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The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

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Please Note:

We are still experiencing problems with our phone line. At present, all calls to the office will divert to Fr Declan's mobile.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 12th July, 2020

1st Reading - Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain. (**R**)

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield. **(R)**

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills. **(R)**

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy. (R)

2nd Reading – Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. Send this special Miracle Healing Prayer to your friends and loved ones. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labour pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever. Alleluia.

Gospel – Matthew 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.

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Gospel continued. . .

Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away.

The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER

We remember in the charity of our prayer those who have died recently

We also remember those who's anniversaries occur around this time, especially: *Michael Callus*

Eternal Rest Grant into them O Lord, and may Perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace.

For those who are unwell in our community and beyond, especially: Elizabeth Hutton, Maureen Green, Denise Guzman, Chantel McIntyre, Austin Yeoman, Fabienne Toselli and anyone who is unwell,

especially due to the Coronavirus.

Parish Phone line: We are still experiencing disruption to our telephone line. Currently, all calls are being diverted to Fr Declan's mobile 0457 708 586.

Handouts: We have some activity sheets available for families regarding this week's Gospel. Also, a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Peter Comensoli regarding recent update on Covid 19 restrictions.

Covid 19 Social Restriction Guidelines for worship to date — Stay safe. Please observe social distancing and cleaning guidelines. *If you would like to come to Mass on any day it is important that you reserve a place. You can do so by calling the Presbytery the day before your attendance between 10.30 am and 1.30 pm. Please be aware that we are limited to twenty members of the congregation for every Mass.*

When you arrive at Church, you will be asked to sign a sheet giving just your first name and a contact phone number. These will be kept in the Presbytery for Twenty Eight days and then destroyed.

The four square metre rule, which limits the number of people who can be in a building applies at all times. This is not about distancing between people (which is 1.5 metres but is about building capacity.

When you arrive at Church there will be hand sanitiser available and it would be appreciated by all in our communities for those attending Mass that you might use it. Please also be aware that all hard service are sanitised at the conclusion of Mass. Your co-operation in this process would be much appreciated by indicating that a pew has been sat on by leaving the kneeler down in front of that pew.

I am aware how hard it for a lot of people who cannot attend Mass at the moment. So as we can celebrate Eucharist publicly on a limited basis, its so important that we comply with what is asked of us in these guidelines. A full copy of which is available in each of the sacristy's of our combined parishes. Thank you for your compliance with them. Fr. Declan

Financial Offering. Only if you are in a financial position to do so, you may wish to help towards the upkeep of the parish, especially during this time of Covid 19 restrictions. There are a number of ways to do this. Whatever your contribution, it is most gratefully received.

- <u>Envelope</u> which can be left under the door of the Parish Office in Kyneton
- <u>Online contribution</u> you may give directly to our bank details as follows: <u>St Mary Magdalen Trentham</u>: NAB, BSB 083 347; A/c # 451603919; Reference: your name <u>Our Lady of the Rosary Kyneton</u>: NAB BSB 083 347; A/c # 678889421; Reference: your name
- The Church Development Fund (CDF) have a link which you can choose to give an online donation as a one off, or continuing, nominating either the Presbytery Account or the Parish Account.

 $https://secure.artezpacific.com/registrant\ TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=116561\&langPref=en-CA$

Hit the above link, which will take you to a page where you can select which Church, Blackwood, Kyneton or Trentham, then follow the prompts:

1. Select the Church you wish to support 2. To the left of your screen select "Support My Parish" highlighted in yellow 3. The next page you can select from the following options 4. Give one time or set up a recurring offering 5. Select suggested amounts or insert the amount you wish to give 6. Nominate your offering contribution to the Presbytery or the Parish 7. Fill in your details 8. Enter your credit cards details. *Please note this is set up as a secure site*

Saint's Feast Days for the week Monday Optional Memorial of Saint Henry

Tuesday Optional Memorial of Saint Camillus De Lellis, Priest Wednesday Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Thursday Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Mass Schedule for the Coming Week Tuesday July 14th 5pm; Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton Wednesday July 15th 9am Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton Friday July 16th 9am Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton Saturday July 17th 9 am in Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton

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.