



The Combined Catholic Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham

~ Revealing the Kingdom together ~

Weekend Mass Times

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Weekday Mass Times at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 11th October 2020

1st Reading – A reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6–10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm – R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near 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 your 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

2nd Reading – A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia. The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. **Alleluia.**

Gospel – A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1–14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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.

Parish Family Prayer

October is traditionally a month dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

I invite you to pray the Rosary with me as a parish family, each Friday during October. This would be via Zoom on each Friday evening at 7.00pm.

If you would like to take part in this precious devotion, please send an email to: kyneton@cam.org.au and an invitation link will be forwarded to you.

Fridays: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th of October at 7.00pm.

You are welcome to join in on all or some of the evenings.

May we pray together as one family.

Fr Declan.

This week's Readings and Commentaries

No reader of the gospels can fail to be struck by the number of times Jesus is sharing a meal. He appears never to have refused an invitation, no matter who the hosts or guests. His indiscriminate dining did not go unnoticed; it led to the accusation that he was "a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matthew 11:19). On occasion he likened his ministry to a wedding feast, with himself as the bridegroom (Matthew 9:15).

Banquets and wedding feasts appear often in the scriptures as attractive images of human fellowship and communion with God. We have one of each today, but with a twist. Isaiah paints a picture of a great feast to which the Lord God invites all peoples. It foreshadows the messianic times which will overcome the tyranny of death. The wedding banquet of the gospel, however, is bitter-sweet. It turns into a trial at which judgement is passed.

Something of this is captured in the dialogue that prepares us for communion in the gifts of the Eucharistic table. "Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb", we hear, and in response we each admit, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof".

(Liturgy Brisbane)

Equality for Faith Petition

Dear people of faith, an online petition has been created to address the inequality towards places of worship and people of faith in the Victorian government's 'Roadmap for Reopening'. The petition can be found on: <https://www.equalityforfaith.com.au/>

We are not asking for special treatment - just equal treatment. We ask you to please sign and distribute the petition to people you know and encourage them to do the same.

Thank you – Your support on this important issue is needed to make a change!

Equality for Victoria's People of Faith

People of faith are being treated unfairly by the Victorian government's 'Roadmap for Reopening'.

Sign the petition at

www.equalityforfaith.com.au
#equalityforfaith

Cooks Who Care—Home Cooked Meals Just A Call Away!

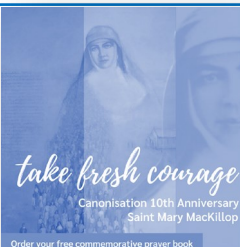
Our parish based, Cooks Who Care, have been very busy making up delicious home cooked meals. During these Covid times we understand not being always able to leave home for daily food essentials can be very stressful. We are all here to help. If you or someone you know would welcome a few meals contact Liz 0424 259 500 or Dorothy 0411 454 258. Some prepared meals available from the parish office. Please call the parish office if you would like to have a meal lovingly prepared by 'Cooks Who Care.'

Pre-Loved Pedlar

Enquiries & Updates: prelovedpedlar@gmail.com or call 5422 7134

Saint's Feast Days for the week

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| Oct 11 | St John XXIII |
| Oct 12 | Our Lady of the Pillar (Optional) |
| Oct 14 | St Callistus I, Pope & martyr (Optional) |
| Oct 15 | St Teresa of Avila, virgin & doctor (Memorial) |
| Oct 16 | San Gerardo Mayela (Optional)
St Hedwig, religious (Optional)
St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin (Optional) |
| Oct 17 | St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and martyr (Memorial) |



Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop We invite you to order your free copy of Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often.

These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to: www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book or call us on Ph: 02 8912 2777

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER



We remember in the charity of our prayer those who have died recently:

We also remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time, especially: *Bill Wilson*

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*

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.**

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation - www.heartoflife.melbourne 03 9890 1101

- 'Walking with Wisdom' Contemplative Sessions** (via Zoom). Thursdays, 10am-12.30pm (AEST) on 8, 15, 22 & 29 Oct 2020. A series of contemplative sessions with Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath, providing opportunities for Deep Listening: to oneself at this unique time in our lives; to Divine Wisdom in the Heart, and in the Hearts of Others; and to engage in a gentle, creative response. Join for one or all sessions. Cost: \$85 for the series or \$25 per session. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BLILH
- Are You Called to be a Spiritual Director?** The Siloam Program is a full-time or part-time program to form Spiritual Directors. It is suitable for those who wish to companion others on their spiritual journey, helping them to notice the movement of God in their hearts and in their lived experience. The program, which commences on 4th February 2021, blends academic and supervisory work to foster a discerning, contemplative approach. The program may be offered face-to-face, online via Zoom, or a combination of both. It may be studied as a Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction at the University of Divinity, with Fee-Help available to qualifying students. Previous participants have commented that this program has been transformational for their personal spirituality and has deepened their awareness and ability to listen. Brochure, application form or further details, please contact us.



A radio station held a contest for kids with the theme: "The nicest thing My Father Ever Did For Me." One kid answered "He married my mother." "My father is so old that when he was in school, history was called current affairs." "My Dad thinks he wears the trousers in our house, but it's always Mum who tells him which pair to put on!"

Weekly address by Archbishop Peter Comensoli

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mk3TNUew79w&t=81s>

Positions Available

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- Sacramental Coordinator, St Thomas More Parish, Mount Eliza
- Account Executive, Client Services, Catholic Development Fund
- Dean, St Mary's College, Melbourne University

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

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: *Please ensure reference details are clear*

St Mary Magdalen Trentham:	BSB 083 347; A/c # 451603919;	Reference: Thanksgiving + your name
Our Lady of the Rosary Kyneton:	BSB 083 347; A/c # 678889421;	Reference: Thanksgiving + 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

Family Activity

How wonderful it is to know that God invites each of us to a banquet in heaven.

Put on some happy music and help to set the table for a dinner party. Spread out a tablecloth, set out plates, cutlery, napkins and perhaps even a party hat and balloon for each person. There may be some small treats to put on each plate too. Take



some time to enjoy the party atmosphere and imagine what God's banquet in heaven might be like.

Maybe you could invite someone to dinner at your house this week!

The Story

According to Jewish custom, invitations to an important feast or banquet typically did not state a time. It was simply a matter of when all the preparations were complete, the servants would be sent out to tell the guests to come.

The people who were invited to the wedding but refused to attend in today's story, represent the religious leaders - they were invited to believe in the Messiah, but refused. Those who accepted—who came from the street corners - represent the Gentiles.

Family Discussion

What is God's invitation? In this story it involved a community. The invitation was to come and be a part of a welcoming and celebrating community. Our families, schools and parishes are communities. Are they welcoming? What can you do in your communities to welcome others? Is your community marked by the spirit of joy? What can you do to bring joy and laughter into your community?

A King had a big party.

'Go into the street,' he said, 'and tell everyone to come, everyone is welcome.'

Draw all the people sitting at the table. Decorate the table with special things and special food and drink. This could be your plan for the activity above.

What you put on the table to make it a special?

Prayer

God in Heaven, hear my prayer. Keep me in your loving care. Be my guide in all I do. Bless all those who love me too. Amen



Lord,
I cant say it in words...
Can you please just listen
through my heart.

Something to Think About

God constantly invites us into deeper relationship. This requires of us a patient, open, listening heart. Through prayer, we can listen to God's invitation to life and to love.

