

5 JULY 2026

# St Kilian's

## VISION STATEMENT

The purpose of Saint 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.

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

*Zechariah 9:9-10*  
*Romans 8:9,11-13*  
*Matthew 11:25-30*

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

*Isaiah 55:10-11*  
*Romans 8:18-23*  
*Matthew 13:1-23*

I have been walking these days preparing for a **three-month sabbatical** starting in September. It will be a journey of prayer, renewal, study, and pilgrimage. At the heart of this time is the Camino del Norte, an ancient pilgrimage around 900 kilometres from Bayonne, France to Santiago de Compostela. For over a thousand years, pilgrims have walked these paths seeking not simply a destination, but healing and transformation. The Camino teaches a different rhythm of life. Every morning begins with a new horizon. Every step becomes a prayer. Every conversation becomes an encounter. Every challenge becomes an invitation to trust God a little more deeply. Many would say that it is not the Camino they wanted, but the Camino they needed.

The **Camino del Norte** is considered one of the most beautiful, contemplative and difficult pilgrimage routes. Rather than crossing Spain's central plains, I will be crossing the *Basque Country, Cantabria, Asturias, and Galicia*. Each region offers its own cuisine and culture. Another aspect of this pilgrimage that particularly inspires me is its deep connection with the ocean. Much of the Camino follows the Atlantic coastline, that accompany the pilgrim for hundreds of kilometres. As someone who has always found God close in nature: this coastline will become another place of prayer. These regions can be divided into the journey of the body, of the mind and of the soul. For sure, I will be asking this critical question many times over there: "Why am I here?"

After arriving in Santiago de Compostela, my sabbatical will continue with time immersed in **the spirituality of St John of the Cross**, one of the greatest mystics of our tradition. In Santiago, I will be staying with the Carmelite friars, then I will visit the southern Spain - *Malaga, Cordoba, Granada and Seville* where he wrote his major writings. One of John's spiritual contributions to the Church is the mysterious journey of faith that he called the "*dark night of the soul*," which I want to understand more and perhaps could guide people who enter a dark night.

Although I will be away from the parish, you will never be far from my heart. I will carry your prayers and intentions with me each day: in every sunrise, every Mass, every quiet church, every mountain path, every conversation with fellow pilgrims, every moment beside the ocean, and finally before the tomb of Saint James the Apostle in Santiago. My hope is that this pilgrimage will not simply renew one priest, but enrich our whole parish, reminding us that every Christian life is itself a Camino - a lifelong journey, one faithful step at a time, toward the heart of God.

**Buen camino!** - Fr Junray



## MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm  
Sunday 8am, 10am, & 6pm

Weekday Masses  
Tuesday-Friday 12:10pm  
Saturday 8:00am

## RECONCILIATION

Friday 11:30am

Live-streaming available on Sunday 10am Mass & 12:10 weekday masses at St Kilian's Parish Facebook Page.

# Advertise HERE

Support our parish community.  
Help keep our parish bulletin in print.  
Enquire at the parish office 03 5441 6244.

## PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
6:30pm	Di Hicks	Annette Holmes	Loretta Taylor
8:00am		Dot Harrington	Sam Moloney
10:00am	Rob Rossiter	B Landsberg	K Doolan, L Goldsmith
6:00pm	Helen Mewburn	Nancy Nowers	Jenny Roberts

### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
6:30pm	Annette Holmes	Marie Bonne	Philippe Bonne
8:00am		Sharon Moloney	TBA
10:00am	Debbie Dolores	Myra Dargue-DeJong	A Tecklenburg, M O'Donnell
6:00pm	Matilda O'Sullivan	Belinda O'Sullivan	Bernie O'Sullivan

### Altar Rosters

Group A: 3 July-16 July - Kath O'Farrell, Mary Eltringham, Marj Davis, Lyn Byrne  
Group B: 17 July-30 July - Loretta Taylor, Annette Whatmore, Aileen Jackson, Natalie O'Connor

### Counting Teams

Team 1: 29 June - 12 July: K Egan, M Egan, D Harrington, E Jenkins  
Team 3: 13 July - 26 July: L O'Farrell D Halpin, T Doolan, S Chalkley

### St Kilian's Shop

The shop opens every Friday 11:30am - 12nn and after the 6:30pm Saturday and 10am Sunday Mass  
5 July - Anne Bourke  
12 July - Julie McGregor

### Hospital Chaplain

If you are inpatient at Bendigo Health and would like to receive communion or to see our hospital chaplains. Please contact Fr Jinjo 0438 813 082 or Peter Young 0427 681 267

### PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED +Maurice Sheehan

### PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Grenfell, John Mulqueen, Magaret Bowen, Joel Murray Carter, Val Keating, Kevin Higgins, Judy Wischmann, Madge Kehry Frank, Bredan Murphy, Veronica Stewart, Thersiamma Verghese, Edith Flynn, Irene Harty, Michael Phelan, Fr Gerry Gallagher

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Betty Holland, Rani Fernando, Kelly Tomlinson, Liliosa Legaspi, Tammy Abeynayake, Peter Downing, Garth Graham, Lui Basile, David Peters, Dianne Pell, Olivia Slattery, Archer Turner, Matthew Turner, Elizabeth Ransom

### MASS INTENTIONS

Eternal repose of Gemino

# CONTACT US

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## SCHOOLS

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### Doxa School Bendigo

Principal: Vanessa Brown  
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### Catherine McAuley College Bendigo

Principal: Brian Turner  
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## SAFEGUARDING

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.*

Saint Kilian's Parish is a Safeguarding Community. We hold the safeguarding, wellbeing, and inclusion of all children, young adults and adults-at-risk as a fundamental responsibility of our parish community.

