



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
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First Sunday of Lent, Year B 21st February 2021

1st Reading: A reading from the book of Genesis 9:8–15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Psalm: Ps 24:4–9

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

2nd Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Peter 3:18–22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation Mt4:4

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: A reading according to Mark 1:12–15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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.

Reflection on the Gospel reading—Liturgy Brisbane

The story of Jesus' testing in the wilderness is found in all three synoptic gospels so we hear it every year in the course of the three year cycle. Today we hear from Mark. His account is very brief and matter-of-fact in comparison with the longer versions in Matthew and Luke. These two have much in common, as well as distinct emphases of their own. Comparing them all carefully is a rewarding exercise. Mark seems to offer us no more than bare bones but each phrase in these few verses is full of meaning. Almost every word has rich associations. Consider "Spirit", "drove", "wilderness", and "forty days", just for a start. They conjure up the whole history of God's people of old, now culminating in the emergence of a new and authoritative prophet. Mark's brevity allows us to hear the direct connection between Jesus' testing in the wilderness and the inauguration of his mission. We heard Jesus' clarion call some Sundays ago, but it is all to the good that we hear it again at the onset of this season of repentance and renewal.

A letter from the Archbishop of Melbourne—Regarding the Covid 19 Vaccine

Tuesday 16 February, 2021 To the Laity, Religious and Clergy of the Archdiocese of Melbourne Vaccine Program

Dear Friends,

It is welcome news that the first batches of the Pfizer vaccine have arrived in Australia. Soon the most vulnerable people in our country – our frontline workers and those at greatest risk – will receive their first dose against the COVID-19 virus. I will be grateful to receive a vaccination when my turn in the staged roll-out comes around.

None of the vaccines are a cure for COVID-19, but indications are that they provide a significant measure of protection from the worst effects of the virus, for the time being. For the common good, it is appropriate that our governments work together to roll out a nationwide process of vaccination for all residents. Likewise, for the common good, everyone should respect the decisions of individuals who, for medical, safety or moral reasons, are not ready to receive a vaccination immediately.

At this early stage in measuring the longer-term effectiveness and safety of each of the COVID19 vaccines, calls for a 'No jab, no service' policy would be unjust. The Catholic Bishops have already endorsed efforts to offer a vaccination as soon as possible to all who can safely receive one.

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/a-letter-to-the-faithful-regarding-development-of-a-covid-19-vaccine/#more-8597>

However, the Government has indicated that there is likely to be little, if any, choice as to which vaccine will be available to individuals in the shorter term. This means that you can receive any one of the three vaccines to be made available, without moral complicity in the processes of its development. On balance, it is a good thing to do. For anyone with health and safety concerns, please speak with your family doctor. For anyone with ethical questions, please read the statement issued by the Vatican or speak with your Pastor. https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

I encourage the Australian government to do all it can to make a vaccine choice available to all residents in Australia as soon as possible, and offer the same care to our poorer neighbouring countries. Please continue to pray for those impacted by this pandemic, and to work in whatever way you can to support your neighbour in need. The God of mercy and compassion is present to us all, through the tender heads, hearts and hands we offer to one another.

Yours sincerely in Christ, Most Rev Peter A Comensoli Archbishop of Melbourne



Covid 19 Update—Current Mandatory Restrictions / Obligations

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

Number of people in any indoor venue dependent on space density



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

Honouring our Saints

Feb 21	St Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Optional)
Feb 22	Chair of St Peter (Feast)
Feb 23	St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial)

For our younger parishioners

The Story

In today's gospel, God's spirit tells Jesus to go in to the desert. In the desert, Satan tests Jesus and tries to trick him. Jesus does not fall for Satan's tricks and eventually Satan goes away. Jesus stays in the desert for 40 days with the wild animals, but angels look after Jesus.

After leaving the desert, Jesus travels to Galilee and tells the people the good news that God loves everyone! Jesus tells the people to turn their hearts back to God and believe the good news.

Prayer

Dear Jesus

Help us to listen more closely to you this week. Thank you for making us all unique so that we hear your voice in different ways.

Amen.

Activity You will need:

- * A4 sheets of paper
- * coloured pencils, markers or crayons

While Jesus was in the desert, he was able to pray and think and listen to God. God speaks to us in many different ways – in the silence of our hearts, in the beauty of creation, through other people.

There are 2 choices for this week's activity:

1. Draw a picture of what you think God sees or hears when we pray.
2. Draw a picture of what you see or hear when you listen to God.

Family Discussion

Part of Jesus' struggle in the wilderness was to work out his priorities – what was most important to him.

What things are really important to you? To your family? To your friends?

Do you think you value the same things that other young people value? Why or why not?

Something to Think About

The readings we hear during Lent help us to think about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

To have a mission is to have a special job. What do you think your special job from God could be?

