

The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

~ Revealing the Kingdom together ~

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

18th July 2021

First Reading Jer 23:1-4

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds—it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures; they shall be fruitful and increase in number I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them ; no fear, no terror for them anymore; not one shall be lost—it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the day is coming—it is the Lord who speaks— when I will raise up a virtuous Branch of David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practicing honesty and integrity in the Land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord—our— integrity.

The Word of God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22.

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Never restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R/.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and staff; with these you give me comfort. **R/.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R/.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R/.**

Second Reading Eph 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barriers which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create on single New Man in himself out of the two of them by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to God.

The Word of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ' You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for awhile': for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection on the Gospel-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark 6:30-34) -Veronica M. Lawson RSM

In every life, there is need for a balanced rhythm of work and recreation. With so much pain and suffering in our world at the moment, the demands of living a gospel way of life can overwhelm us and cause us to act as though everything depends on us. While we can never really escape the responsibility of being there for those in need, today's gospel reminds us that there is a time for being out on mission and a time for being with the one who calls and sends us. The apostles have been busy—preaching, healing and driving out the “demons” as instructed. They now report back to Jesus with an account of their activities and are invited to take time to rest and recuperate. “Come away to a desert place all by yourselves and rest a while” is the invitation that Jesus extends to them. The reference to desert evokes the wilderness of Sinai through which the people of Israel travelled for forty years. For the contemporary reader, it evokes the diversity of life in the desert, on the one hand, and the desertification of so much of the earth's surface as a result of tree-clearing and mindless destruction of forests on the other. The “rest” that Jesus proposes is short-lived: the crowds pursue him. His response to these crowds is a physical one: he is “moved with compassion”. The Greek verb for being moved with compassion suggests a “gut” reaction in Jesus: he is physically affected in the depths of his being by the plight of the people who are “like sheep without a shepherd”, and he is ready to do something about it. As the story continues, we find Jesus inviting his disciples to accept responsibility for relieving the hunger of the people in the desert. “You give them something to eat” is his instruction to those who would turn the people away. Like the Israelites of old, the afflicted Earth community in any age needs good leaders or “shepherds” who will “practice justice and righteousness in the land”, as the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah reminds us. The Hebrew word for justice in this context refers to justice in the law courts. The word for righteousness is about right relationship at every level. Jesus demonstrates for his disciples and for us what justice and righteousness entail. As the gospel story unfolds, we find that Jesus' disciples are well meaning, though slow to learn. They are a bit like us in that. The more we take time to reflect, however, the more likely we are to respond with the compassionate heart of the “shepherd”, and the more likely we are to achieve lasting justice and right relationship in a world of unconscionable disparities and unprecedented displacement of peoples and of other-than-human species. We might advocate at this time for a more equitable distribution of vaccines so that all may know the saving power of God.

*On Your First
Communion*

Congratulation to the following children who will receive the Lord in the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this weekend:

Molly Ramselaar
Patrick Sutton
Matilda O'Brien
Benjamin Knight



Our Community in Prayer.

We remember in prayer this weekend all our recently deceased and those anniversaries occur on or around this time.

We also hold in prayer those who are ill in our community. We pray to our loving God for healing in their lives!



Alan Reeves vof Springhill celebrates a very significant Birthday this weekend. We thank God for Alan's Christian witness in our combined parishes and pray for his continued good health.

Covid Restrictions Update

1. Masks must be worn at all times. Only if a person is proclaiming the Word or receiving Holy Communion can a person remove their masks.
2. The Density quotient of 1 person per 2 Sq Metres applies when using a Covid check in Marshal. With this now in place we can now have a maximum of 100 people in the Church in Kyneton and 60 people in the Church in Trentham.
3. Mandatory QR Code record keeping is still in place.
4. The dispensation from the Archbishop to not attend to Sunday Mass obligations still applies.

Our Community Volunteers

Pre-Loved Pedlar

Are you interested in being a Volunteer?

Call in to 136 Mollison Street and have a chat with the Day Manager, or contact us at: pre-lovedpedlarolr@gmail.com

Cooks who Care

Please contact: Parish Office 54221261

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Kyneton:

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Honouring our Saints during July

- 18 St Camillus de Lellis, Priest
- 20 St Apollinaris of Ravenna [Optional]
- 21 St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor [Optional]
- 22 St Mary Magdalene [Memorial]
- 23 St Birgitta, Religious [Optional]
Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
- 24 Saint Sharbel Makhluf, hermit [Optional]
Saint Francis Solanus, Priest
- 25 St James, Apostle [Feast]
- 26 Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of Mary [Memorial]
- 29 St Martha [Memorial]
- 30 St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor [Optional]