

The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

Revealing the Kingdom together!

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

15th February 2026

First Reading: A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach 15:15-20)

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)
2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. (R.)
3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. (R.)
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. (R.)

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

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
Weds (Communion Service)	8.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Saturday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am

Weekday Mass Times at St Mary

Magdalen, Trentham	
Wednesday	10.00am

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Administration

Admin: Leanne Maynes

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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 5:17-37)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

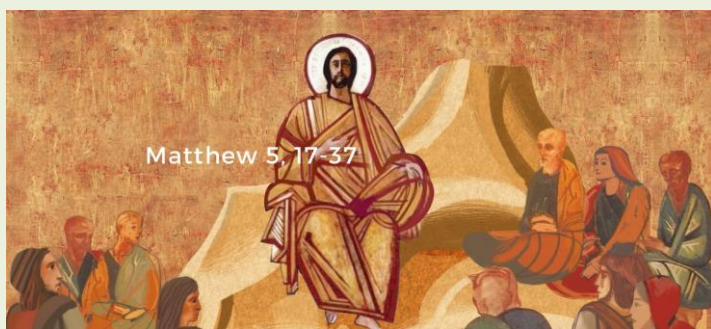
'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord



**From the desk of the
Parish Priest**



We begin the season of Lent this Wednesday (Ash Wednesday).

So if I were to be asked what's the reason for "the season"? Quoting the words of Pope Francis: "Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy"

Hoping and praying we are reawakened!

Fr. D

Ash Wednesday Mass

Ash Wednesday Mass with the blessing and distribution of ashes will be held:-



Tuesday evening at 7.00pm at St Mary Magdalen's Church, Trentham.

Wednesday 9.30am and 7.00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kyneton.

Thought of the Week



Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.

MARTIN LUTHER

Liturgy and Special Minister Rosters

In the midst of preparing rosters for next round, any changes for current volunteers, please contact as soon as possible. For anyone interested in being added to roster, please let me know by end of February.

Many thanks

Kerri Ruff

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PARISH GROUPS

We are grateful for the generosity of those who contribute to the following groups

Kyneton Parish Finance Committee

Fr. Declan
Deacon Joe
Lindy Priest
Andrew Banks

'a Parish Council to advise the Parish Priest on financial governance and financial management'

Trentham Parish Finance Committee

Fr. Declan
Tim Walsh

'We are currently forming a separate finance committee for Trentham to advise the Parish Priest on financial stewardship'

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr. Declan, Deacon Joe
Alice Walsh
Damien Sandercock
Josephine Rutledge, Les Jones
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: 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 10th February
10.30am
Everyone Welcome

St Mary Magdalen's Church Cleaning Group

This month: Michael Peluso
Volunteers always welcome
Contact Parish Office

Grounds Maintenance

This month:
Barry Lynch
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
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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.

PARISH NOTICE

Please be advised that the Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:-

<u>February/March</u>	<u>April/May</u>
24/02/2026 & 26/02/2026	14/04/2026 & 16/04/2026
03/03/2026 & 05/03/2026	21/04/2026 & 23/04/2026
10/03/2026 & 12/03/2026	28/04/2026 & 30/04/2026
14/03/2026 & 19/03/2026	05/05/2026 & 07/05/2026
	12/05/2026 & 14/05/2026
Office will reopen 24 th March 2026	19/05/2026
	Office will reopen Thursday 21 st May 2026

Fr. Declan will be available, could you please leave a message on the answering service or email the office Kyneton@cam.org.au and Fr. Declan will get back to you in due course

The Preloved Pedlar Notice

The Preloved Pedlar A.G.M.
Thursday 26 February
6pm at the Shop
Followed by normal monthly meeting
Please come along to celebrate the very successful financial year of the Preloved Pedlar.

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.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18.02.2026 – Ash Wednesday
22.02.2026 – Baptisms during Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary
06.03.2026 – Anointing of the Sick – OLR
07.03.2026 & 08.03.2026 – Cuppa after Mass both parishes

Important Dates

Parish Financials

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



Feast Days this Week: Tuesday 17th February – Founders of the Servite Order & Wednesday 18th February – Ash Wednesday.

Next Week's Rosters: 21st February 2026 & 22nd February 2026

	Saturday 6.00pm Kyneton	Sunday 8.30am Trentham	Sunday 10.30am Kyneton
Introduction & The Prayers of the Faithful:	Mary Donovan	Gloria Brown	Stella Egberts
Readers	Carol Ong Madeline Duckett	Madeline Sutton	Darren Egberts
Special Ministers	Jennifer Flanagan	Deacon Joe	Lucy Atkin
Counters	16 th February 2026	Les Jones & Brenda Marshall	
Flowers - Kyneton	19 th February 2026	Betty Cornthwaite & Ylone Fernand	
Flowers/Cleaning – Trentham	February 2026	Mandy Leach	
Bulletin Folding:	February 2026	Faye Law	



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 and Audrey Tunks.

We pray for those who have died recently including Brendan Smith, Tim Collins and Sr. Claire Skeehan 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 Michelle Fleming, Joseph Callus, Emanuel Callus, John Walsh & Pat Fleming.

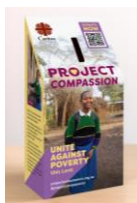


**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion Sunday 14–15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

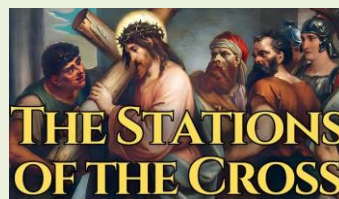
Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

Project Compassion

Boxes and envelopes are now available at both churches.



During the Friday's of **Lent**, the **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at 6.00pm beginning Friday 20th February in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kyneton.

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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