



THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES OF KYNETON & TRENTHAM

revealing the Kingdom together ...

Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10
James 5: 7-1
Matthew 11: 2-11

God himself will come and save us.
You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.
Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

Isaiah 7: 10 –14
Romans 1: 1-17
Matthew 1: 18-24

3rd Sunday of Advent Year A— 15th December, 2019

Reflection

After the period of the exile—when Israel had been defeated, the temple destroyed and the people taken into captivity in Babylon—there developed a belief that a Messiah would come, an 'anointed one' of God, who would restore Israel's greatness and usher in a new era characterised by justice, peace and joy. The Messiah was the one who would inaugurate the kingdom or reign of God. The healing of those who are afflicted was one of the signs given in the Hebrew Scriptures that the Messiah had come.

One of the main purposes of Matthew's Gospel is to reveal Jesus as the long awaited Messiah of the Jews to Matthew's largely Jewish community. In this text, Matthew cites the evidence that is before their eyes: the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and good news is proclaimed to the poor! Such were the signs of the coming of the Lord that Isaiah had prophesied. Such are the actions that Jesus undertakes! His identity is clear for all who have the eyes to see it.

When you look at our contemporary world, what do you 'see and hear'? How distant is this reality from the kingdom of God?

Who are the people today who gather 'a great following'? What is their message? How different is that message from the one brought by John?

Who are some of the 'great' people you have encountered in your life—not those who are famous or wealthy, but those who have had a profound influence on you. Who are the great people who have made timeless contributions to the world? What has been their legacy?

This week, find ways to be 'good news' to others, especially those who are sick or alienated or marginalised.

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Today's Psalm: *Psalm 145: 6-10*

Lord, come and save us.

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.

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.

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.

Lord, come and save us.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our combined Parishes Vision

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.

Parish Contact details

Office hours for the Parish Pastoral and Administration Center are
Tues to Fri from 10.00am to 4.00pm.
Phone: 5422 1261 email: kyneton@cam.org.au
Web: www.cam.org.au/kynetontrentham

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sat: 6.00pm (Kyneton)
Sun: 8.30am (Trentham)
Sun: 10.30am (Kyneton)
BLACKWOOD: (St Malachy's)
Sunday 4.00pm

Masses during the Week

Tuesday 17th December 5.00pm OLR KYN
Tuesday 17th Dec 2.00pm Tren Aged Care
Wednesday 18th December 9.30am RM Begg
Thursday 19th December 9.00am OLR KYN
Friday 20th December 9.30am OLR KYN
Saturday 21st December 9.00am OLR KYN

SACRAMENTS

PENANCE (Reconciliation)

Kyneton—Saturday 9.30am and 5.15pm

BAPTISMS

Meet with Father 4th Tuesday at 9.30am or 7.00pm

Ceremony:

2nd Sunday (Welcome)

3rd Sunday (PREFERRED)

EACH DURING 10.30 MASS

MARRIAGES -Six months notice

Christmas Mass Times

Trentham - 24th Midnight Mass (at midnight)
25th Christmas Day 8.30 am
26th 11.30am (St Stephen's Day)

Kyneton - 24th Vigil 6.30 Carols Mass 7.00pm
25th Christmas Day 10.30am

Blackwood - 25th Christmas Day 4.00pm

Times for Reconciliation:

2nd Rite

Trentham—Wednesday 18th December 7.00pm

Kyneton— Thursday 19th December 7.00pm

Please remember that Fr Declan is always available for Reconciliation, just make a time with him.

With each Mass at Christmas there is the need for volunteers.

We will need

ALTAR SERVERS—All Masses

AV OPERATORS—10.30 Kyneton

PEOPLE FOR THE PROCESSION OF GIFTS—

10.30 Kyneton

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—10.30 Kyneton

If you would like to contribute your talent please be in touch with the Parish Office.

Volunteers have generously helped out in each of the other roles.



PSP—Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next quarter of PSP Envelopes are available this weekend. Receipts for the last quarter are also available.

Please take your envelopes and receipts as to post them is very expensive. If you feel there is an error, or if you have a query please contact the Parish Office.

Child Safe Standards

Our parishes have a dedicated phone number for your use if you have any concerns regarding the safety of children or vulnerable people in our communities.

This number is 0478 850 754.

Always believe, and never doubt. If a child tells you they've experienced something that has made them feel unsafe, listen to them, believe them, and don't judge or pry for more information. With their permission, seek help from a professional. Reporting of child abuse is mandatory for anyone who is a registered medical practitioner, a nurse or midwife, a teacher, school principal, or police officer, but beholden on all of us.

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.



'Christmas Giving Tree

This year's Giving Tree will be a little different to those in the past. As a practical way of spreading peace and love to our fellow persons, this year's recipients of the Giving Tree will be the ASRC in Footscray. You are encouraged to be practical with giving. We ask that you put together parcels of toiletries for children and adults—toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, deodorants, tissues—you get the idea. You can make them look pretty or we can. These items we take very much for granted but for the people who use the Centre in Footscray they are "gold". If you still wish to get gifts please do so, as a present is "gold" to a child who has very little. The trees in both Parishes are up and accepting donations. These gifts will be delivered in the 3rd week of December to coincide with our monthly food donations. Think about what we have, we are truly blessed, the act of given comes back ten fold.

Christmas Choir Practice

Mary and Margaret invite all of us to choir practice for Christmas. Choir joy this Wednesday, the 18th December at 8.00pm, and then it's Christmas. Each of us is blessed with a voice, and together those voices are beautiful. The more the merrier, and all are welcome.



