



The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

~ Revealing the Kingdom together ~

Weekend Mass Times

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Weekday Mass Times at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton

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NB: Closed due to Covid19.

See note overleaf.

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Cooks who Care

Parish Office: 5422 1261

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 23rd August, 2020

1st Reading – . A reading from the prophet Isaiah 22:19–23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place he will become a throne of glory or his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm – 137:1–3, 6, 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

2nd Reading – A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:33–36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Alleluia –

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

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Gospel – A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13–20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Child Protection Compliance 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.



The innocent question Jesus puts to his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” quickly becomes personal: “But you, who do you say I am?” It’s a question that has haunted every generation, and it bothers us still. It’s a question that we want to shy away from and yet find alluring; it both threatens and promises.

Our lesser self is threatened by the decision it demands of us. We sense that we are being asked for a commitment. Our settled ways are in jeopardy. We might have to re-evaluate our beliefs and behaviours. We suspect that we may be called to let go of familiar things and venture into unknown territory. For all that, the question attracts us. It has an air of adventure about it, the promise of discovery. That promise centres on the person of Jesus. We are drawn to him. We find him endlessly fascinating. Our better selves know that we will find his company exhilarating. With him we discover the depths of our humanity, in him we see the face of God.

Something to think about The gospel text is identical to that for the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, except for the additional verse at the end.

The reading records Simon Peter’s profession of faith in Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God”. In response Jesus affirms and commissions Peter: “You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church”. As we’ll hear next Sunday, in the passage that follows on directly from this exchange, the gospel writer Matthew counterbalances the image of foundation stone with that of stumbling block.

As it stands the passage that we hear is prone to a one-sided interpretation in support of Petrine authority in the Church. This will make much of the divine authority entrusted to Peter and/or to the Church: “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.” Next Sunday’s gospel and other stories shed a different light on Peter. They reveal him as a flawed leader. Only two Sundays ago we heard how his faith failed as he tried to walk to Jesus across the water.

But today the focus is on Peter’s faith, his courage, his foundational role in the Church, and the assurance that the Church will never finally fail. Exactly what is meant by the power to bind and loose remains a matter for discussion within and across the Christian traditions. The gospel ends with one of Jesus’ calls to silence lest his Messiahship be misunderstood.

Cooks Who Care—Home Cooked Meals Available, Just A Phone Call Away!

Our parish based, Cooks Who Care, have been very busy making up delicious home cooked meals. During these Covid times we understand not being always able to leave home for daily food essentials can be very stressful. Know we are all here to help.

If you or someone you know would welcome a few meals PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO PHONE Liz 0424 259 500 or Dorothy 0411 454 258. We Care.

There are also prepared meals available from the parish office. You are welcome to call the parish office via Father Declan’s mobile (0457708586) if you would like to have a meal lovingly prepared by ‘Cooks Who Care.’

Pre-Loved Pedler - Closed, due to Covid19

With Stage 3 COVID19 Restrictions in force, the Preloved Pedlar closed on 5 August. At our next meeting we will consider arrangements from 31 August onwards.

In the meantime, should you, or anyone you know, require assistance with food, clothing or furniture, please phone: 5422 7134 and leave a message. You will receive a phone call in the following 24 hours to arrange any support that can be offered.

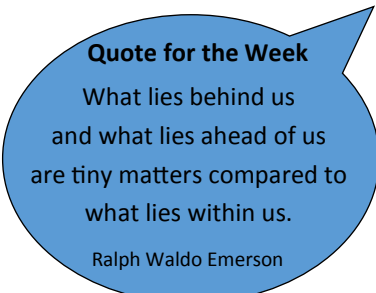
We are unable to accept any donations at this time.

