



**FROM THE DESK OF THE  
PARISH PRIEST**



**Catholics around Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday on September 13**

The 2026 theme "Love Protects" recognises that safeguarding is a practical expression of Christian love.

When communities prioritise the safety, dignity, and wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults, they embody the love and care that is at the heart of the Gospel.

"'Love Protects' reminds us that genuine love is demonstrated through action," said chair of the Bishops Commission for Professional Standards and Safeguarding, Bishop Greg Bennet.

"Safeguarding is an essential part of our mission and ministry. It calls each of us to be attentive, accountable and committed to ensuring that every person can participate in the life of the Church safely and with confidence."

Safeguarding Sunday also provides an opportunity to acknowledge the work of clergy, staff, volunteers and safeguarding leaders who work to foster cultures of safety and trust throughout church communities.

Their dedication strengthens the Church's commitment to preventing harm, responding appropriately to concerns and promoting the dignity of every person.

The Church is showing national leadership in safeguarding through:

*Professional development that strengthens the capacity of Catholic organisations*

*Reviews, audits and assessments of Catholic organisations*

*Management of the Australian Catholic Ministry Register*

*Safeguarding awareness, education and communications initiatives*

As faith communities gather to mark Safeguarding Sunday, they are encouraged to reflect on the example of Jesus, who welcomed and protected the vulnerable and marginalised. His ministry inspires the Church's commitment to care, respect, and justice.

"Love protects when we listen. Love protects when we act. Love protects when we place the wellbeing of others at the centre of our decisions and our ministry," Bishop Bennet said.

"Together, we can build communities where every person is valued, respected and safe."

**Parish Notice:**

We are in the process of updating our parish database. If you now have an email address or need to update an existing one on file. Could you please email Leanne at [Kyneton@cam.org.au](mailto:Kyneton@cam.org.au).

Thanking you in advance.

## 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

#### ***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 1<sup>st</sup> 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: Moria Bourke  
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  
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



- 07.09.2026 – 13.09.2026 – Springtime Daffodil Display at OLR Church Kyneton
- 13.09.2026 – Safeguarding Sunday

### Parish Financials

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



### Parish Pastoral Team Membership

Expressions of interest are being sought from any parishioners who may be interested in joining the PPT. The purpose of the PPT is to work alongside the Parish Priest to:

- To enrich the quality of parish life for parishioners.
- To provide hospitality to those within and outside of the parish
- To provide opportunities for faith development in the community

Membership is for a 2 year period.

Please reach out to me if this is of interest to you.

Fr Declan

### 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.

### Thought of the Week

The Spirit of God will lead u

God will tell us  
the way to go,  
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we have to do  
the walking.

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**Feast Days this Week:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Exaltation of the Holy, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Our Lady of Sorrows, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Sts Cornelius & Cyprian & Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September – St Robert Bellarmine & St Hildegard of Bingen.

**Next Week's Rosters: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2026 & 20<sup>th</sup> September 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> | Carol Ong                            | Ceri Spain                        | Carol Bracher                     |
| <b>Readers</b>                                         | Madeline Duckett<br>Elizabeth Turang | Tony Van Rensburg                 | Terry Morley<br>Andrew Banks      |
| <b>Special Ministers</b>                               | Karel Turang                         | Deacon Joe                        | Margaret Lynch                    |
| <b>Counters</b>                                        | 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2026      | Jackie Robson & Brenda Marschall  |                                   |
| <b>Flowers - Kyneton</b>                               | 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2026      | Liz Turang & Sandra Reaper        |                                   |
| <b>Flowers/Cleaning – Trentham</b>                     | September 2026                       | Moira Bourke                      |                                   |
| <b>Bulletin Folding:</b>                               | September 2026                       | Jenny Bowe                        |                                   |



## 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 Zelda Rutledge 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 Margaret Summers, Timothy Callus and Patricia Callus.

## 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

**Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School  
Kyneton Parents & Friends Committee**

presents  
the 2026

***Daffodil Festival***  
**Devonshire Tea**

and

**Cake Stall**

**Saturday 12 September**  
**10am-2pm**

St Mary's Hall – Hutton Street, Kyneton  
Including

***Kids Craft Corner & Mini Devonshire Tea***



## Springtime Daffodil Display at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kyneton



Come visit our Springtime Daffodil Display daily from 10am to 4pm from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September till Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. All Welcome.

**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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