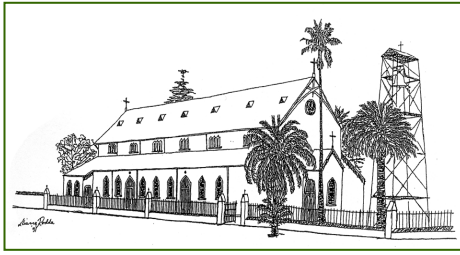


PARISH OF ST KILIAN, BENDIGO

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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The Ascension of the Lord

Year B

May 12th 2024

Readings for Acts 1:1-11
this week: Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13
Mark 16:15-20



Readings for Acts 2:1-11
next week: Galatians 5:16-25
John 15:26-27, 16:12-15



Liturgical Jotting

Trumpets

The response of the psalm on this feast day is: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord." Trumpets appear several times in the Old Testament as musical instrument in secular use: they sounded the entrance of the monarch, and the alarm for battle. Trumpets had religious uses: sounded assemblies, at the beginning of a feast day, one of several instruments in temple and for processions, sacrifices and dedications. In the New Testament they have apocalyptic overtones: the angels announced catastrophes (Rev 8:2-11), calls the chosen for the final judgment (Matt 24:31) and the dead are awakened (1 Cor 15:52; 1 Thess 4:16).

In early Christian worship no music instruments were used; the human voice provided the accompaniment to the chants. As pipes and pipe organs came into use, the sound of trumpets began to be heard, especially on Anzac Day for the Last Post and the Reveille.

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Focus on the Readings

The lectionary on Ascension Day, Cycle B provide a choice for the second reading Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13. The alternative is rich in meaning on the mystery of the Lord's Ascension. While it has inspired several hymns: Fullness of God, There is One Lord, The Church's One Foundation, We Are One, St Paul was inspired by Psalm 68(67):19 by recognising the fruits of the Ascension: God's gifts to humankind are that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers.

Together with the earlier verses: "Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness patience, ... unity and peace, we get a picture of the Church community. Is Paul looking for perfect Christianity and an ideal church? He writes this letter imprisoned in Rome while he has much time for reflection and writing. He is very conscious of the challenges facing many church communities, so rather than an utopian church he seeks a church that responds to the demands of the day with those gifts and virtues. Today the church is disturbed by conflicts and divisions, mishandling of past errors that threatens in credibility and effectiveness. The words of Paul on the descent and ascent of Christ are reflected in the vocations and journeys of Christians today.

Ascension Poem

We sing to you, resurrected,
your sun rises on humanity,
you have emerged victorious from the shadow of the tomb,
the living sun of the new age.
The whole universe is brought to light
And finally able to call you "love".
A new song for the lost children:
The name of God given to us.
you who sleep, awaken,
the night sends out the signal to the bridegroom.
He comes to seek out believers,
"Amen" of the glory of the living God.
Daniel Hameline.

On the Lighter Side

A sea captain on a very dark night saw faint lights in the distance and sent a message, "Alter your course 10°S." A prompt message returned, "Alter your course 10°N." The captain was infuriated, "I am the captain of a large battleship. Alter your course 10°S!" Once again a prompt reply came, "Alter your course 10°N - I am a lighthouse."



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.

The Ascension		Of the Lord		12th May
Mass	Commentator	Reader	Ministers of Communion	
6.30pm	Lois Dillon	Mario Fernando	Ray Taylor	
8am		Dot Harrington	Anna Tuck	
10am	Geraldine Stills	Ben Landsberg	Cara Pawsey/Angela Dudley	
6pm		Helen Mewburn	Jo Hudson	

Pentecost		Sunday		19th May
Mass	Commentator	Reader	Ministers of Communion	
6.30pm	Annette Holmes	Michael Carr	Ronnie Graham	
8am		Aminda Polonowita	TBA	
10am	Marg Pawsey	Paula Alega	Jennifer Sheed/Linda Goldsmith	
6pm		Belinda O’Sullivan	Anne Tecklenburg	

Altar Rosters	Group A	10th May –23rd May	Kath O’Farrell, Mary Eltringham, Marg Davis, Lyn Byrne
	Group B	24th May—6th June	Loretta Taylor, Annette Whatmore, Aileen Jackson, Natalie O’Connor
Counting Teams	Team 3	6th May—19th May	L O’Farrell, K Foley, D Halpin, T Doolan
	Team 4	20th May –2nd June	R Taylor, C Runnalls, M McKenzie, M Jaremczuk

Shop Roster	12th May	Geraldine Jeffrey	19th May	Anne Bourke
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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*

Calendar—May/June

10th May Faith on Tap—6pm
12th Mothers Day-BBQ after 10am Mass
18/19 Pilgrimage walk—Heathcote-Bendigo
25th Altar Servers Training—4-5pm(Note change of time)
26th Doxa morning tea after 10am Mass-All welcome

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.

