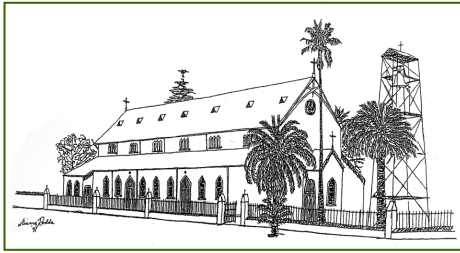


PARISH OF ST KILIAN, BENDIGO

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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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Year C

23rd November 2025

Readings for this week: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43



Readings for
next week: Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44



Liturgical Jottings

The Ordo I

This column on all matters liturgical often quotes the ORDO. It is a book published each year for all Catholic churches. The ORDO with the year, eg ORDO 2025 is subtitled: “The Celebration of the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours in Australia and New Zealand”. Over the past 140 years the annual editions have varied in size, structure, content and instructions. The present Ordo contains an introduction on the liturgical calendar, both the general Roman Calendar and the National and Diocesan calendars and tables. Tables are Order of precedence of Seasons and Feasts, the Table of Moveable Feasts and the Table of Special Sundays from the Holy See eg World Day of Peace, 1 January and Australian and New Zealand Bishops’ Conference eg Anzac Day. Its main content is the listings of celebrations of months and days of the liturgical year.

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Looking at the Readings

The three-year cycle of readings offers three different aspects of this Feast of Christ the King. Year A: Christ as the Shepherd King with the Prophet Ezekiel citing God: “You are my flock; I judge between sheep and sheep (34:17) followed by Psalm 22(23): The Lord is my shepherd and the Gospel as Jesus Shepherd and Judge. Year B: Christ as Eternal Sovereign (Daniel 7:14), the (Alpha) Beginning and the End (Omega) in book of Apocalypse (1:5-8) and as a king but not of this world (John 18).

Today in Year C is a combination of themes from the history of our salvation: the role of King David and the thrones of Judgement in God's house, Christ as the image of the unseen God and Christ on the Cross as King (refer to the inscription that Pilate posted on the cross) and his ministry of forgiveness as realised with the Good Thief: "Today you will be with me in paradise."

This Feast Day, marking the end of the current Liturgical Year, carries the theology and spirituality of the end of world when Christ will return. We prepare our hearts and spirits to go rejoicing into the house of the Lord (Responsorial Psalm) to be reconciled through Christ and for him (St Paul's letter to the Colossians) and to seek his forgiveness (Gospel).

INRI

Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor who allowed the religious leaders to execute Jesus insisted on a sign posted on the cross. From Gospel according to John we read that it was written in three languages: Latin: *Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum* Greek: Ἰησοῦς Ναζωραῖος Βασιλεὺς Ἰουδαίων and in Hebrew יֵשׁוּעַ הַנָּצְרִי מֶלֶךְ הַיְּהוּדִים (□□□) □□□□□□□□ □□□□□□□□ h □□□□□□□□). The English Translation is "Jesus the Nazarene and King of the Jews" Often it is only the Latin initials INRI we see on the top of the cross. Sometimes it is omitted and on rare occasions the full three languages are displayed.

Prayer for the Week

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

On the Lighter Side

Q: I am the beginning of eternity, the end of time and space, the beginning of every end, and the end of every place. What am I?

Answer: 2.71828183

Euler's number "***e***" is an irrational and transcendental number; its decimal representation is infinite and non-repeating. It appears in maths problems dealing with exponential growth or decay.

