



# THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES OF KYNETON & TRENTHAM

*revealing the Kingdom together ...*

Isaiah 7: 10-14  
Romans 15: 4-9  
Matthew 3: 1-12

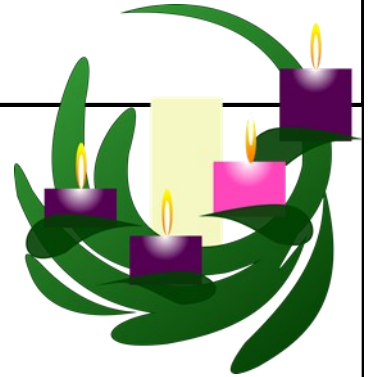
The virgin will conceive.  
Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.  
Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14  
Colossians 3: 12-21  
Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

## 4th Sunday of Advent Year A— 22nd December, 2019

### Reflection

We will see throughout the coming liturgical year that the gospel of Matthew places a great deal of emphasis on the importance of the Law and upon its proper application. Indeed, the gospel writer casts Jesus in the role of the 'new Moses' – Moses was the great Law-giver of the Old Testament and Jesus is portrayed in this gospel as bringing a new Law to the people of Israel. In this gospel, the proper application of the Law is as important as the Law itself. In today's passage, Joseph provides an example of the proper application of the Law. His betrothed wife was pregnant; she would have been subject to the Law against adultery and probably would have been stoned to death. Under the Law, Joseph was obliged to divorce her, and yet he determines that he will do so quietly and protect Mary from too much shame and possibly save her life. Joseph did not intend to ignore the Law, but he sought to carry it out in such a way as to bring the least shame and the least hurt to all involved. The role of Joseph is often overlooked. There is no mention of him during the public ministry of Jesus. In fact the latest mention in any of the gospels is the account of Jesus in the Temple at the age of 12. After that, Joseph disappears and we can only assume that he has passed away by the time Jesus takes up his ministry. Yet Joseph is truly a man of great faith. By rights he should have divorced Mary and walked away. But he trusts in the word of the God that is addressed to him in a dream and from that point on he goes to great lengths to protect and care for his family. ©Dianne Bergant CSA



**Today's Psalm:** *Psalm 23: 1-6*

**Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.

**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](mailto:kyneton@cam.org.au)  
Web: [www.cam.org.au/kynetontrentham](http://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

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24th December</b>	<b>NO MORNING</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25th December</b>	<b>MASSSES.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26th December</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27th December</b>	<b>MORNING</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28th December</b>	<b>MASSSES</b>
		<b>RESUME</b>
		<b>2ND JANUARY</b>
		<b>2020</b>

### 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

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.

### Flower Donations—OLR Kyneton

The beautiful Flower Volunteers will be meeting to arrange our botanical displays for Christmas on Monday morning the 23rd, if you have flowers or greenery that has survived the heat and you would like to make a contribution to the display, buckets will be in the foyer of the Church, or delivery your contributions straight to the ladies in the sacristy on Monday Morning.



### Christmas Eve Family Mass

On Christmas Eve, Monday December 24, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish celebrate the eminent birth of Jesus with Carols at 6.30pm and a Family Mass commencing at 7.00pm.

We would love to see all children attending this Mass participate in the re-enactment of the story of the birth of Jesus.

Children are encouraged to come dressed as Angels, Shepherds, Kings or one of the animals and will be invited to come up onto the altar to sit around the crib as the story is being read during the Gospel time.

## 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.

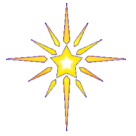
**This number is 0478 850 754.**

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.*

## Father Declan's Christmas Message

Christmas in Australia is special, but Christmas in Kyneton, Trentham and Blackwood is an out of this world time of the year! By the end of this week I will have distributed to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre various gifts that you have donated, roughly the value of \$1,500.00 and that's just a conservative estimate! On behalf of those "who have not", I thank you for your generosity and giving spirit. Your generosity mirrors God's generosity in sending his Son to walk among us and journey with us. It is God's love in concrete tangible action!



They say charity begins at home! Our special collection this Christmas time will go to support an organisation who assists drought stricken farmers in our country by providing them with bales of hay for their livestock. Check it out at [buyabale.com.au](http://buyabale.com.au)

Thank you for your generosity to me personally, by your prayers most importantly, your contributions to the Presbytery Fund and your willingness to contribute to the mission of these parishes in whatever way you can.

May I wish you and your families the Happiest and Holiest of Christmas times and Welcome Home to anyone who has come to be with their families and loved ones this Christmas season.

### **Come Lord Jesus!**

Fr. Daniel Declan O'Brien

(Parish Priest - The Combined Catholic Parishes of Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton and Saint Mary Magdalen's, Trentham)

## ~~~~~ Christmas/New Year Timetable

**The Parish Office** will be "unpersoned" from Friday the 20th December at 4.00pm until Tuesday 7th January at 10.00am. The phone will be monitored, and of course any urgent matter Fr Declan is always available.

