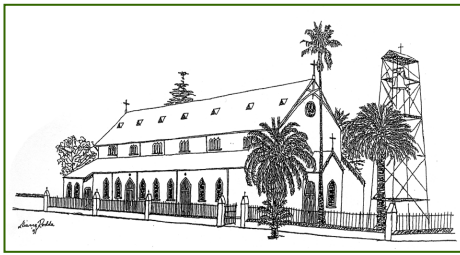


PARISH OF ST KILIAN, BENDIGO

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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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year B

April 28th 2024

Readings for Acts 9:26-31
this week: 1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8



Readings for Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
next week: 1 John 4:7-10 or 4:11-16
John 15:9-17 or 17:11-19



Liturgical Jottings

Altar Wine

When at the request of his Mother Mary, Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding at Cana, it was the best of all wines. At the Last Supper, Jesus “took a cup ... saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins’” (Matthew 26:27-28). The wine had to be pure and true wine. Our Lord also said, “For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink” (John 6:55).

Altar wines have to meet requirements set by canon law and the General Instructions of the Roman Missal (GIRM). Briefly, Canon 924§3 declares: “The wine must be natural, made from grapes of the vine, and not corrupt.” GIRM 322 continues: “The wine for the celebration of the Eucharist must be made from the fruit of the vine (Luke 22:18), natural and unadulterated, that is, without admixture of extraneous substances.”

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Focus on the Gospel

At first glance, it appears that there is a certain ruthlessness about the image of the vinedresser pruning the vine: perform or perish! However, the process of cutting away and pruning branches is an incredibly nurturing action; it is removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the vine has an even better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season. It is an act of love; not an act of economic rationalism. Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive; negative; crippling; life-diminishing.

If we are able to ‘prune’ our life-diminishing thoughts and actions we allow ourselves the freedom and the ability to really flourish. Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt and lack of confidence can limit our ability to be fully alive just as addictive and harmful behaviours can physically take away our ability to perform at our best. It is only through a process of cutting away and pruning that we can nurture ourselves to realise the beauty of our potential. © Greg Sunter

Easter Poem

How might it feel to be part of the vine?
Not just to see the vineyard from afar
Or even pluck the clusters, press the wine,
But to be grafted in, to feel the stir
Of inward sap that rises from our root,
Himself deep planted in the ground of Love,
To feel a leaf unfold a tender shoot,
As tendrils curled unfurl, as branches give
A little to the swelling of the grape,
In gradual perfection, round and full,
To bear within oneself the joy and hope
Of God's good vintage, till it's ripe and whole.
What might it mean to bide and to abide
In such rich love as makes the poor heart glad?

A Sonnet by Malcolm Guite

On the Lighter Side

I was having wine with my wife when she said 'I love you so much, you know. I don't know how I could ever live without you.' I said, 'Is that you or the wine talking?' She said, 'It's me talking to the wine.' Love the wine you're with!

MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES

SUNDAY	Saturday Vigil	6.30pm
	Sunday	8am , 10am & 6pm
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.

Fifth Sunday		Of Easter		28th April	
Mass	Commentator	Reader	Ministers of Communion		
6.30pm	Helen Mewburn	Lois Dillon	Ronnie Graham		
8am		Aminda Polonowita	Helen Fowler		
10am	Jude Brown	Geraldine Stills	Anthony Chalkley/Jennifer Sheed		
6pm		TBA	Jenny Roberts		
Sixth Sunday		Of Easter		5th May	
6.30pm	Diane Hicks	Mario Fernando	Debbie Wilson		
8am		Anna Tuck	TBA		
10am	Geraldine Stills	Paula Alega	Beth Carr/Linda Goldsmith		
6pm		Bernie O’Sullivan	Jenny Roberts		

Altar Rosters	Group D	26th April—9th May	Ronnie Graham, Angela Dudley, Ingrid McCarthy, Di Stevens
	Group A	10th May –23rd May	Kath O’Farrell, Mary Eltringham, Marg Davis, Lyn Byrne
Counting Teams	Team 1	22nd April –5th May	K Egan, M Egan, I McCarthy
	Team 2	6th May—19th May	L O’Farrell, K Foley. D Halpin, T Doolan

