

19 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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52



SANDHURST FORMATION INSTITUTE  **21&22 AUGUST**
Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton

KEYNOTE FRIDAY
What's the Mission and What Does That Mean Today?

Keynote Speakers
Fr Richard Rosse and Ann O'Brien

GROWING COMMUNITIES OF MISSION

EVERY BAPTISED PERSON IS SENT!

One of the greatest gifts of the Second Vatican Council was its vision of the Church as the People of God - a community where every baptised person is called not simply to belong, but to participate fully, consciously, and actively in the mission of Christ. Through Baptism, each of us has received gifts to share, a vocation to live, and a mission to embrace. Vatican II invites us to make a profound movement: **from being spectators to becoming active participants, and from active participants to intentional missionary disciples.**

As we have journeyed through St Matthew's Gospel over these past Sundays, Jesus has continually revealed what the Kingdom of God looks like - not only as a promise for heaven, but as a reality that begins here and now. Our goal is to realise the Kingdom of God here. It brings into flesh whenever ordinary people choose to forgive, welcome, serve, pray, encourage, and love. It grows whenever disciples move beyond simply attending church to becoming the Church in the world.

This spirit was at the heart of our recent Parish Pastoral Council (PPC members in the photo) gathering as we prepared for the Sandhurst Formation Institute on 21-22 August in Shepparton. We are asking an important question: What is God inviting St Kilian's Parish to become? The Institute's theme, "Growing Communities of Mission," is not merely about learning new ideas; it is about allowing the Holy Spirit to renew our hearts, transform our parish culture, and equip us to become a community that joyfully leads others to Christ.

We warmly invite you to join us in Shepparton. Come not simply to attend a conference, but to be part of a movement. Come to pray, learn, listen, dream, and collaborate with fellow Catholics from across our Diocese. Come expecting that God has something to say to you, and that He desires to use your gifts for the renewal of His Church. The future of St Kilian's will not be shaped by a few people, but by a community of missionary disciples who are willing to say "yes" to the Holy Spirit. Together, let us build a parish where every person belongs, every gift is awakened, and every missionary disciple becomes a living sign of the Kingdom of God in the here and now.

Please contact Fr Junray, Helen Mewburn, or the Parish Office for more details.

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.



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PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
6:30pm	Marie Bonne	Jo Negri	Philippe Bonne
8:00am		Andrew White	Jake Wilkinson
10:00am	Marg Pawsey	Anne Tecklenburg	M DeJong, K Doolan
6:00pm	M Omella	Helen Mewburn	Jenny Roberts

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
6:30pm	Ronnie Graham	Abel Thomas	Ray Taylor
8:00am		Sue O'Sullivan	TBA
10:00am	Josephine York	Andrew Wood	M Podosky, M DeJong
6:00pm	Youth Mass	Youth Mass	Youth Mass

Altar Rosters

Group B: 17 July-30 July: Loretta Taylor, Annette Whatmore, Aileen Jackson, Natalie O'Connor
Group C: 31 July - 13 August: Helen Fowler, Bernadette Ransom

Counting Teams

Team 3: 13 July - 26 July: L O'Farrell D Halpin, T Doolan, S Chalkley
Team 4: 27 July - 9 August: R Taylor, C Runnalls, M McKenzie, M, Jaremczuk

St Kilian's Shop

The shop opens every Friday 11:30am - 12nn and after the 6:30pm Saturday and 10am Sunday Mass
19th July - Karen Doolan
26th July - Geraldine Jeffrey

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

PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES

Frank Graham, Brian Hockey, Anne Louise Chilver, Eva McKenzie, Ashley Annett, Maureen Lock, Yvonne Downing, Betty Keating, David Murray, McCaskell, Bernard Floor Snr, Guiseppe (Joe) Dimasi, Marie Blain, Noelene Hager

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

Praying for the eternal repose of Necitas Tajo & Marcelino Cuadra

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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

SUPPORT ST KILIAN'S

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

BSB 083 543

Acct No 515 694 515

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

YOUNG ADULTS TRIVIA NIGHT!

