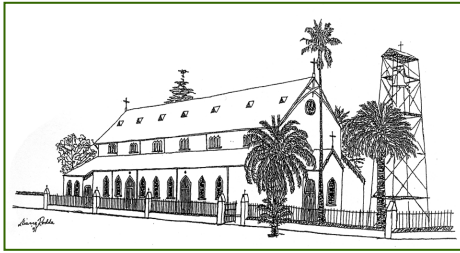


PARISH OF ST KILIAN, BENDIGO

Vision Statement

The purpose of St Kilian's, Parish is to be a Catholic presence in the heart of Bendigo which promotes sharing, developing and celebrating a community of faith which is open to all.



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Second Sunday of Lent

Year B

February 25th 2024

Readings for this week: Genesis 22:1-2,9-18
Romans 8:31-34
Mark 9:2-10



Readings for next week: Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-35



Liturgical Jottings

Lent 3 – Its History

The development of the season of Lent is connected and dependent on the celebration of Easter. The Good Friday fast was extended to 40 days both as preparation for Easter and in imitation of Christ's forty days in the wilderness. The earliest evidence of this comes from the 5th century in Rome. Though the extent of Lent varies from three to six weeks in East, West, Alexandria and Jerusalem the present practice of six week came in a few centuries later. Pope Urban II ordered the imposition of Ashes of the heads of the faithful universally in 1091. Lent was seen as a preparation period for adult baptisms in some parts of the Christian world and in other parts as a penitential season for all the faithful. The double focus of baptism and penance in the Lenten season was emphasised with the reform of Vatican II (Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy 1963) and the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (1972).

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Looking at the Readings

The account of the Transfiguration of the Lord appears in the three synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke. The three accounts conclude with Jesus' command (implicit in Luke) to Peter, James and John to tell no one about it. It would be very difficult to explain what happened and even more difficult to explain its meaning for them and for others at the time. It was easier to keep it secret. Only in Mark's account we read the line: "though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean." The transfiguration and appearance of Moses and Elijah was a graced and opportune moment in their journey to Jerusalem and the conflicts they would endure.

The second reading, like last week's alludes to the first reading As Abraham is asked to sacrifice his son, Isaac, God the Father offered his Son up to death to benefit us all. St Paul's letter to the Romans develops the paschal mystery for his readers. We come to learn God's actions of offering Christ as Gift, choosing and forgiving his loved ones and sharing his Son glorious resurrection with believers. God does not want the death of anyone, Isaac, Jesus or the sinner. He is all for us!

Poem of the Day

On what incandescent summits
will you hear the Beloved
speaking to you through the cloud?
Let him prepare you for his sufferings!
Follow Jesus transfigured:
tomorrow he will be crucified
to ratify the Covenant,
Didier Rimaud. "Les arbres dans la mer"

Prayer over the People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
with a blessing that endures for ever,
and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,
so that they may always desire and at last attain
that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body,
to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Roman Missal, 2nd Sunday of Lent)

On the Lighter Side

In Lent I usually give up listening to my car radio and commute to work in "silence." Inevitably, I end up hearing noises from under the bonnet that lead to some needed repairs. I find that the silence does the same for my soul ... I become more aware of what's rattling around inside of me so that I can bring it to the Lord for healing.

MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES

SUNDAY	Saturday Vigil	6.30pm
	Sunday	8am & 10am
WEEKDAYS	Tuesday	12.10pm
	Wednesday	12.10pm
	Thursday	12.10pm
	Friday	12.10pm
	Saturday	8am
RECONCILIATION	Friday	11.30am-12pm
<i>Live streaming of 10am Sun & 12.10pm weekday Mass</i>		



As we come to worship we remember the original custodians of this land.

Second Sunday		Of Lent		25th February
Mass	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Ministers of Communion
6.30pm	Volunteers	Helen Mewburn	Di Hicks	Loretta Taylor
8am	Volunteers		Michael Podosky	Helen Fowler
10am	Volunteers	Anne Bourke	Geraldine Stills	Josephine York, Jennifer Sheed

Third Sunday		Of Lent		3rd March
Mass	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Ministers of Communion
6.30pm	Volunteers	Imelda Ewart	Lois Dillon	Philippe Bonne
8am	Volunteers		Anna Tuck	Volunteer
10am	Volunteers	Anne Tecklenburg	Andrew Wood	Linda Goldsmith, Angela Dudley

Altar Rosters	Group A	16th Feb-29th Feb	Kath O'Farrell, Mary Eltringham, Marj Davis, Lyn Byrne
	Group B	1st Mar- 14th Mar	Loretta Taylor, Annette Whatmore, Aileen Jackson, Natalie O'Connor
Counting Teams	Team 5	12th Feb-25th Feb	P Bonne, J Brennan, P Sheehan, D Pell
	Team 1	26TthFeb-12th Mar	K Egan, M Egan, I McCarthy

Shop Roster	25th Feb	Karen Doolan	March 3rd	Geraldine Jeffrey
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Prayer for the sick
Dear Lord walk closely beside those who suffer any form of illness or pain. We pray for strength & courage. May your healing hand rest upon those in need. Amen

*If you are an inpatient at Bendigo Health and would like to see the Hospital Chaplain please ask a staff member to refer you to Spiritual Care or phone Peter on 0427681267.
 Thank you*

An **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** is located in the cabinet at the rear of the Church on the Chapel Street side. Please be aware of its location and share this information.