Shop Roster	April 28th	Jenny Foley	5th May	Karen Doolan
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Prayer for the sick

Dear Lord, we pray for those who suffer any form of ill health. That God will strengthen and keep them in His constant loving care. 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—April/ May

3rd May **Mass of Anointing**
10th **Faith on Tap**
12th **Mothers Day-BBQ after 10am Mass**
18/19 **Pilgrimage walk—Heathcote-Bendigo**

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

Prayers for Recently Deceased:	Elizabeth Rich
Prayers for Anniversaries:	Ian Hall, Frances Lenaghan, John Piccolo, Stephen De Araugo, Bill Poulter
Prayers for the Sick:	Betty Holland, Rani Fernando, Susan Gamboni, Terry Dean, Kelly Tomlinson, Liliosa Legaspi , Matthew Turner , Tammy Abeynayake, Peter Downing, Barbara Howard, Garth & Yvonne Graham , Peter Phillips, Helen Fitzpatrick, Des Downing, Pat McGann, Bob Hayden, Luis Basille, David Peters, Dianne Pell, Olivia Slattery, Prince Matthew Cajurao

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.



Bendigo Winter Night Shelter 2024

BWNS commences June 1 until August 31st. This is a program coordinated by churches in Bendigo, providing 'shelter, food and dignity' for homeless individuals in our area. Please google bwns.org.au for more information on this program and ways individuals can help.

Our parish will again be 'host' for this every second Wednesday at the designated venue. Each year our parishioners have volunteered their time and talents to support this 'outreach' program in many different ways: cooking, kitchen hands, shift workers... My role, as venue coordinator for St Kilian's, is to organise meals for our nights. In the past we have provided soup, a main meal and dessert. I usually pick up the meals and deliver to the venue. I am asking for parishioners to consider how they may be able to help, particularly with meals. You may be great at making desserts, or love making soups, or pretty good with pasta. I try to roster three or four people each time so no one person is expected to provide a whole meal.

I would love to hear from anyone interested in providing food for the dinners.

Please email me at b60carr@gmail.com or call me 0403955457
Thanks Beth Carr

Serra Club; The primary work of the Serra Club is to pray for and promote vocations in the Church. We have a Holy Hour every 2nd Thursday of the month at St Kilian's Church from 11am, followed by Mass and then a cuppa and meeting. All are welcome to join. Please continue to pray for priests and for more vocations!

SHORT TERM SELF-CONTAINED ACCOMMODATION

SOUGHT My name is Louise and I am a very private mature-aged non-smoking, non-drinking employed trauma-response psychologist with no pets. I am seeking a peaceful, private, self-contained rental until mid-June 2024 or thereabouts.

A granny-flat, cabin or sublet would be perfect and am seeking to occupy ASAP. enquiries@exi.edu.au Thank you, Louise

EARTHCARE —Online documentary - Caritas Australia, Catholic Earthcare and Being With God in Nature invites you to an online screening of the *'Queen of the Sun'*. Tuesday 30 April from 6pm



Register: [Watch the trailer on youtube](#)

ONLINE RETREAT *Song of the Senses* - offered by Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia from 5th to the 9th of May 10am - 12 or 6.30 - 8.30pm

Experience five new spiritual Ignatian exercises, learn five different Ignatian prayer methods, have five small group conversations with new international friends.

Register: <https://jisa.org.au/im24-song-of-the-senses/>

Rise Up - 12 Days of Action in Central Victoria.

People of all faiths are invited to join the call on the Federal Government to keep its promise and properly protect God's creation - the environment, biodiversity, the climate and our communities - by taking real action on climate change. Promised legislation has ground to a halt after pressure from the fossil fuel industry. There will be a letter to Lisa Chesters, MP in the church foyer for the next two weekends, supporting her to call for action in Canberra on our behalf. Please take the time to read and sign it. For more information about the campaign go to https://www.aycc.org.au/rise_up,

PROJECT COMPASSION-

Thank you for your donations to Project compassion this year, receipts will be issues in May. If you have any further donations please send directly to Caritas.