### Safeguarding Officers:

**Annette Holmes & Jayson Lowther**

Contact Parish Office 03 5441 6244  
or visit [www.stkiliansbendigo.com.au/parish-safeguarding](http://www.stkiliansbendigo.com.au/parish-safeguarding)

## SUPPORT ST KILIAN'S

*Please continue your support in the maintenance and mission of our parish community:*

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# PARISH NOTICEBOARD

## NAIDOC WEEK | 5 - 12 July 2026

This week invites us to honour and celebrate the rich cultures, histories and enduring contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Everyone is warmly invited to take part in this special week as we learn, celebrate and walk together in the spirit of respect, unity and reconciliation.

## YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Bonfire & Big Questions at the Parish Cafe  
Thursday, 9 July | 6:30pm - 8:30pm

## PARISHIONERS LUNCH

Tuesday, 21 July | 1:00pm | *Borchelli* on 18 Mitchell Street | *RSVP at the foyer*

## THE LONG TABLE

Saturday, 25 July | 7:30pm | Parish Hall *RSVP at the foyer*

## WINTER REFLECTION WITH FR JUNRAY

Friday, 31 July | 10:00am - 3:00pm | Parish House | *RSVP at the foyer*

## BENDIGO WINTER NIGHT SHELTER UPDATE

A lot has changed in a week: we were asked to now cater for 18 but that quickly changed to 25! BWNS has opened up more room and supplied portable beds which increases the capacity. This changes how we provide food. We will be looking for extra support to make the load easier each time. Thank you to Will, Kath, Diane and Matilda, and anyone else Dinali has been able to engage to assist. Thanks Dinali for juggling things whilst I'm away. Dinali will be in contact with the next group and potentially tap others on the shoulder. I will contact people as it gets closer to my return. Thanks again Dinali. - *Beth and Dinali*

## PARISH COMMUNITY GARDEN SHARE TABLE UPDATE

Produce from the garden is for the needs of the Parish House, Foodshare and the Share Table at the Church entrance, where some produce from the garden is harvested on Saturdays and has been offered, free of charge, to parishioners at weekend Masses. This has been supplemented by donations of produce from parishioners. Commencing next weekend (11/12 July) a nominal charge will be introduced for this produce: a gold coin per portion, to be deposited in the cash box on the Produce Share Table. This cash income will supplement the costs associated with the ongoing supply of seasonal produce. *NB: If any parishioners are struggling to fund their weekly produce needs, please contact Bendigo Foodshare.*



## SAINT KILIAN'S FEAST DAY! PARISH FEAST DAY!

Sunday, 12 July | 10:00am Mass

Join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of our patron, Saint Kilian, a courageous missionary who proclaimed the Gospel with faith and joy. Please bring something to share on our parish feast day!



## PARISH RETREAT: COME AWAY & REST

Take time to step away from the busyness of life and enter into a few days of prayer, silence, reflection, and renewal.

11-13 August 2026

Santa Casa Retreat Centre, Queenscliff VIC

RSVP Fr Junray 0403677769

\$300 Meals & Accommodation.



## KEYS OF GOLD 'FLOURISH & FLAIR' CONCERT AT ST KILIAN'S

Saturday, 25 July at 11am

Popular trumpet and organ music, performed by virtuoso trumpeter Louisa Trewartha and Thomas Heywood.  
*Brochures at the foyer*

# Jesus lightens our burdens

A yoke is a wooden beam used to connect two oxen who pull a heavy load, in which an older well-trained ox is yoked with a younger untrained ox. The older animal takes the greater load and effectively teaches the younger how to work. In Jewish tradition, 'yoke' often referred to the Law which every righteous Jew follows. To speak of 'the yoke of the Law' acknowledged of the authority (and burden) of the Torah (the five books of Moses), together with the oral interpretation of that Law by the Jewish sages, which totalled six hundred and thirteen specific commandments. Observance of these commandments was a sign of faithful commitment to God. The Law was good, but for some the yoke was a burden, due to the requirement of meticulous observance of all aspects of the Law. In contrast, Jesus invites those who feel overburdened to come to him, and he tells them, "My yoke is easy and my burden light." Does this mean that following Jesus is the lightweight option? This would be an easy conclusion, but in fact it is about conversion of heart and mind rather than mere compliance with rules and regulations.

Matthew is writing to a largely Jewish audience, so it is important to explain how Jesus regards the Law. Jesus himself tells us that he has not come to abolish the Law, but rather to fulfil it. He commends those who follow the Law and promises that they will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. In chapter five of this gospel, Jesus states several precepts from the Law of Moses, but then says, "You have heard it said, but I say this to you." What he does is affirm the Law, but he then radicalises it. For example, he says, "You shall not kill, and whoever kills another person must answer for it before the court." He then goes on to demand something more than refraining from homicide. What he asks is that no one harbours anger or resentment in their heart. Instead, they are to be reconciled with their brother, sister, or neighbour, and make peace with them, which is at the very heart of the Law.

Why then does Jesus promise that "my yoke is easy and my burden light?" His promise to those who are weary and burdened is that he will share their burden, walk with them, and help them carry their load; like the older ox, helping the younger. We do not have to do all the heavy lifting, for Jesus promises that he will be our companion and we can rely on him. The yoke also serves to keep us on track, prevents from wandering off the path, and guides us in an enduring relationship with Jesus. Life has its challenges and these come the way of all of us, but the knowledge that we are not alone makes a difference, and we are able to move forward, mindful that we have a faithful and committed companion on the journey.

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**RESPONSE: I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOR EVER, MY KING AND MY GOD.**

I will give you glory, O God my king I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!