Calendar—February/March	
27th Feb	6pm—Training Session for ministries
2nd Mar	10am—Training Session for ministries
	11am— Altar Servers Training
23rd	St Kilian's Easter Ethical Market
24th	150th celebration of the Diocese— No 10am Mass at St Kilian's
26th	7.30pm Community Reconciliation
29th	Good Friday
31st	Easter Sunday

St Kilian's shop
 Open 11.30am-12pm Frid and after 6.30pm Sat & 10am Sun

Prayers for Recently Deceased:	Peter Singline
Prayers for Anniversaries:	Vin Egan, Hannah Fitzpatrick, Mavis McMahon, Veronica Edmunds, Brad Murtagh, Barbara Pratt
Prayers for the Sick:	Betty Holland, Rani Fernando, Anthony Holland, Susan Gamboni, Pam Wright, Noreen Walter, Terry Dean, Kelly Tomlinson, Liliosa Legaspi, Matthew Turner, Tammy Abeynayake, Peter Downing, Terrance Edward Jolla, Barbara Howard, Garth & Yvonne Graham, Peter Phillips, Helen & Ross Fitzpatrick, Des Downing, Pat McGann, Bob Hayden, Luis Basille, David Peters, Dianne Pell, Terrence Edward Jolly, Olivia Slattery,



ST KILIAN'S COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP

Everyone is invited to experience the joy of growing your own food in our newly prepared raised garden beds. Get connected to the land and build community spirit. Come and join us. It's therapeutic, fresh and healthy.

Contact Lyn 0457779200 or Ray 0487782344 if you'd like to join us or have any questions.

St. Kilian's Easter ETHICAL Market 2024:

Saturday 23rd March 2024 11am – 2pm

St Kilian's Church Grounds, 161 McCrae St, Bendigo

This is a trader's market to raise funds to further develop the St Kilian's community garden, while focusing on sustainability. It is planned to be a family, fun day.

Cost per site \$25.00

Bookings are now open;

For more information and to book via the Application Form go to www.stkiliansbendigo.com.au/about-1-1

St Kilian's Parish is a Safeguarding Community.

We hold the safeguarding, well being and inclusion of all children, young people and adults at risk as a fundamental responsibility of our parish community.

Parish Safeguarding Officers: Annette Holmes and Jennifer Sheed. Contact Parish Office: 54416244 or go to www.stkiliansbendigo.com.au/parish-safeguarding

Clean Up Australia Day Sunday March 3rd 2024

Ironbark Gully Friends Landcare Group invite you to join them at Comet Shaft and Kr Shaft and Comet Diggings, Cnr of Poulston and Comet St Long Gully at 9am.

Register online at cleanup.org.au or contact Anni 0413 797 662

Palms Australia – Volunteers Needed:

Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives.

Learn more: Join our [Mission Webinar](#) March 5th, 2024, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Learn Even More: Join our [two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024](#) to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together.

Contact: 02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au

Seasons for Growth – A change, loss and grief program for adults:

A program run by CatholicCare Bendigo designed to help anyone who has experienced significant change such as loss, death, family breakdown, or other change which has had an impact on their wellbeing. [Seasons for Growth](#) is led by trained facilitators.

Through this program, you can learn to:

- understand and normalise emotions associated with change, loss and grief
- explore new approaches to dealing with change, loss and grief
- build decision making and problem solving skills
- grow a supportive network of peers
- integrate your learnings into your relationships with family and friends

4 x 2-hour sessions Friday 1st March - Friday 22 March 2024

10:30am - 12:30pm **CatholicCare Victoria, Bendigo Office.** Cost:

\$15, workbook included TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT:

Family and Relationship Team. (03) 5438 1300 or

bendigo.reception@catholiccarevic.org.au

The Legion of Mary – Guest Speaker event:

The Legion of Mary Patricians would like to invite you to St Liborius Parish Centre on Sunday 25th February @4pm to hear Chris O'Brien share his experience of the Sinulog in the Philippines. All welcome inquiries John 04 1143 4446.



