



# THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES OF KYNETON & TRENTHAM

*revealing the Kingdom together ...*

Wisdom 9: 13-18

Philemon 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17

Luke 14: 25-33

Who can comprehend the will of God?

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

Timothy 1: 12-17

Luke 15: 1-32

## Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C ~ 8th September, 2019

### Reflection

The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

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**Today's Psalm:** *Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14, 17*

**In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands

**In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*We, the family of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and St Mary Magdalen Parish are people of God, loved unconditionally by God. We are called into a communion of life and love with Jesus Christ, who impels us to deepen our relationship with each other and with all people without distinction or favoritism. We are inspired by the Holy Spirit of God to use our gifts in the service of others and as stewards of creation. We are committed to the protection of all children, young and vulnerable people. Their inherent dignity is respected and nurtured within our safe parish environs as their fundamental right. This is particularly so for the most vulnerable children, including Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and children with special needs.*

## Child Safe Standards

## Out of Darkness

Is there anything more cheerful than a daffodil? Those long slender stems holding up a yellow-petalled head, stretching to the sky? It speaks of joy and hope—and a little bit of mystery. Daffodil bulbs are rather large, really, and they seem so robust, almost impenetrable. There is nothing fragile about them—indeed I had some rolling around in the boot of the car for weeks and they didn't seem any the worse for wear! And yet, after a time in the darkness and with the right conditions, something amazing happens. First the tiniest green shoot breaks through the earth, and then, voilà!

We all have times when we feel as though we are in the darkness. Times when we feel as though nothing good will come of anything and we want to pull up the covers and just stay buried away. Times when no matter how bright the day, grey cloaks everything. Times when tears seem to well up at the unlikeliest of moments, leaving us feeling broken and alone. And these dark times usually come uninvited, perhaps in response to a deeply felt grief, hurt or humiliation.

Some of us may feel as though we are living in a dark time in the church at the moment. The extent of the damage wrought upon individuals as a result of institutional abuse at the hands of clergy, religious and lay people working in and for the Catholic Church becomes more and more apparent. Those who have been abused may be carrying the burden of the daily struggle this physical and psychological assault has placed upon them, their friends and families. Those who have not been abused may find the maelstrom of stories about abuse that emanate from both the local and the international church overwhelming. And the stories all follow a shockingly similar narrative: abuse that went unchecked and was covered up by church leaders who had authority and should have known better. We are certainly a hurting church, experiencing the darkness of humiliation.

Those of us who have listened as part of the first phase of the Plenary Council would know how painfully distressing the people of God are finding this period in our history and how frequently the issue of abuse at the hands of clergy and religious emerged from the discussions. The snapshot and now final report from the Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council also demonstrate that the people of God are responding to this 'change of era' in different ways and holding different views about how to move forward. The wisdom of the earliest Jewish Christians provides some insights for us about what the work of the Spirit looks like. Those earliest communities were also trying to make sense of Jesus' message in light of their context, and their thinking was also formed by a deepening understanding of the work of the Spirit.

And there is something else I notice about my daffodil. Daffodils come into their own when they are massed together. It is then that we witness their beauty in a different way: they are fundamentally similar but they are not exactly the same. And perhaps there is a lesson in this for us as a church community.

In years to come there will be much written about this moment in the life of the Australian church. Perhaps view it through like this—"we are a people who love and live with joy; a people who bring peace and exhibit patience; a people who offer kindness and generosity to all, who are faithful and gentle with each other and who exhibit self-control (Galatians 5:22)." Imagine if we all took these attributes into our hearts!

My daffodil reminds me that there is grace in darkness. A reminder that no matter how hard the time, how sad the moment, how long the night—light and life always emerge. This is the resurrection story.

Let us celebrate the "daffodil". Take the opportunity to join in the activities of the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival. Programmes are available in all retail outlets in Kyneton.  
With the first full weekend of Spring we bid the harsh winter goodbye.



## Welcome to all Visitors

Fr Declan takes this opportunity to welcome all visitors to our Churches this weekend. Please make yourselves known to Father when Mass is over. Enjoy this beautiful part of God's Country and we wish a safe journey back to your home.

A huge thankyou to the dedicated people who this week have given of their talents with our flower display.

## Rosters

If you haven't yet received your new roster, please check your email or the table at the back of the Church. If there are any issues please be in touch with the Parish Office.

A big thankyou to all those who enable the celebration Mass, to those who volunteer their time and talent at the respective Op Shops, to those who visit the Aged Care facilities and bring the Blessed Eucharist, to those who visit the sick and lonely, to those who maintain the grounds of the Churches, and with that a big thankyou to all of you.

