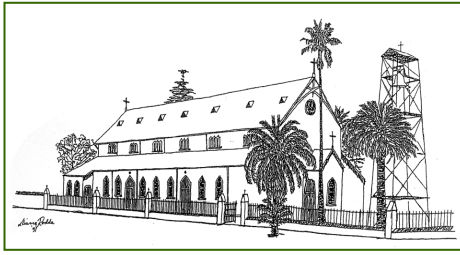


PARISH OF ST KILIAN, BENDIGO

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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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Year A

November 26th 2023

Readings for this week:
Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Matthew 25:31-46



Readings for next week:
Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37



Liturgical Jottings

Eucharistic Prayer part 12

Theology

The Eucharistic Prayer is the centre and high point of the entire celebration of the Mass. It is the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The Priest calls upon the people to lift up their hearts towards the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving; he associates the people with himself in the Prayer that he addresses in the name of the entire community to God the Father through The congregation of the faithful joins with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of Sacrifice. GIRM 78.

The prayer acknowledges in praise and thanksgiving God's work of our salvation. It is also a prayer of remembrance of God's work in Jesus Christ that continues still. It is a prayer of offering which joins the assembly offering with Christ's offering of his own body and blood. It is also a prayer of supplication, reconciliation and sanctification.

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Looking at the Gospel

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus identifies Himself not only with the king-shepherd, but also with the lost sheep, we can speak of a double identity: the king-shepherd, and also Jesus and the sheep: that is, He identifies Himself with the least and most in need of His brothers and sisters. And He thus indicates the criterion of the judgement: it will be made on the basis of concrete love given or denied to these persons, because He Himself, the judge, is present in each one of them. He is the judge. He is God and Man, but He is also the poor one, He is hidden and present in the person of the poor people that He mentions: right there. Jesus says: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it (or did it not) to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it (you did it not) to me" (vv. 40, 45). We will be judged on love.

The judgement will be on love, not on feelings, no: we will be judged on works, on compassion that becomes nearness and kind help. Have I drawn near to Jesus present in the persons of the sick, the poor, the suffering, the imprisoned, of those who are hungry and thirsty for justice? Do I draw near to Jesus present there? This is the question for today. *Pope Francis, The Angelus 2020*

Feast of Christ the King

It is necessary to insist on what Christ the King is not. He is not a political, military, economic ruler, a sports or pop star. This feast was moved from the last Sunday in October to the last Sunday of the liturgical year, which it crowns. It is not just the title of Christ that is the object of the celebration but his person and the global mystery of the Risen One at the right hand of the Father, who came, who comes, and who will come again.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have conferred upon Christ Jesus sovereignty over every age and nation. Direct us, in the love of Christ, to care for the least of his brothers and sisters, that we may be subject to his dominion and receive the inheritance of your kingdom. Through Christ Our Lord. ICEL 1997

Quote of the Day

At the Day of Judgment, we shall not be asked what we have read, but what we have done. *Thomas a Kempis*

On the Lighter Side

Why is it so hard to have a good conversation with a goat? Because they're always butting in.



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.

Christ the King				26th November
Mass	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Ministers of Communion
6.30pm	PPC Members	Val Brennan	Mario Fernando	Jill Graham
8am	PPC Members		Aminda Polonowita	Helen Fowler
10am	PPC Members	Josephine York	Geraldine Stills	Anne Tecklenburg
First Sunday		Of Advent		3rd December
6.30pm	PPC Members	Annette Holmes	Marie Bonne	Philippe Bonne
8am	PPC Member		Dot Harrington	Helen Mewburn
10am	PPC Members	Marg Pawsey	Andrew Wood	Jennifer Sheed
Altar Rosters		Group C	24th Nov-7th Dec	Helen Fowler, Bernadette Ransom
		Group A	8th Dec-21st Dec	Kath O'Farrell, Mary Eltringham, Marj Davis. Lyn Byrne
Counting Teams		Team 3	20th Nov-3rd Dec	L O'Farrell, K Foley. D Halpin, T Doolan
		Team 4	4th Dec –17th Dec	P Bonne, J Brennan, P Sheehan, D Pell
Shop Roster	26th November	Julie McGregor	3rd December	Jenny Foley

Prayer for the sick

*Dear Lord; May the sick and suffering, experience the true presence and healing of our loving God.
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—December

Sat 2nd/Sat 3rd Dec First Sunday of Advent
Fri 8th 12.10 Mass of Anointing. & Christmas Luncheon

Sat 16th Dawn Masses commence– 5.30am
Pizza night after 6.30pm Mass

Tues 19th Community Reconciliation– 7.30pm

PLEASE SEE THE BACK PAGE OF THE BULLETIN FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS TIMES.

St Kilian's shop

Open 11.30am-12pm Frid and after 6.30pm Sat & 10am Sun

Prayers for Recently Deceased:	Ursula Reilly, Joe Edmonds
Prayers for Anniversaries:	Thomas O'Hallaron, Agustina dela Cruz, Martin Keating
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, Peter Singline, Terrance Edward Jolla, Barbara Howard, Garth & Yvonne Graham, Peter Phillips, Joe Pearce, Helen & Ross Fitzpatrick, Des Downing, Pat McGann, Bob Hayden

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

One Talk at a Time

'One Talk at a Time' is a national campaign launched by the National Office for Child Safety and currently running on TV. The campaign aims to prevent child sexual abuse by encouraging adults to learn about the issue and have ongoing, proactive, preventative conversations with children, young people and other adults. Additional resources are available at the child safety website www.childsafety.gov.au to support parents to learn more and start to talk about this topic with their children.

