

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, KYNETON  
AND SAINT MARY MAGDALEN'S, TRENTHAM.

PARISH BULLETIN

ASCENSION SUNDAY, MAY 24TH, 2020

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The Word of the Lord for this Sunday.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 1:11 *Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken up into heaven.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9. R.v.6 : *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:17-23 *He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people the gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20. *All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me*

Our upcoming Reflection Day "Meditation & Mindfulness" offers up prayer and reflection time. Whilst we will be using an online platform (Zoom) to gather for this reflection event, rest assured that you will not be spending the three hours in front of your screen! Upon registering for this event, we will send you some tips to help you to gain the most from your few hours with us in Meditation & Mindfulness. We would be grateful if you could include the following suggested entry in your parish bulletin:

***'Meditation & Mindfulness - Reflection event via Zoom', Saturday 30 May 2020, 10am-1pm. Facilitated by Carol Dyer, this event offers participants theory and practice in meditation and mindfulness. Join us for an opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to at this time. Cost \$20. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BJNSJ>. For more information, contact [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) or tel 9890 1101.'***

Please continue to pray for those who are ill in our parish communities. We remember this weekend: Elizabeth Hutton, Maureen Green, Denise Guzman, Chantel McIntyre, Austin Yeoman, Fabienne Toselli.

Please remember in the charity of your prayers those who have died recently including Eva Sabo, Teresa Schongart, Adrian Mc.Carthy, Maureen Laughrin. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time including, Gracie Dwyer.

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

Your weekly "Parish Bulletin Blooper"; a series of mistakes found in various church bulletins throughout the world..

"When parking on the north side of the church, please remember to park on an angel".

Our Mass Schedule for the Coming Week is as follows.

**Tuesday 26th May** at 5 pm ; *Feast of Saint Philip Neri* in Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton.

**Wednesday 27th, May** at 9 am in Our Lady of the Rosary in Kyneton. (*Feast of Saint Augustine of Canterbury*)

**Thursday 28th, May** at 9 am in Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton.

**Friday 29th May** at 9.30 am in Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton– *Feast of Saint Paul VI Pope*

**Saturday 30th, May** at 9 am in Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton.

Sunday June 1st. Pentecost Sunday .  
Mass will be livestreamed from Saint Mary Magdalen's Church, Trentham at 10 am.

**As of Tuesday May 12th at 11.59 pm the following guidelines are now in force in our combined parishes as regards worship.**

- 1. If you would like to come to Mass on any day it is important that you reserve a place. You can do 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 ten members of the congregation for every Mass.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. 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.**
- 4. When you arrive at Church there will be hand sanitiser available and it would be appreciated by all**

*Reflection on the Gospel- Feast of the Ascension Year A (Acts 1:1-11; Matthew 28:16*

-20) Veronica Lawson RSM Loss is part of the human experience and death is generally the most painful experience of loss. As the death toll from Covid-19 approaches 300,000, we become more and more conscious of loss as a global reality. This loss of human life takes place against the backdrop of a catastrophic loss of species and of eco-systems, exacerbated in our part of the planet by the recent bushfires. Today's Feast of the Ascension invites us to face the experience of loss in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been re-membering his death and resurrection. As we come towards the end of the Easter season, the liturgy draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence of the Risen One even in his absence. While today's gospel recounts Matthew's story of Jesus' final encounter with his disciples, it does not provide an account of Jesus' "ascension" or return to God. For that, we must turn to the first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles. The story presupposes a pre-scientific, three tiered understanding of the structure of the world. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and the prophet Jesus, like the prophet Elijah of old, is caught up into God's presence. The Holy Spirit will "descend" upon God's people and "clothe" them with power to bring the gospel to the ends of the earth. The vertical (up and down) movement is balanced by a horizontal movement: Jesus' family and followers who grieve the loss of their loved one are told not to keep looking up to the heavens. They have work to do: strengthened by his blessing, they are to stay in the city for the present and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the prophetic ministry of Jesus, to be witnesses to his death and resurrection. They have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence and that they have a role to play in making him present in their world. The gospel reading has Jesus on a mountain top where he commissions his male disciples to make disciples of all nations, literally "to disciple all peoples". He has already commissioned the women on the open road to announce the good news of the resurrection (Matt 28:10). They are to be fearless in their mission.

Only if you are in a financial position to do so, you may wish to leave any financial contributions towards the upkeep of the parish in an envelope under the door of the Parish Office in Kyneton.

Or alternatively if you would like to make an online contribution you may give directly to our bank.

St Mary Magdalen Trentham; NAB, BSB 083 347; A/c # 451603919, plus your name as a reference

Our Lady of the Rosary Kyneton NAB BSB 083 347; A/c # 678889421, plus your name as a reference

In addition the Church Development Fund (CDF) have established a link in 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, it will then take you to a page where you can select which Church, Blackwood, Kyneton or Trentham;

Select the Church you wish to support

To the left of your screen select "Support My Parish" highlighted in yellow

The next page you can select from the following options

Give one time

Set up a recurring offering

Below are some suggested amounts or insert the amount you wish to give

Then nominating your offering contribution to the Presbytery or the Parish

Next fill in your contact details

Finally entering your credit cards details. **Please note this is set up as a secure site**