Trentham Ecumenical Carol Service

The wonderful people of Trentham will conduct their inter-church Carol Service at St Andrew's Uniting Church Trentham
Monday 23rd December
7.30pm
All very welcome.

Raffle

The financial result from our Parishes' raffle — with the enormous effort of our Parishioners and our Scholl families the profit is \$2,291.00. These funds will be distributed proportionally between each Parish and our School. Thankyou once again for your generosity.

SIX-DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

Friday 17 January – Friday 24 January 2020

Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, 99 Studley Park Road, Kew

To deepen your relationship with God, we offer you silence, a peaceful ambience, a spiritual director and ample time for prayer.

Cost: \$925 (includes all meals and accommodation)

To book and for more details please email secretary@campion.asn.au or phone 03 9854 8110.

TRENTHAM OP SHOP & KYNETON'S PRE LOVED PEDLAR

—VOLUNTEERS' THANKYOU

Let's continue the thankyou theme. To the people—men, women and young adults, who enable both op shops to run so smoothly, and who care for those in need, with considered distribution of the funds raised during the year. From the Communities of both Trentham and Kyneton this is to let you know that we appreciate your wonderful work, and it's now time for a well deserved rest. Both shops will be closed during the holiday period

Trentham: last day open Wednesday the 18th December
reopen Wednesday the 15th January 2020

Kyneton: last day open Friday 20th December
reopen Monday 20th January 2020

Please do not leave any goods at either shop during this time, because if donations are left it means that a volunteer has to break into their personal time to clear the donations away.

Please keep your donations until the shops reopen.

IF YOU OR ANYBODY YOU KNOW NEEDS ASSISTANCE DURING THIS TIME PLEASE RING THE PARISH OFFICE AND YOUR REQUEST WILL BE ATTENDED TO.

Fr Declan O'Brien
Parish Priest

Daniel Bermingham
Principal

Mrs Rosalie White
Trentham Liaison
Parishioner

Moir Kopke
Book Keeper /
Secretary

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK : 21st Dec St Peter Canisius

Hymns for Today: Kyneton: Wait for the Lord Christ be our light 67 174

Next Week's Rosters: 21st & 22nd December 2019

	Sat 6.00pm In Kyneton	Sun 8.30am In Trentham	Sun 10.30am In Kyneton
Lectors:	Jane McGrath Kieran McGrath	J Robertson	Piotr Bankowski Holly Bankowski
Communion Assistance:	Kerri Ruff Norm Prest Rosemary Scarlett	Madelene Sutton Georgina Buttigieg	Elaine Toselli Alan Bush Terry Morley
Procession of Gifts:	Peter Butterworth Pat Butterworth	Gloria Brown Craig Brown	Taunt Family
Welcome Before Mass:	Anne McCarthy	Rosalie White Bernie White	Robert Scott
Altar Linen Trentham	Janet Sims	Flowers Trentham	Parish Guild Mary Walsh
Altar Linen Kyneton	Aileen Fallon (22nd December)	Flowers Kyneton	Liz Turang (20th December)

ROSARY STATUE

Kyneton 15th December Mary Clarke
Trentham 15th & 22nd December Sutton Family

22nd December Aileen Fallon
29th Dec & 5th Jan R & B White

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 - Janet Sims Some Sundays during the school term

The Prayers of the Faithful:	21st & 22nd December	Margaret Lynch
Bulletin Folding:	20th December	Mary Potton
Audio Visual Operators:	21st December	Moir Kopke
	22nd December	Nadine Stanton

Cooks Who Care : December: Josie Rutledge, Heidi Kelly, & Lynne Piacentini
IF YOU JUST HAVE THE WHERE WITH ALL FOR A ONE OFF MEAL, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTRIBUTE AT ANY TIME.

Sick: Mario Satori, Elizabeth Hutton, and Chantel McIntyre
Remember, we pray for ALL the sick at every Mass.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Christine McKenna

Weekly Giving (Parish Support) - Trentham and Kyneton Parishes(08/12//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.) \$ 250.80	KYNETON: (L.M.) \$ 435.60
(C.C. & D.D.) \$ 125.00	(C.C. & D.D.) \$ 175.00
TOTAL: \$ 375.80	TOTAL: \$ 610.60

THANKSGIVING-UP KEEP OF THE PARISH-2ND COLLECTION

TRENTHAM: Pledge per Week \$ 581.00	KYNETON: Pledge per Week \$1,617.50
(Envelopes): \$ 200.00	Envelopes): \$ 723.50
(C.C. & D.D.): \$ 130.00	(C.C. & D.D.): \$ 710.00
(L.M.): \$ 34.10	(L.M.): \$ 56.20
TOTAL : \$ 360.10	TOTAL: \$1,489.70

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PARISH PRIEST AND THE PARISH IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.
BLACKWOOD: \$50.00

Welfare

St. Mary Magdalen's

Op Shop

Bridge Street Trentham in
St. Mary Magdalen
Church Hall

Hours: Wed & Sat
10-3pm
Contact:
0423 854319

The Preloved Pedlar

136 Mollison Street

Kyneton

Opposite Kyneton
Town Hall

To donate goods or for
assistance please phone
the Shop: 5422 7134

or email:
prelovedped-
larolr@gmail.com

Cooks who Care

Please Contact:

Parish Office
54221261

We Care

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

Kyneton

Liz 0424259500

Dorothy 0411454258

Trentham

Rosalie 5424 1523

Janet 5424 1830