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 May 1st. Please phone the parish office on 54416244 if you would like to attend.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2024;

St Kilian's Sacramental Team has announced the dates for 2024. The Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist will commence with a Parent Information Session on May 8th followed by three child/adult sessions and actual liturgy over the weekend of the 1/2 of June.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will commence on the 9th of October and the Sacrament will be celebrated on the 13th of November. More information will be sent out through our two schools and our bulletin as it gets closer to the time. If you have any questions please contact the schools or Annette (Our Sacramental Coordinator) in our Parish office at stkilians.sc@gmail.com

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

Vocations Program: We invite young people, young professionals who are interested in discerning their Vocation. On the 26th of May (Sunday), the vocation discernment session is set to take place in St Kilian's Presbytery Bendigo at 2pm until around dinner time. If you are interested, please contact Fr Nathan Verallo. E: np.verallo@gmail.com T: 03 5722 1970

UPCOMING St Kilian's Parish Events



Mass of Anointing

12:00PM | First Friday of May
St Kilian's Church Bendigo
Fr Junray Rayna, Mass Presider

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Faith on Tap with Fr Jake Mudge

6:00PM | Cambrian Hotel
200 Arnold St, North Bendigo

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Mother's Day BBQ & Bubbles

After the Sunday 10:00Mass
Church Grounds & Parish Cafe

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CAMINO: Pilgrimage Walk Heathcote - Bendigo via O'Keefe Trail

Camino de Espiritu Santo: Pentecost Weekend Pilgrimage

10:30AM, Sat, 18 May: St Mary's Heathcote
8:30AM, Sun, 19 May: St Mary's Axedale to St Kilian's
Please contact Fr Junray to RSVP 0403 677 769



In these weeks after Easter and before the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, our gospel readings come from Jesus' farewell discourses in the Gospel of John. These are the teachings which Jesus shared with his disciples in that precious time just before his arrest and crucifixion.

His teachings offered solace to his disciples who were soon to endure his passion and death. We now read and ponder them in the light of his resurrection and Ascension. They also offer comfort to us in our time and place, as we face life's challenges and sorrows.

Last week, the gospel recounted Jesus telling the disciples that he is the Good Shepherd, who knows his sheep by name, who cares for them and protects them, and whose love and care is so great that he lays down his life for his sheep. This image of the Good Shepherd and his sheep describes a relationship of steadfast love and care.

This week, Jesus describes his relationship to his followers differently, this time in terms of a vine and its branches. This image highlights the intimacy, interconnection, mutuality and reciprocity of the relationship of Jesus to us, of Jesus to the Father, and of

Jesus and the Father to us, individually and as a community.

Jesus explains that he is the true vine, the Father is the vine grower, and we are the branches. The image reminds us that we, just like the vine and its branches, rely on each other in order to bear fruit.

But, most important of all, Jesus urges us: "Abide in me as I abide in you." To abide means to remain, to stay, to dwell, to make a home in, to endure, and to hold fast. This notion of 'abiding' is of utmost importance in John's Gospel. (Even in today's short reading this word, abide, occurs 8 times.)

Jesus is very clear: this abiding is essential and core to our relationship with him. It is this abiding in him and he in us that will result in great fruitfulness. The fruits will be life-giving fruits, internal as well as external, for us personally and for the community. They will be peace, freedom, justice, joy, and the flourishing of creation.

What then is the call and the challenge for us? It is to nurture our relationship with Jesus. This is the discipleship to which he calls us: it is abiding in him, keeping company with him, living in daily conversation with him. We are called to a life-long process of entering ever more deeply into this relationship with him, learning to abide in his love, and learning to love one another as God has loved us. It is learning to live like that every day!

And, in the process, we will gradually come to better see the world, ourselves, other people, and whatever situations we face with our hearts and minds attuned to his.

Anne Hunt
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 21)

RESPONSE: I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of your people.

LECTOR: My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever. **R.**

LECTOR: All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him,
all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

LECTOR: And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