### **Mass schedule for the next 2 weeks**

24th, 25th & 26th as has been listed in the Bulletin over the past few weeks.

For Fr Declan to have a little break there will be **no morning Masses** on the 27th or 28th December.

28th & 29th December normal weekend Mass times will apply.

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass will be at 5.00pm (Tuesday) at Our Lady of the Rosary Kyneton.

New Year's Day Mass will be at 10.00am St Mary Magdalen's Trentham.

From the 2nd of January 2020 the normal Mass times will resume.



*HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS.  
BE SAFE IN THE NEW YEAR, TREAT YOURSELVES KINDLY,  
AS YOU ARE TRULY SPECIAL.*

**Fr Declan O'Brien**  
Parish Priest  
**Daniel Bermingham**  
Principal  
**Mrs Rosalie White**  
Trentham Liaison  
Parishioner  
**Moir Kopke**  
Book Keeper /  
Secretary

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK :** 23rd Dec St John of Kanty, 26th Dec St Stephen,  
27th Dec St John the Apostle, 28th Dec The Holy Innocent Martyrs

**Hymns for Today: Kyneton: Wait for the Lord 21 164 20**

**Next Week's Rosters: 28th & 29th December 2019**

	Sat 6.00pm In Kyneton	Sun 8.30am In Trentham	Sun 10.30am In Kyneton
<b>Lectors:</b>	Julia Impey Lindy Priest	Curtis Sinatra	Aileen Riordan Sam Sequeria
<b>Communion Assistance:</b>	Paul Ruff Roley Sandilands Sr Madeline Duckett	Alan Reeves Moir Bourke	Margaret Lynch Anne Ferrie Kevin Lynch
<b>Procession of Gifts:</b>	Therese Watts Volunteer	Kath O'Connell Bill O'Connell	Trish Bowe Mary Beattie
<b>Welcome Before Mass:</b>	Therese Watts	Craig Brown Gloria Brown	Brian Donovan Carmel Donovan
<b>Altar Linen Trentham</b>	Janet Sims	<b>Flowers Trentham</b>	Parish Guild Mary Walsh
<b>Altar Linen Kyneton</b>	Mary Clarke (29th December )	<b>Flowers Kyneton</b>	Sandra Reaper (27th December)

**ROSARY STATUE**

**Kyneton** 22nd December Pat Fleming 29th December Kevin Walsh  
**Trentham** 15th & 22nd December Sutton Family 29th Dec & 5th Jan B & R 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:** 28th & 29th December Tim Walsh  
**Bulletin Folding:** 27th December BULLETIN WILL ONLY BE ONE PAGE  
**Audio Visual Operators:** 28th December Rosemary Scarlett  
29th December Phillip Taunt

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

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:**

**Weekly Giving (Parish Support) - Trentham and Kyneton Parishes(15/12//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**

<b>TRENTHAM: (L.M.)</b> \$ 257.80	<b>KYNETON: (L.M.)</b> \$ 332.70
<b>(C.C. &amp; D.D.)</b> \$ 125.00	<b>(C.C. &amp; D.D.)</b> \$ 175.00
<b>TOTAL:</b> \$ 382.80	<b>TOTAL:</b> \$ 507.70

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

<b>TRENTHAM: Pledge per Week</b> \$ 581.00	<b>KYNETON: Pledge per Week</b> \$1,617.50
<b>(Envelopes):</b> \$ 160.00	<b>Envelopes):</b> \$ 699.50
<b>(C.C. &amp; D.D.):</b> \$ 130.00	<b>(C.C. &amp; D.D.):</b> \$ 710.00
<b>(L.M.):</b> \$ 15.95	<b>(L.M.):</b> \$ 75.55
<b>TOTAL :</b> \$ 305.95	<b>TOTAL:</b> \$1,485.05

**YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PARISH PRIEST AND THE PARISH IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.**  
**BLACKWOOD: \$75.00**

**Kyneton Email:**  
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trentham@cam.org.au  
**Internet Website:**  
www.cam.org.au/  
kynetontrentham

**TRENTHAM PARISH**

Barry's Reef, Blackwood  
East Trentham, Fern Hill  
Little Hampton, Lyonville,  
Newbury, North  
Blackwood, Spring Hill,  
Trentham, Tylden

**KYNETON PARISH**

Bald Hill, Barfold,  
Baynton, Blackhill,  
Carlsruhe,  
Denver, Drummond East,  
Metcalfe, East Pastoria,  
Edgecombe, Emberton,  
Green Hill, Kyneton,  
Langley, Lauriston,  
Malmsbury, North  
Drummond, Pastoria  
Pipers Creek, Sidonia &  
Taradale

**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