DURING LENT OUR PARISH WILL HAVE A SECOND COLLECTION AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES FOR CARITAS—PROJECT COMPASSION

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR MINISTRIES WITHIN OUR PARISH

The Liturgy Group along with Fr Junray are planning two Training Sessions for Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of the Word and Altar Servers.

There will be two sessions to cater for parishioner's availability.

Session one: Tuesday February 27 at 6pm

Session two: Saturday March 2 at 10am and then at 11am Fr Junray will conduct the training for Altar Servers.

All present and prospective lay ministers are invited to attend.

ALTAR SERVERS

In line with current Safeguarding guidelines we require all Altar Servers and a Parent/Guardian attend an Altar Servers Training. Our first training session will be on Saturday March 2nd at 11am in the Church.

All Altar Servers will need to attend this training before they can serve.

All school age children are welcome.

Thank you.



St Kilian's Earthcare Lenten activity

The Global Catholic Climate Movement challenges us to focus our Lenten 'acts of love and sacrifice' on our contribution to climate change, and those most impacted by it. Why not try their Carbon Fast this Lent? There are copies of Lenten calendar of daily actions focusing on this in the foyer of the church. It's not too late to start.

TAP & GO

The Parish has a **Tap and Go** machine located in the foyer for those not in our planned giving program who would like to donate to the Parish. All you need to do is choose your amount and tap your card. Thank you

BAPTISM PREPARATION; for parents seeking their child's Baptism is held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in St Kilian's Church. Our next evening will be on Wednesday March 6th. Please phone the parish office on 54416244 if you would like to attend.

A snapshot of the Pastoral Associate role

As many parishioners transition from the autumn to the winter season of their lives, a myriad of circumstances and changes become apparent. In my experience one of them is being unable to attend Mass. This is an opportunity for the Parish of St Kilian's to support these people.

With the aid of technology—live streaming is an option for those who are able to access the Mass via the internet however this does not replace the personal experience of community a Parish brings.

This is where the Parish Pastoral Associate plays a role with visits to parishioners. Approximately 19 people are visited on a regular rotating fortnightly basis. Speaking to a Parishioner recently they informed me that "for 80 years I was an active person within the Church"

Visiting in the home is a ministry that is open to all who have the time and feel called to visit those who are unable to attend Mass.

If you know of someone who would like to be visited or would be interested in visiting others please let either myself or the office know.

Thank you, Helen Mary (Parish Pastoral Associate)



Abraham is a problematic figure in the biblical story. He lies to Pharaoh about his wife, hanging her out to dry to protect his own skin. He does the same thing a few chapters later to another king, Abimelech. But when push comes to shove, at the moment of the test, he ... 'passed with flying colors' as we used to say in school.

Abraham was not perfect, but he did pass where Adam and Eve failed. The Parents of humanity were called to partnership with God in accomplishing his creation plan. They were given a privileged place of rule in the world; they named the animals; they were fruitful and multiplied. But when push came to shove, at the moment of the test, they took the fruit of the tree and ate it. They failed the test. The serpent deceived them, saying, in effect, that God, in forbidding them access to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, did not have their good in mind.

They needed to take for themselves the good thing that God held back from them. They decided to determine right and wrong for themselves. Taking the fruit was 'good in their own eyes'. They rejected the only possible path by which they—we—can find the fullness for which we were made. That path is obedience to God's commands. In obedience we are liberated. To ride a bicycle you must obey, so to speak,

the law of gravity. You must trust that collaborating with the bicycle's pedals, seat, and handlebars, and through them, the wheels, will work. You must submit yourself to be free. Otherwise, you are going to get hurt. The price of being God's (GOD'S!) special collaborator in his creation project is obedience. Trust. We must trust that God has our good in mind, that our Creator is supremely good, even when—most especially when—we do not see how that can be the case.

Abraham is the Old Testament exemplar of obedience. He was put to the most difficult test imaginable. He trusted God's goodness even through the command to sacrifice his 'one and only son', Isaac. He trusted what God had promised him (through his numerous descendants all nations will be blessed) and what God gifted him to initiate the fulfillment of that promise (a son).

Obedience brings the blessing. For Abraham, this meant being the father of the people Israel, through whom, finally, the Messiah would come to bless all creation, to bring, in Jesus' words, the kingdom of God.

Beyond Abraham, the Messiah, Jesus, passed the test. That test reached its make-or-break moment in the Garden of Gethsemane, where he sweated drops of blood, bringing his fully human will to complete transparency with the divine will, obedience to the point of death, death on the cross. In that obedience, Christ Jesus won the ultimate blessing for himself, for humanity, for the world. And he makes us now his collaborators in the project.

W Chris Hackett
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 115)

RESPONSE: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

LECTOR: I trusted, even when I said: "I am sorely afflicted."
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **R.**

LECTOR: Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

LECTOR: My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.