



The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

~ Revealing the Kingdom together ~

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5.00pm (Vigil Mass)
Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton

Sunday 10.00am

St Mary Magdalene, Trentham

Weekday Mass Times at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton

Tuesday 5.00pm

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 9.00am

Friday 9.30am

Saturday 9.00am

Alterations to the above will be noted in newsletter

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 2nd August, 2020

First Reading: A reading from Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

Responsorial Psalm: 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works. **R.**

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. **R.**

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. **R.**

Second Reading A reading from Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here."

Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over twelve wicker baskets full.

Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.



In today's readings, we celebrate the great love of God, who not only gives us life, but desires to sustain and nourish us generously too.

In the First Reading, it is God himself who urgently pleads with his troubled, scattered people to listen. Through his prophet, he issues an invitation to a sacred meal. God offers 'water' for thirsty souls; 'corn, wine and milk' will also be made freely available for hungry hearts, without charge.

In the Psalm, one traditionally sung at meals, we praise the God who cares for all his creatures, supplying them with nourishment.

Paul writes in stirring language, assuring us of the ever-present love and power of Jesus Christ. Divine love gives us grace and encouragement to live life to the fullest, even with and through the unavoidable trials and sufferings of life. This is the Christian gospel, the Good News! (Second Reading)

Even while stricken with grief, Jesus' response to the people is one of compassion (Gospel). He heals the sick and feeds the hungry, and there is still plenty of food left over to share. Jesus feeds the crowd in a way that foresees the food and drink he will offer us in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this week for courage to take the risk of really hearing what God is saying to us; what sacred nourishment he is freely offering us. May we put ourselves into his hands, asking that he will deepen his life in us and in our anxious, unjust world.

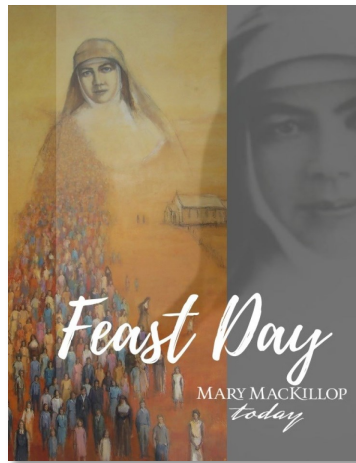
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Something to Think About This gospel passage reminds us that Jesus feeds us in many ways.

The people in the story are hungry in many ways - hungry to hear Jesus' message, hungry to feel his healing touch, hungry just to be near him. The disciples, as usual, look to Jesus to do everything and to have all the answers.

Jesus says to the disciples, 'Feed them yourselves'. Miracles do happen and will happen more readily if people work together to bring about the kingdom.

Liturgy Brisbane



8 August

In the spirit of Mary MacKillop,
we invite you to

"Take fresh courage"

For the ten year anniversary of
Mary's canonisation, please give generously
this Feast Day to continue her legacy.

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Saint's Feast Days for the week

- Aug 1 *St Alphonsus Maria de Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church * St Samona & Her Seven Sons
*The Chains of St Peter
- Aug 2 *Finding of the Body of St. Stephen, First Martyr
- Aug 3 *St. Lydia *St. Peter Julian Eymard *St. Dominic
- Aug 4 *Sts. Xystus, Felicissimus, Agapitus
- Aug 6 *St. Cajetan
- Aug 7 *St. Cajetan *St. Donatus, Martyr
- Aug 8 *Feast of St Mary MacKillop
*Sts. Cyriacus, Largus and Smaragdus

National Vocation Awareness Week

2-8 August 2020



This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially. In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service).

Positions Available—Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:
* Asset Coordinator & Management, Property & Infrastructure
* Cleaner Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website: <https://cam.org.au/human-resources/vacancies/>

Note: We are still experiencing problems with our parish telephone line. Please call Fr Declan's mobile for all parish correspondence 0457 708 586. Thank you for your patience as this issue is being addressed.

Future advertising: We are contemplating the idea of allocating a half or full page to advertise local businesses. If you are interested in this, please contact Father Declan.



IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER

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:

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 Toselli
George Donnelly

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 Social Restriction Guidelines for worship to date— Stay safe. Please observe social distancing and cleaning guidelines.

- * **Reserve your place** If you would like to come to Mass on any day it is important that you reserve a place. You may do so 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 twenty members of the congregation for every Mass.
- * **Social Distancing** Please remember social distancing remains mandatory.
- * **When you arrive** 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.
- * **Where you sit** For cleaning and sanitizing after Mass, please leave the kneeler down in the pew where you sit. Your co-operation in this process is much appreciated to alert which pews were used and require the mandatory cleaning. All hard surfaces are sanitised at the conclusion of Mass.
- * **Sanitizing** Hand sanitiser available and it would be appreciated by all in our communities for those attending Mass that you use it, when entering and leaving the Church.
- * **Four square metre rule** 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 rather about building capacity.
- * **At conclusion of Mass** Please remember to leave the kneeler down and ensure you use the sanitizer

I am aware how hard it for a lot of people who cannot attend Mass at the moment. So as we can celebrate Eucharist publicly on a limited basis, it's so important that we comply with what is asked of us in these guidelines. A full copy of which is available in each of the sacristy's of our combined parishes. Thank you for your compliance with them. Stay safe. Fr. Declan

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:

<u>St Mary Magdalen Trentham:</u>	BSB 083 347; A/c # 451603919;	Reference: your name
<u>Our Lady of the Rosary Kyneton:</u>	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/registratorTeamFundraisingPage.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

CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

A key message in today's gospel concerns the great generosity of God. In the end, there was not only enough food for all, but twelve baskets left over. God's love and care for us is indeed abundant.

We are called to love in the same generous and abundant way. When the priest blesses the bread and wine at Mass, they become the body and blood of Christ for us to share in the Eucharistic meal. Jesus feeds us so that we may feed one another.

Think about the ways in which different people 'feed' you and help you to grow physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually.

What do we have lots of that we could share with others?

It could be food, clothing, books, toys etc

It could be our love for and our family and friends

It could be helping someone

It could be writing a card for a neighbour and putting it in their letter box

It could be helping mum and dad

Write or draw your answers in the box below

My List

Family Activity

We have all we need in abundance.

During the COVID-19 lockdown, we have seen many people sharing what they have. Recently we have seen stories of people making masks and sending them to vulnerable people. Other people have shared their food or done shopping for neighbours who have not been able to go out.



Prayer

Say this prayer together at meal times this week.



**Thank you for the food we eat;
Thank you for the world so sweet;
Thank you for the birds that sing;
Thank you God for everything.**