

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

PARISH BULLETIN

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 17TH, 2020

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The Word of the Lord for this Sunday.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17 *They laid on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65:1-7, 16,20 : *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

Second Reading First letter of Saint Peter 3:15-18 *In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and God will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 14:15-21 *I shall ask God and God will give you another Advocate.*

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 or tel 9890 1101.'

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

"Thursday Night: PotLuck Supper- Prayer and Medication to follow!"

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 Bill Hickey ,Barry Nunn, Eva Sabo, Teresa Schongart. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time including, Sisters Hannah Marie O'Brien and Joan Barry

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

From Jamberoo Abbey...

For International Nurses Day....

Dear Nurses throughout the world, today we salute you, we thank you , we wish you continued safety , courage and good health and good cheer as you continue to care for the most sick and vulnerable. May the Lord bless you and keep you and make his face shine upon you as you uphold our country and our world. Amen!

Our Mass Schedule for the Coming Week is as follows.

Tuesday 19th May at 5 pm in Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton.

Wednesday 20th, May at 9 am in Our Lady of the Rosary in Kyneton.

Thursday 21st, May at 9 am in Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton.

Friday 22nd May at 9.30 am in Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton

Saturday 23rd May at 9 am in Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton.

Sunday 24th May; The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Mass will be livestreamed from Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton.

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 in our communities for those attending Mass that you might use it. Fr. Declan**

Gospel Reflection for Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C, John 14:23-29)

Sister Veronica Lawson RSM (East Ballarat) offers a reflection on the Gospel for the sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C, John 14:23-29).

Keeping one's word is a mark of honour in any society. To be asked to keep someone else's word, as in today's gospel reading, calls for a shift in our usual patterns of thinking and acting. Jesus is the Word, the word of God in human form, the embodiment of God's communication with the world. Jesus also speaks God's word.

The disciples are to demonstrate their love for Jesus by keeping the word that he both embodies and articulates. In other words, they are to live as Jesus has lived and be faithful to what he has taught in God's name. Each will thus become a dwelling place for the divine.

The implications of this teaching are overwhelming. It seems to me that if we truly believed the words of the Johannine Jesus, we would consistently treat each other with the utmost reverence and respect.

Jesus refers once more to his imminent departure. When he is no longer physically present, God's Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will be with them.

The Greek word translated as 'advocate' carries a range of meanings. It literally means 'one called alongside to help' whenever necessary. In other words, the disciples need not be troubled or afraid because they are never alone. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, is always with them to defend them, to intercede for them, and to comfort them.

Once again, Jesus gifts his friends, this time with the gift of peace, a peace 'that the world cannot give.' In John's gospel, the 'world' often refers to whatever is opposed to Jesus as God's Word. True peace comes from being centred in God.

Earlier in this chapter of John's gospel, the Advocate is called the Spirit of Truth who remains with them and is actually in them. Only through the power of the Spirit will the disciples be empowered to 'keep the word' of Jesus.

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**