Thursday, 23 July 2026 | 6:30pm | Parish Cafe
Bring a friend!

COMMUNION MINISTERS AT ST JOHN OF GOD

Hospital Chaplain Fr Jinjo calls for some volunteers for this ministry at St John of God Hospital during weekends.
Please contact James Greene at 0423 421 443 for more details.

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
Please bring something to share and invite a friend with you.

BENDIGO WINTER NIGHT SHELTER UPDATE

Demand is increasing for this service. A monthly update tells us that BWNS is averaging 23 guests. Thank you to Helen and Geraldine who stepped in and assisted with food July 1. This week our thanks go to Kimberley, Mario and Lil, Marie and Phillipe, Trish, Karen and Cathy. Also to Sheila who was our delivery driver. The generosity of our parishioners always makes me proud.
Beth and Dinali

St Kilian's Parish Pastoral Council will soon begin developing our Strategic Plan for the next three years. To help guide this process, we are seeking feedback from our parishioners. A survey will be available at all Masses and online over two weekends, commencing **25 July 2026**. We encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas as we plan for the future of our parish.

DOXA SCHOOL BENDIGO TURNS 20!

Join us as DOXA School Bendigo celebrates 20 years of inspiring young people and making a lasting difference in our community. Everyone is warmly invited to the 20th Anniversary Community Open Day on Sunday 26 July, beginning with 10.00am Mass at St Kilian's Church, followed by the School Open Day from 11.00am–2.00pm. Come and celebrate this wonderful milestone, reconnect with friends, and be part of DOXA's continuing story of hope and community.



INSTALLATION OF BISHOP RENE AS THE 9TH BISHOP OF SANDHURST

11:00am | Thursday, 30 July 2026
Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo
Please sign-up the RSVP at the foyer please.
Thanks.



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

God at work in the world

Jesus is a strange and disconcerting figure. His words are biting and odd. They are elusive and obscure. At the same time, they command attention and demand a response. His actions are similar. He's not what is expected. He's dangerous. He's impossible to ignore. The religious and political leaders of his day understood this. That's why they crucified him. If you are familiar with the portrait of God built up in the Old Testament, maybe you are not so surprised about Jesus.

If that God, the God of Israel becomes human, you are going to get an irrepressible wildfire, an elusive, odd, dangerous One, beyond our control and manipulation, and yet close, too close, too committed for comfort. You are going to get a God who, as man, fully, even 'wildly,' devotes himself to the end he has for his good creation, despite our best attempts to wrest our own little piece of it from him for our ridiculous and narrow designs.

You are going to get a God who, as man, irreparably binds, weds himself to humanity in unimaginable impassioned love. You are going to get a God who, as man, provokes his own inevitable suffering and death at the hand of his beloved. He's ineffable, inscrutable, uncontainable, unstoppable. He's definitely not safe. No! He's too good to be safe.

There's only ever more mystery to him. Alas we have our own two-thousand-years-after-the-event strategies for handling Jesus. We can't kill him. We are the ones who love him and want to be faithful to him above all else. Nevertheless, we tend to domesticate him, rounding off the hard edges, softening the sharp and pointed words, managing his frightening actions that, for fear, we refuse to ponder too long. We cage him up, privatising, declawing our religion, wheeling him out for a quick show when it's convenient, keeping him hidden away when it's not. We are expert at making him beneficial, conventional, docile, safe. But the Church—and the Holy Spirit who guides her—won't let us do this for long.

Look at this week's readings. With Jesus' parables, we've got the Living God speaking to us and teaching us. With his actions, we've got the Living God at work in the world. Today's Old Testament reading anticipates this. The New Testament reading helps us ponder it. And as we pass through these readings, brace yourself for the encounter? That's the shape of the Mass. The lion paces. He's going to break out of his cage. He's going to find you. He always does. No one can keep him at a safe distance. He's already stalking among us. He's going to rule this world, destroying death and sin and evil once and for all. Don't let go of his mane! Hold on; hold firm. He will leap and the never-ending day will dawn.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **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!