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			23rd November
Mass	Commentator	Reader	Ministers of Communion
6.30pm	Rose McSweeney	Clyza Licalalde	Youth Mass
8am		Dot Harrington	Zenny Davidson
10am	Josephine York	Anne Bourke	Beth Carr/Helen Fowler
First Sunday Of Advent			30th November
6.30pm	Helen Mewburn	Jo Negri	Ray Taylor
8am		Ailene Del-Santos	Sharon Moloney
10am	Marg Pawsey	Andrew Wood	Helen Mewburn/Karen Doolan

Altar Rosters	Group A	21st Nov-4th Dec	Kath O’Farrell, Mary Eltringham, Marj Davis, Lyn Byrne		
	Group B	5th Dec—18 Dec	Loretta Taylor, Annette Whatmore, Aileen Jackson, Natalie O’Connor		
Counting Teams	Team 1	17th Nov—30th Nov	K Egan, M Egan, D Harrington, E Jenkins		
	Team 3	1st Dec-14th Dec	L O’Farrell, D Halpin, T Doolan, S Chalkley		
Shop Roster	23rd Nov	Anne Bourke	30th Nov	Julie McGregor	

Prayer for the sick

Let us pray for all who are sick at this time, that they will recover to full health and strength, and be able to live well in family and community

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

St Kilian's shop

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

Calendar—November/December

29/30 Nov	First Sunday in Advent
5th Dec	Mass of Anointing & Christmas Luncheon.
13th	Advent Reflection Day—Parish House
16th	Community Reconciliation—7.30pm
16-24th	Dawn Masses—5.30am

PLEASE SEE THE CHRISTMAS CALENDAR ON THE BACK PAGE FOR ALL DATES AND TIMES

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.

Prayers for Recently Deceased:	
Prayers for Anniversaries:	Thomas O'Halloran, Agustina dela Cruz, Martin Keating, Ursula Reilly, Joe Edmonds, Peter Phillips
Prayers for the Sick:	Betty Holland, Rani Fernando, Kelly Tomlinson, Lilirosa Legaspi, Tammy Abeynayake, Peter Downing, Garth & Yvonne Graham, Luis Basille, David Peters, Dianne Pell, Olivia Slattery, Archer Turner, Matthew Turner, Carmel Brennan, Brenda Lydiate, Cathy Moore, Monsignor Frank Marriott

Making a Difference—Conversations with Monsignor Frank Marriott—a book on Mons Frank's Ministry in the Church and wider community is now available from the Shop. \$20 per copy with proceeds to go to the Priest Retirement Fund. A wonderful read on the many ministries Monsignor Frank has been involved with throughout his life.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

You are invited to place a Christmas gift under the Christmas tree at the back of the Church from next week. Please place unwrapped gifts under the Christmas tree by December 9th. The gifts will be distributed by Vinnies to families in need. Thank you



FOLLOW SANDHURST YOUTH MINSITRY ON SOCIALS

Sandhurst Youth Ministry Socials have moved! To connect with the Sandhurst Youth Community and for updates and inspiration, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @sandhurstyouthministryofficial and get involved with our revitalisation and rebranding. **YOU BELONG!**

PLEASE PRAY FOR ACYF PILGRIMS

Preparation for the Sandhurst Pilgrimage to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival is well underway, with Pilgrims undertaking formation in the lead up to the Festival at the end of November. We ask that the Sandhurst community of Faith pray for all the Pilgrims, Festival organisers Co-ordinators and Leaders, that the Festival will bear much fruit in bringing young people closer to Jesus and inspire them on their journey. Hope is Alive!

CHANCERY EMPLOYMENT: ADMINISTRATION

OFFICER The Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst is seeking an Administration Officer. As the Administration Officer, you will play a crucial role in supporting the efficient operations of the Mission & Pastoral Life team at the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst, located in the vibrant city of Bendigo, Victoria. This full-time position is responsible for providing comprehensive administrative assistance to ensure the smooth running of the organisation. Please see the full advertisement here: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/88411140?tracking=SHR-WEB-SharedJob-anz-1>

CARLO ACUTIS' EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope by visiting this special Exhibition at Sacred Heart Cathedral from **22–28 November**, 10 am–4 pm. Carlo, canonised in April 2025 and known as the "Digital Disciple," used technology to share his faith and inspire young people to embrace their unique God-given gifts rather than follow the crowd. Discover his reflections on faith, the Eucharist, and the courage to live as an original.