**Fr Declan O'Brien**  
Parish Priest

**Daniel Bermingham**  
Principal

**Mrs Rosalie White**  
Trentham Liaison  
Parishioner

**Moir Kopke**  
Book Keeper /  
Secretary

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK :** 9th Sept St Peter Claver, 13h St John Chrysostom

**Hymns for Today: Kyneton: 158      9      35      76**

**Next Week's Rosters: 14th & 15th September, 2019**

	Sat 6.00pm In Kyneton	Sun 8.30am In Trentham	Sun 10.30am In Kyneton
<b>Lectors:</b>	Jane McGrath Kieran McGrath	J. Robertson	Piotr Bankowski Holly Bankowski
<b>Communion Assistance:</b>	Lindy Priest Martin Bourke Mary Elsum	Alan Reeves Moir Bourke	Kevin Lynch Elaine Toselli Darren Egberts
<b>Procession of Gifts:</b>	Therese Watts Pereira Family	Dennis Walsh Alison Walsh	Smoors Family
<b>Welcome Before Mass:</b>	Elaine Barron	Greg Summers	Brian Donovan Carmel Donovan
<b>Altar Linen Trentham</b>	Janet Sims	<b>Flowers Trentham</b>	Moir Bourke
<b>Altar Linen Kyneton</b>	Peta Weston (15th September)	<b>Flowers Kyneton</b>	As per Roster (13th September)

**ROSARY STATUE**

Kyneton  
Trentham

8th September Kevin Walsh  
8th & 15th September Mary Walsh

15th September John Mathews  
22nd & 29th September Jackson Family

**ALTAR SERVERS:** All are welcome. Please try to arrive 10mins before Mass starts.

**Children's Liturgy—During School Term**

**Kyneton Leaders** - Tandra Vardon, Bryanna Sandercock,  
Josie Rutledge 0439743865 any enquires

**Trentham Leader** Some Sundays during the school term - Janet Sims

**The Prayers of the Faithful: 14th & 15th September**

**Bulletin Folding:** 13th September

**Audio Visual Operators:** 14th September  
15th September

Lindy Priest

Dot Tranter

Amy Pereira

Vardon Family

**Cooks Who Care : September : Damien Nash, Jackie Robson**

IF YOU JUST HAVE THE WHERE WITH ALL FOR A ONE OFF MEAL, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTRIBUTE AT ANY TIME.

**Sick:** Martin White, Elizabeth Hutton, Patricia Callus, Chantel McIntyre,  
and Judy Hansford.

Remember, we pray for ALL the sick at every Mass.

**Recent Deaths:** Mary Cameron

**THE REQUEIUM MASS FOR GERALD O'SULLIVAN WILL BE HELD IN  
AUSTRALIND, WEST AUSTRALIA, TUESDAY 10TH OF SEPTEMBER 2019.**

**Anniversaries:** Desmond Fitzgerald

**Weekly Giving (Parish Support) - Trentham and Kyneton Parishes(01/09/2019)**

Have your Credit Card details changed recently? To avoid difficulties, please let the parish office know.

**PRESBYTERY-SUPPORT OF THE PARISH PRIEST-1ST COLLECTION**

TRENTHAM: (L.M.) \$ 152.90

(C.C. & D.D.) \$ 22.50

TOTAL: \$ 175.40

KYNETON: (L.M.) \$ 351.20

(C.C. & D.D.) \$ 50.00

TOTAL: \$ 401.20

**THANKSGIVING-UP KEEP OF THE PARISH-2ND COLLECTION**

TRENTHAM: Pledge per Week \$ 581.00

(Envelopes): \$ 200.00

(C.C. & D.D.): \$ 130.77

(L.M.): \$ 22.80

TOTAL : \$ 353.57

KYNETON: Pledge per Week \$1,617.50

(Envelopes): \$ 832.50

(C.C. & D.D.): \$ 709.25

(L.M.): \$ 70.65

TOTAL: \$1,602.40

**YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PARISH PRIEST AND THE PARISH IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.**

**BLACKWOOD: \$114.20**

**Welfare**

**St. Mary Magdalen's**

**Op Shop**

Bridge Street Trentham in

St. Mary Magdalen  
Church Hall

**Hours:** Wed & Sat

10-3pm

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136 Mollison Street

Kyneton

Opposite Kyneton

Town Hall

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**Cooks who Care**

**Please Contact:**

Parish Office

54221261

**We Care**

For help of any sort  
please contact one of our  
coordinators;

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