EARTHCARE NEWS The Cathedral Cluster of Earthcare are showing the film "The Letter" at 7pm on Tuesday 28th November at St Joseph's hall Quarry Hill. All welcome. For more information, please contact Yvonne on 0408414036.

ST KILIAN'S EASTER ETHICAL MARKET 2024

Saturday 23rd March 2024 in St Kilian's church grounds. 10am - 2pm. An initiative of St Kilian's Earth Care, to raise funds to further develop the St Kilian's Community Garden and adjacent coffee shop area. Applications for stall holders will open soon. Watch this space or ask Geraldine, Marie, Ray or Jennifer for more details. Keep this date free and let's make it a collaborative, community celebration.

L'Arche Christmas Market:

Sunday 26th November 2023 at The Good Loaf, 404 Hargreaves Street Bendigo from 10am to 1pm. Everyone welcome, Christmas baking, BBQ, Raffle, Christmas gifts, Preserves and more.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS (2024)

The Cathedral Choir is looking to recruit new members in all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) and scholarships to the value of \$1,200 per year are available for successful applicants from Catholic schools in the Bendigo region. The famous saying: "those that sing, pray twice" is attributed to St Augustine of Hippo (c. 354-430), a famous Father of the Church who is honoured in the Cathedral's daily Mass chapel and rear stained glass window. Promoting and supporting the choir's membership is a powerful way to help choristers and congregations enter into the spirit and mystery of the Church's liturgy and prayer. Auditions will be held on **Sunday 17 December 2023** and on **Sunday 28 January 2024** after the 11am Mass in the Cathedral Choir Room. Enquiries: paul.taylor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst Theology Scholarships: Semester 1 2024

Designed to support the mission formation of parishioners through formal theological studies, especially those with or who are seeking pastoral leadership roles in the diocese of Sandhurst. Are you interested in studying theology or spiritual leadership in 2024?

Application are now open for semester 1 2024. For more details go contact; leslie.cooper@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or 0354453600.

CARITAS SERVICE OF SOLIDARITY with Gaza & the Holy Land

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. Let us come together in love, prayer and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope. The Australian Catholic Bishops have said: 'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.' Please join us: **Monday 27 November 4:30 to 5:00 pm.** Everyone is welcome. Prior registration is necessary at https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QQOifg61Zg

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

You are invited to place a Christmas gift under the Christmas tree at the back of the Church from next weekend. Please place unwrapped gifts under the Christmas tree by December 10th. The gifts will be distributed by Vinnies to families in need.

There are many families doing it tough this year for many reasons and your generous gift will help make their Christmas a little brighter. Thank you



PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

On Friday the 8th of December we will be having a Christmas Lunch after the 12.10pm Mass of Anointing. Lunch will be in the Hall and is supplied.

Everyone is welcome - please RSVP to the office on 54416244 or stkilains@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

Our Parish school children will be providing music and entertainment..

If you are able to help set up or take down on the day please let the office know.

We look forward to this wonderful celebration of the year

Advent booklets are available from the Parish Shop for \$8

New Planned giving envelopes for those who require them are available from the office.

ST KILIANS COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP

Preparing for summer - If you can join a watering roster please contact Marie 0438889834 with your name, the day you'd be available and your phone number. Wednesday morning working bees continue with mulching, weeding, planting summer vegies, watering and planning.. Contact Ray 0487782344 if you'd like to join us. For donations of commemorative plants or furniture, contact Lyn on 0457779200.

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 December 6th. Please phone the parish office on 54416244 if you would like to attend.



THINKING ABOUT
**BECOMING
CATHOLIC?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA IS A GRACE-FILLED JOURNEY
TOWARDS BECOMING A CATHOLIC.

Life events, family and friends, joys and sorrows can draw a person to respond to God in faith. Each year adults of all ages from different walks of life decide to become members of the Catholic Church.

St Kilian's Parish Bendigo offers support for people who are considering the Catholic faith through the RCIA program. If you would like to find out more, please contact Parish Office 03 5441 6244 or Fr Junray 0403 677 769.

RCIA PROGRAM WILL START IN DECEMBER 2023




**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
 **St Kilian's Parish**
BENDIGO

**Christmas
Dawn Masses**

**16-24 DECEMBER
5:30AM**

**Advent
Community
Reconciliation**
**TUE, 19 DECEMBER
7:30PM**

**4th Sunday
of Advent**

**6:30PM, SAT, 23 DECEMBER
8:00AM, SUN, 24 DECEMBER
10:00AM, SUN, 24 DECEMBER**

**Christmas
Masses**

**6:30PM, SUN, 24 DECEMBER
9:00PM, SUN, 24 DECEMBER
8:00AM, MON, 25 DECEMBER
10:00AM, MON, 25 DECEMBER**

**Christmas
Week Masses**

**8:00AM, TUE-SAT
26-30 DECEMBER**

**New Year's
Day Mass**

**8:00AM, MON
1 JANUARY**

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 22)

RESPONSE: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

- LECTOR:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. **R.**
- LECTOR:** Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. **R.**
- LECTOR:** You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**
- LECTOR:** Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn))

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.