



The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

~ Revealing the Kingdom together ~

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Kyneton	6.00pm
Sunday Trentham	8.30am
Sunday Kyneton	11.00am
Sunday Blackwood	4.00pm

Weekday Mass Times at Our

Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton	
Tues	5.00pm
Wed & Thurs	9.00am
Fri	9.30am
Sat	9.00am

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Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B 14th March 2021

1st Reading: A reading from the second book of Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this and has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Psalm: Ps 136

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R**

O let my tongue cleave my mouth if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R**

2nd Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 2:4–10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: *Please turn to page 2*

Child Protection

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.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.



**Our Community
in Prayer**

Fo our departed brothers and sisters

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

John Bonavía

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

*Enid Fernanda & Dorothy Jackson , Mar-
ío Satorie*

Hermensita (Menmen) Lo Franco (1 mth)

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

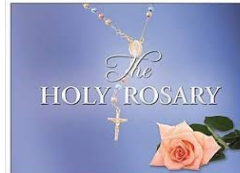
For those who are unwell in our community and beyond

We especially prayer for:

Georgina Lynch Matthew Lynch

Honouring our Saints during March

- 17 St Patrick, Bishop (Optional)
- 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor (Optional)
- 19 St Joseph , Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
St Joseph, Patron of Canada
- 23 St Turibius of Mogrovejo , Bishop (Optional)
- 25 The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)
- 28 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Solemnity)



The Holy Rosary will be prayed half an hour prior to each weekday Mass. This will be livestreamed along with the Mass for those who would like to participate from home.



'Beannachtaí na Feile Padraig'

**Happy
St Patrick's Day
in the Irish language**

2021 Patrick Oration

On the feast of St Patrick, patron saint of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will deliver the 2021 Patrick Oration.

The 2021 Patrick Oration will be held on Wednesday 17 March. The broadcast begins at 7.30pm and can be viewed on community channel C31 (channel 44 on digital TV) and via YouTube at 7.30pm.



LENT 2021

Lenten Programmes and resources available for us this year to enrich our faith and continue our Christian journey. Visit the various Catholic dioceses to find which Lenten programme suits you best. There are also many ecumenical Lenten resources available too.

Ecumenical-Community based (face to face)

This year we again join with our Christian Community in sharing the Word of God.

Sharing Scripture during Lent—Awakening My Faith

This is a six week programme exploring the Word of God through contemplation on the readings of the Sunday's leading up to Easter. You are still welcome to join us.

Hosted by: St Paul's Anglican Church, Yaldwyn Street West, Kyneton
When: Thursdays evenings during Lent
Time: 7pm

Facilitators: Fr. Ian Howarth and Fr. Declan O'Brien

Bookings essential. Please call Fr Ian 0437 655 702 or Fr Declan 0457 708 586
Strict numbers and Covid 19 requirements mandatory.



The Way of the Cross

On-line video programme, highlighting sculptures of The Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Good Council, Deepdene
Link: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/praying-the-way-of-the-cross>

Don Bosco Spiritual Retreats

Various retreats available, focusing on the period of Lent and Easter (03) 9752 2432 <https://donboscoretreats.org.au/>

Melbourne Catholic

Keep connected and up with news from the Melbourne Archdiocese <https://melbournecatholic.org/news>



Archbishop Peter has accepted six men for admission to Corpus Christi College Seminary this year. They are:

Jordan McBroom, Xavier Ryan, Greg Lewis, Gerard Martin, Anthony Wright & Andrew Tran

Please pray for these men as they devote themselves to the formation of ministerial Priesthood and Diaconate.

A Family Prayer

Lord, bless each member of this family (names...).

Watch over us and protect us from evil and harm of any kind.

Grant us wisdom, grace and strength to live lives of goodness.

Help us to honour each other with words of respect, forgiveness and love.

To listen with the heart as well as the head.

To be patient and persevering when all seems lost.

Bless and protect us from losing our way.

Amen



Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available.
Please collect from each church foyer.

URGENT ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

St Mary Magdalen's Op Shop in Trentham URGENTLY needs volunteers. Can you spare a day a week or a month, or even a few hours? Your help will be greatly appreciated.

The shop is open:
Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10am - 3pm

For more details please contact : Curtis 0423854319 or Rosalie 54 241523 / 0457476629.

Easter 2021

The Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday	1st April
Good Friday	2nd April
Easter Saturday (Vigil)	3rd April

The Paschal Feast of our Lord Jesus Christ

Easter Sunday	4th April
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Aid to the Church in Need
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Did you know that each year the Catholic charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, supports the training of

12,000 seminarians and provides ongoing formation for 8,000 priests. Could you help support a priest or seminarian? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/formation

Covid 19 —Current Mandatory Restrictions / Obligations

- * Prior booking to attend Mass
- * Sign in or registering QR Code
- * Sanitize Hands
- * Maintain social Distance
- * Masks preferred to be worn throughout Mass

Number of people in any indoor venue remains dependent on space density

For our younger parishioners

The Story

In this week's gospel, Jesus talks about the never-ending love of God. Jesus says that everyone who believes in God will have eternal life. He assures his listeners that God is not interested in judging people for their mistakes, but instead wants to save them. No matter what we do or where we go, God will be there helping us, loving us, and welcoming us home.

Dear God,

**Thank you loving us and for
being with us wherever we go.
Save us when we are in trouble.**

Amen.

Something to Think About

God loved the people in the world so much, that he gave his only Son, Jesus, to save them. Think about someone you love... if you could give them anything, what would it be?

Family Discussion

Because God loves us so much, God has given us gifts to make us happy... but God also wants us to use these gifts to bring life and happiness to other people.

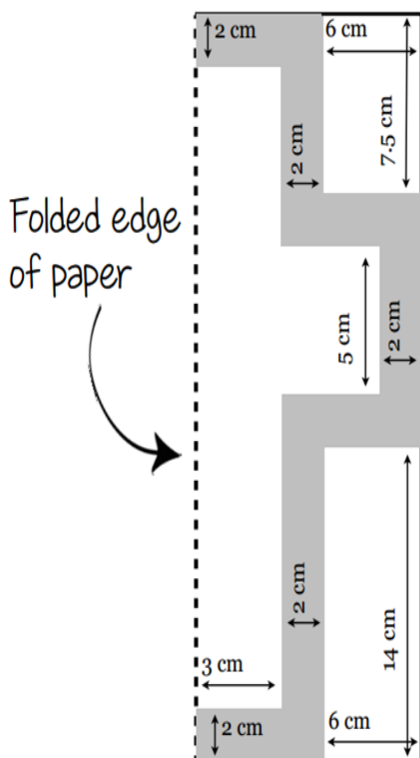
Invite everyone to share some of their gifts, saying how they might use these gifts to bring life and joy to someone this week.

Stained Glass Cross

You will need: black cross template; clear contact cut into rectangular pieces, slightly larger than cross template; coloured 2 cm squares of tissue paper; scissors.

Lay a piece of clear contact, sticky side up on the table. Place the black cross template on the contact. Place one piece of coloured tissue paper at a time inside the cross template until all covered. Place another piece of clear contact, sticky side down, over the top. Trim around the sides of the cross.

Hang against a window and watch the sun shine through the coloured cross.



Fold a sheet of black construction paper in half. Then, follow the measurements and cut along the grey lines to create your cross.