Saint’s Feast Days for the week

August 23	St. Philip Benizi, Vigil of St. Bartholomew, Apostle
August 24	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
August 25	St. Louis, King of France
August 26	Pope St. Zephyrinus, Martyr
August 27	St. Joseph Calasanctius
August 28	St. Augustine
August 28	St. Hermes, Martyr
August 29	Beheading of St. John the Baptist
August 29	St. Sabina, Martyr
August 30	St. Rose of Lima
	Sts. Felix and Adauctus, Martyrs
August 31	St. Raymond Nonnatus

Caritas—Middle East Emergency

Appeal Details for donating to the appeal as follows: <https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/middle-east-emergency-appeal>



Quote for the Week

What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

BUSHFIRE, COVID-19 FLOODS, ACCIDENTS



VCC Emergencies Ministry needs YOU to join us in helping others affected by these and other events by offering psychological first aid and personal support. Full training for volunteers is provided, expenses reimbursed and support is provided every step of the way.

Contact Gay on 0416965467 for further information or check website www.vccem.org.au

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER



We remember in the charity of our prayer those who have died recently: *Joan Peters*

We also remember those who's anniversaries occur around this time, especially: *Gerard O'Sullivan*

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 Tosell*

and anyone who is unwell, especially due to the Coronavirus.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

The simple and loving act of Spiritual Communion (written by St. Alphonsus Liguori) can be made when we are unable to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist. Pray these words:

**My Jesus,
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though You have already come,
I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.**

Covid 19 Stage 3 Restrictions – All Victoria inc. Mitchell Shire. (Metropolitan Melbourne Stage 4)

I am aware how hard it for a lot of people who cannot attend Mass at the moment. Please know that you all in my prayers constantly and that I will continue to celebrate Mass via live-stream. Stay safe. Fr. Declan

All Victorians over the age of 12 must wear a face covering whenever they leave their home, unless a medical exemption applies. Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification, including Clergy or Deacons, (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

Stage 3 Guidelines for worship: As of 11.59pm Wednesday 5 August, 2020 and for a period of 6 weeks unless otherwise directed:

- **All places of worship including churches, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for public prayer and religious services. are to be closed.**
- **WEDDINGS:** limited to 5 people, comprising of the couple, the two witnesses and the celebrant
- **FUNERALS:** limited to 10 mourners plus the minimum number required to conduct the funeral
- **BAPTISMS:** to be postponed, unless there is an urgent and grave pastoral need. (Can. 857; 860).
- **LIVESTREAMING:** Celebrant, reader and streaming operator (limit 5 in total may be present)
- **VISITATIONS:** home visitations not permitted unless for grave reasons. Only Clergy (Priests and Deacons) may visit. All hygiene precautions must be adhered including the wearing of face coverings. Holy Communion not to be given to anyone in their homes or care facilities, including the sick and homebound, except as Viaticum for the dying, which may be administered only by Priests and Deacons, and complying with all hygiene precautions and the protocols of the relevant hospitals or aged-care facilities. (Please note, aged care facilities may have further restrictions on this). If you would like to speak with Fr Declan, please call: 0457 708 586
- If you can work from home, you must do so.

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.

- **Envelope** which can be left under the door of the Parish Office in Kyneton
- **Online contribution** you may give directly to our bank - details as follows:

St Mary Magdalen Trentham:	BSB 083 347; A/c # 451603919;	Reference: your name
Our Lady of the Rosary Kyneton:	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/registrator 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"
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 your preferred amount
6. Nominate your offering to Presbytery or Parish
7. Fill in your details
8. Enter your credit cards details.

Please note this set up is a secure site

Something for our young parishioners — or the young at heart

Prayer for this week

Dear Jesus,
Strengthen our faith in you.
Be with us when we are filled with fear or doubt,
and remind us of your never-ending love for us.
Thank you Jesus, for the gift of faith.
Amen.



Family Discussion

Which people have helped you to be a disciple of Jesus?
Who are some of the leaders in our Church today - In your parish? In the world?
What do you know about Peter and his importance to the early Christian community?
What we can learn from Peter and his faith in Jesus?

Family Activity

You will need one rock for the family or a pebble for each person, and marker pens.

Think about what you would say if Jesus asked you “Who do you say I am?”

Take turns to answer the question, and then write or draw your word or symbol on the rock or one of the pebbles.

Keep the rock or pebbles in the centre of the dinner table and remember to pray, thanking Jesus for the gift of your faith.