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

Prayers for Recently Deceased:	Shirley Hammer, Monsignor Frank Hickey
Prayers for Anniversaries:	Margaret Hunt, Mikael Mattsson, Jon Ewart, Benjamin Lydiate, Patrick Flood, Len Chalkley, Maurice Kirwan
Prayers for the Sick:	Betty Holland, Rani Fernando, Susan Gamboni, Terry Dean, Kelly Tomlinson, Liliosa Legaspi , 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

I want to thank Doxa staff, St Kilian's school staff and many parishioners who have offered to provide food for this great program. My list is pretty full. I will contact people before their allotted day. There are many other ways to volunteer for this program. There are some flyers in the foyer or google bwns.org.au
Thanks Beth Carr

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

Laudato Si' Week 2024 May 19-26, is a global celebration on the 9th anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, on care for creation. The week aims to unite Catholics and others to rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing *Laudato Si'* to life. *Laudato Si'* Week concludes on Sunday 26th May which is National Sorry Day. As an Earthcare Parish, we will be emphasising the importance of Pope Francis' message – Seeds of Hope.

Caritas-Earthcare Australia will be screening online the film *Ecosophia* will be on Thursday 23rd May at 6pm. This film explains the relationship between environment and theology. In the film, some of the wisest ecological minds come together for an honest appraisal of our civilization without "greenwash". Registration before the screening is essential. Scroll down the homepage <https://www.caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/> and click on the brown register button.

FATIMA STATUE TOUR

In this month of May, the Fatima statue will begin its journey visiting the parishes of the Diocese of Sandhurst in preparation for the 50th Marian Festival on October 13 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

May 11th-12th - St Kilian's Parish, Bendigo

Sunday, May 12 - *Launch of the Statue Pilgrimage with 5pm Holy Hour*

May 13th-18th - St Liborius Parish, Eaglehawk

Monday, May 13 - *Feast of Our Lady of Fatima with 6pm Mass followed by Holy Hour*

Saturday, May 18 - *9:15am Mass at St Augustine's Church followed by devotions*

May 18th-25th - St Therese's Parish, Kennington

Liturgical Ministry Seminars:

These Seminars are being offered at St. Killian's Parish in Bendigo on Tuesday 21 May 2024, 5:30pm start and at St. Liborius Parish in Eaglehawk on Saturday, 25 May 2024 10:30am start.

Each seminar begins with a Keynote Presentation. Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* (2022) on Liturgical Formation of the People of God invites renewed reflection on the preparation and celebration of the Church's liturgy. In this keynote address, Prof. Clare Johnson, Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy will provide an overview of Pope Francis' letter and suggest some implications for liturgical ministries.

This will be followed by a choice of three workshop options:

1. Ministry of the Word - Dr Chris Cotter;
2. Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion - Ms Lyn Breen; and Ministry of Liturgical Music - Dr Paul Taylor; that will explore areas of affirmation, challenge and invitation in these ministries.

For Bookings or more info refer to QR code below or on the included poster as well as the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CNRVB>



Dear Lord

On this special day, we show our gratitude for all Mothers and those who fill this role in our lives.

We thank them for their all-encompassing love, for their commitment, care and kindness.

We thank them for their wisdom, for helping us grow and flourish.

We thank them for their strength, for their sacrifices, and for being there in times of need.

And we thank them for their encouragement, for being our cheer leaders and celebrating our achievements.

Lord, help Mothers know how much they are loved and appreciated.

We ask that you bless all Mothers, including those who are no longer with us today.

Amen.

Mass Attendance Count 2024— Each year the Diocese asks every Parish to undertake a Mass count for all of the weekend Masses during May. After the homily or communion the counters will move through the church and count all in attendance. This count is used for the future planning for all Parish. Thank you

Our next **Altar Servers Training** will be Saturday 25th of May —4pm-5pm in the Church. If your child has not attended this training and would like to serve they and their parent/guardian must attend the training. Thank you Fr Junray & Fr Rob

Planned Giving envelope reminder—please remember to write your planned giving number on your envelopes before handing them in—we have a number that are blank and we cannot assign these amounts to anyone. 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 June 5th Please phone the parish office on 54416244 if you would like to attend.

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



Faith on Tap

with Fr Jake Mudge

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

May
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Mother's Day BBQ & Bubbles

After the Sunday 10:00 Mass
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



returns from death. Reading or hearing the story ourselves, we can almost taste the mixture of confusion with unutterable joy and amazement that drenches the page.

And there's more. He is with them, from that first Easter morning, for forty glorious and strange days, days beyond comprehension, where time and space were surely refigured around his presence—heaven, as they say, on earth. There's little said about this time, but, yes, it's strange: they struggle to recognise him. He appears and disappears. He passes through locked doors. He eats fish. He breaks through Thomas' doubt: 'Here, put your hand in my wounded side!' He reconciles and recommissions Peter: 'Feed my sheep!'

And you can just as palpably taste the disciples' wondered confusion now at His ascension. Before their very eyes he passes on into the heavenly realm, the cloud of glory hiding him from their sight. He suffered, died, descended to hell, and returned—and wait, he now leaves for heaven? The story has been strange all along. But three of the gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—end with this event.

'And what do we do now?' You can almost hear the disciples saying to themselves. In the gospel story that is exactly the question we, who also believe, are supposed to ask.

The Lord ascended to heaven, to the place of all authority. He, that man, Jesus of Nazareth, sits on the divine throne. And it's still not over. The rest of the story includes us. It includes all creation. It's still being written!

Our question today is the same as the disciples' then: 'What do we do now?' Keep reading, keep listening, to find out.

W Chris Hackett
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 46)

RESPONSE: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

LECTOR: All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

LECTOR: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast'

Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

LECTOR: God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

