



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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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B 21st March 2021

1st Reading: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord! No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Psalm: Ps 50:3-4, 12-15 R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **R**

2nd Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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.

Readings and Commentary.

The hour is near. The climax of Jesus' work is fast approaching. The cost of his mission is growing greater by the day. The price to be paid is such that Jesus will pray "aloud and in silent tears to the one who had the power to save him out of death". In the end it becomes all too clear – the grain of wheat must be buried in the ground and die before it can yield a harvest of life.

The way ahead is the way of the cross. It is the way Jesus has trod before us, so we know it to be the path of life. The time has come for us to make our choice. Are we so in love with the life we know that we run the risk of losing it, or dare we let go of who we are and what we have in order to find life to the full?

Like the foreigners in today's gospel, we would "like to see Jesus". Our wish will be granted. We shall see the Son of Man raised on the tree of the cross. The longer and more lovingly we gaze on him there, the more we shall be drawn to him and see his glory, "the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14)



Our Community in Prayer

For our departed brothers and sisters

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:

Brendan Fallon

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

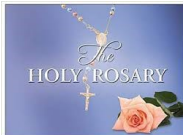
For those who are unwell in our community and beyond

We especially prayer for:

***Georgina Lynch Matthew Lynch
Paul Reeves Kath O'Connell***

Honouring our Saints during March / April

- 23 St Turibius of Mogrovejo , Bishop (Optional)
- 25 The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)
- 28 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Solemnity)
- 01 Holy Thursday (Solemnity)
- 02 Good Friday (Solemnity)
St Francis of Paola (Optional)
- 03 Easter Sunday (Solemnity)
Easter Octave, day 1
St Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Opt)



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

What it's all about... A great story for now.

A story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country. The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast :

"Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began.

The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, *"Lord, I hate lard."*

Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, *"And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour."*

The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, *"But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits."*

So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today. Stay strong my friends, because our life is being mixed with lots of things that we don't care for.....relax and wait until the mixing is done.....



Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available.
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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

Holy Week Schedule 2021



Mass for Palm (Passion) Sunday as Scheduled

Monday March 29th

Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton Communal Service of Reconciliation (Rite II) 7pm

Tuesday March 30th

Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton Mass 5 pm
Saint Mary Magdalen's, Trentham Communal Service of Reconciliation (Rite II) 7pm

Wednesday, March 31st

Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton Mass 9am
Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton Confessions after Mass until 10.15 am

Thursday April 1st

Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton Confessions 4pm to 5pm
Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Friday April 2nd

Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton Stations of the Cross (or on the grounds) 10 am
Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3pm

Saturday April 3rd

Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton The celebration of the Solemn Easter Vigil 7pm

Sunday April 4th (Easter Sunday) Our regular Mass Schedule across our parish

Please be aware of the fact that we are still following Covid compliant protocols as recommended by the State of Victoria and the Archdiocese of Melbourne. For any of our Easter ceremonies it is important to reserve your self a place, as we are limited to only having 68 people in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kyneton and 36 in Saint Mary Magdalen's in Trentham.

LENT and EASTER 2021

For those who are unable to attend services, you are welcome to view the following to enrich your faith during Holy Week and Easter.

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>

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.



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.



Covid 19 —Current Mandatory Restrictions / Obligations

- * Prior booking to attend Mass
- * Sign in or registering QR Code
- * Sanitize Hands
- * Maintain social Distance
- * Masks not mandatory but 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 uses the image of a grain of wheat to talk about what will happen to him. He will live on the earth and then he will die, but many people after Jesus will continue his work and spread the Good News throughout the earth.

Jesus tells his friends that they must serve God before else, rather than focusing on their own personal interests. Those who follow Jesus will have a great reward, because God will honour them.

Dear God,

**Thank you for sending your Son
to live among us.
Help me to tell others about Jesus
Amen.**

Something to Think About

When a seed is planted in the ground, something amazing happens. As it receives water, it begins to die. It sheds its outer shell and then it swells up and bursts open. From the death of the seed, new life begins! A root grows from the seed and eventually a new plant pokes up through the ground towards the sun. Something living comes from something that died! A plant can grow from that one tiny seed and produce lots of food!

Family Discussion

The seeds we plant can grow into something very important. Just like tiny grains of wheat that produce a harvest, you can do important things in the world even though you are just one person. Talk together about the positive difference that each of you could make in the world. Maybe you can think of a famous person who achieved something wonderful in their life and influenced many other people.

“If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.”

Activity *You will need: foods made from wheat, and foods that are not.*

Spread the foods out on a table, and ask the children about each food one by one.

Place those foods that are made from wheat on one side of the table, and those that do not contain wheat on the other side.

Tell the children that one grain of wheat fell to the ground and produced much more to make the flour that made these foods possible.



SEEDS DON'T SEEM VERY LIVELY,
DO THEY?
BUT BURY THEM IN THE EARTH
AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENS!



THE SHOOTS OF NEW LIFE
TURN INTO BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS
AND WONDERFUL FOOD
TO EAT!