CCR 'PILGRIMAGE TO BETHLEHEM' RENEWAL DAY

Join Catholic Charismatic Renewal for a Pilgrims of Hope Renewal Day: 'Pilgrimage to Bethlehem' Talks and Charismatic Mass celebrated by Fr Arun Korlakanti, Spiritual Chaplain of CCR Sandhurst.

Saturday 29 November 2025 1 9.30 am (Cuppa) to 3.30 pm

Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre, St Brendan's, Shepparton

Lunch: Please bring a plate to share.

An offering will be taken up. All welcome

Contact: Brigita:0412 042 196, Mary:0427 190 282, or

Denise:0407 506 813

CARITAS APPEAL FOR PHILIPPINES & VIETNAM As you would know from the news, a series of catastrophic weather events have struck the Philippines and Vietnam, leaving communities devastated. Many lives have been lost, thousands of people are missing, and more than a million people evacuated with nothing. Caritas partners are providing emergency assistance. Donations can be made at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.

ST KILIAN'S WILL BE TAKING UP A SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS APPEAL AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND IF YOU WISH TO DONATE IN THIS WAY. THANK YOU .

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers for set up of the hall, food preparation and clean up after the Christmas Lunch(which will follow the Anointing Mass) on Friday the 6th of December. Please contact Helen Fowler on 0408435960 if you are able to help.

Advent booklets are available from the Parish shop as well as 2025 Daily Mass books, God's Word and Columban Calendars.

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 3rd . Please phone the parish office on 54416244 if you would like to attend.

Over the last month, the community garden working bee group have elected a transition committee. The committee has the role of future proofing the community garden so it will remain a key element of parish life. The following people are on the committee: Fr Junray, Jennifer Sheed, Kieren Ransom, Ray Taylor, Jill Graham, Lyn Byrne and Marie Bonne. In a year's time, the committee will hold an Annual General Meeting with the parish community invited, where they will launch their plan. Interested parishioners will be invited to nominate for positions on the committee at the 2026 AGM. Meanwhile, volunteers are welcome to join our Wednesday morning working bees.

Fr Junray

Our Parish bulletin is emailed out each Thursday , if you do not receive it and would like to please email the office and we will add you to the list. Thank you

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

Mass for the Holy Souls



During the month of November, we remember and pray for our departed loved ones.

You are invited to use the "Mass for the Holy Souls" envelopes to list the names of family members and friends you wish to be remembered at Mass.

All names submitted will be placed on the altar, and Holy Masses will be offered throughout November for the repose of their souls.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."



We invite you to look at the sample **Christmas cards** available in the Global Gifts stand. Please take an order form and envelope to purchase our Global Gifts.

Your gift supports vulnerable communities around the world.



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CHRISTMAS

Season of Hope
2025

First Sunday of Advent
30 November

Mass of Anointing & Christmas Luncheon
Friday, 5 December | RSVP Parish Office 03 5441 6244

Second Sunday of Advent
7 December

Advent Reflection Day "Summer: Season of Fruitfulness"
Sat, 13 December, Parish House RSVP Fr Junray 0403 677 769

Gaudete Sunday
14 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent
21 December

Advent Community Reconciliation
Tuesday, 16 December, 7:30pm

9 Dawn Masses Preparing for Christmas
16-24 December, 5:30am

Christmas Masses
24 December, 6:30pm & 9:00pm
25 December, 8:00am & 10:00am

Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday, 28 December

Reminder:
No 12:10 Mass Fri 26 December & Sat 8am 27 December
No Weekday Masses (29 Dec - 2 January)
Weekday masses resumes Tuesday, 6 January 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

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 121)

RESPONSE: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

LECTOR: I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

LECTOR: Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

LECTOR: For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

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