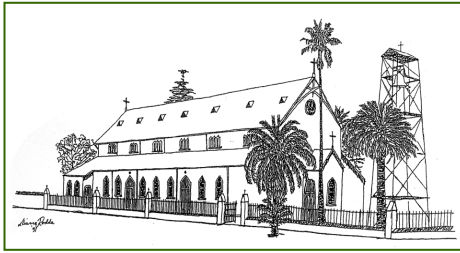


PARISH OF ST KILIAN, BENDIGO

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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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

26th October 2025

Readings for this week: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14



Readings for next week: Wisdom 11:23-12:1
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Luke 19:1-10



Liturgical Jottings

Masses for The Church

Last two weeks we looked at the Masses for various needs and occasions in the Missal. "These provide Mass formularies that may be used in the various times of Christian life." GIRM 368.

Today we look at Section One: Masses for the Holy Church. They include Masses for the Church, the Pope, the Bishop, the Election of a Pope or a Bishop, a Council or a Synod, Priests, the Priest Himself, Anniversary of His Ordination, Ministers of the Church, Vocations to Holy Orders, the Laity, Anniversaries of Marriage, the Family, Religious, Anniversary of Religious Profession, Vocations to Religious Life, Promoting Harmony, Reconciliation, Unity of Christians, Evangelization of Peoples, Persecuted Christians, Spiritual or Pastoral Gatherings. They may be celebrated on any feria day.

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Looking at the Readings

The opening line of a very common prayer begins: "O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart ..." and gives us an insight into the meaning and direction of the readings in the Mass today. Ecclesiasticus speaks of the Lord who is a judge yet hears the cry of the poor, the orphan, the widow, the humble and the virtuous. God understands the heart of the one who prays. The Responsorial Psalm is a prayer of thanks and praise to the God who hears our cries.

Today's Gospel, once seen as problematic, now must be seen in the light of God's promise to his people and the mercy that he bestows on the sinner. Tax collectors may have many actions which to be repentant; they were despised by their own people for being traitors and swindlers. Yet in the parable this man comes in humility and repentance. God alone can probe his heart and can hear the cry of the poor. Interestingly, the parable does not tell of the sins or virtues of the tax collector or the sins of the pharisee. Jesus does not highlight their actions but examines their hearts. Again, it is our relationships, our right relationships that are important in life and faith.

Prayer for the Day

[Almighty God, we pray that] to us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy apostles and martyrs and all your saints. Admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord. Amen. (from Eucharistic Prayer 1)

All Saints and All Souls

On Saturday we celebrate the feast day of all the unsung saints in heaven and on Sunday we commemorate and pray for all the faithful departed who await entry into heaven.

Quote of the Week

I had many friends to help me to fall; but as to rising again, I was so much left to myself, that I wonder now I was not always on the ground. I praise God for His mercy; for it was he only who stretched out his hand to me. May he be blessed for ever Amen!

St Teresa of Avila

On the Lighter Side

The only difference between a taxidermist and a tax man is that the taxidermist leaves the skin. - Mark Twain

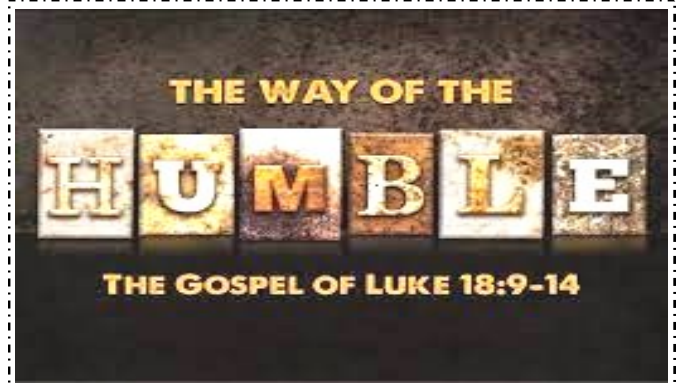
Q: Why don't tax collectors play hide and seek?

A: Well! We wish you good luck in hiding from them!"



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.

30th Sunday in		Ordinary time	26th October
Mass	Commentator	Reader	Ministers of Communion
6.30pm	Annette Holmes	Marie Bonne	Philippe Bonne
8am		Sue O'Sullivan	Zenny Davidson
10am	Cara Pawsey	Andrew Wood	Beth Carr/Linda Goldsmith
		Ordinary time	2nd November
6.30pm	Marie Bonne	Annette Holmes	Philippe Bonne
8am		Sharon Moloney	Liz Carthew
10am	Miggy Podosky	Helen Mewburn	Cara Pawsey/Julie McGregor

Altar Rosters	Group C	24th Oct– 6th Nov	Helen Fowler, Bernadette Ransom
	Group D	7th Nov-20th Nov	Ronnie Graham, Angela Dudley
Counting Teams	Team 4	20th Oct– 2nd Nov	R Taylor, C Runnalls, M McKenzie, M Jaremczuk
	Team 5	3rd Nov-16th Nov	P Bonne, J Brennan, P Sheehan, D Pell

Shop Roster	26th October	Anne Bourke	2nd November	Julie McGregor
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Prayer for the sick

For those living with dementia, may they experience peace, joy and comfort and be cared for with respect, love and compassion. For those who care for them, may they have the gifts of patience and understanding and find joy in the moments of connection.

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—October/November

25th Oct Reflection Day—10am-3pm-Parish House
 26th Fr Junray 10th Anniversary of Priesthood
 29th Office Closed– Bendigo Cup Day
 7th Nov Mass of Anointing 12.10pm
 13th 5.30pm Mass of Remembrance
 15th Altar Servers Training—11am
 18th Parishioners Lunch- 1pm.

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:	Dr. Romano De Nardo , Maureen Dalton
Prayers for Anniversaries:	Maureen Price, Gary Pitcher, Joan Neylon. Terry Cox, Coral Jarvis, John Cowell, Cleo Mahony, Joyce Slattery
Prayers for the Sick:	Betty Holland, Rani Fernando, Kelly Tomlinson, Liliosa Legaspi , Tammy Abeynayake, Peter Downing, Garth & Yvonne Graham , Luis Basille, David Peters, Dianne Pell, Olivia Slattery, Archer Turner, Matthew Turner , Carmel Brennan , Brenda Lydiate

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

Over the last three years the Sandhurst Theology Scholarships have offered financial support for parishioners seeking to study theology at Catholic Theological College (Melbourne) as well as other approved courses in leadership and pastoral ministry. Several parishioners and those engaged in ministry have received funding to support their studies.

The Mission and Pastoral Life Team is reviewing and evaluating the Scholarship offerings in the light of the Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals and the Diocesan Formation Support Plan. The review and recommendations arising from it will be presented to the Diocesan Administrator, Fr Brian Boyle. The awarding of theology scholarships will be paused during the review with the intention of commencing a new round in time for Semester 2 2026.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Leslie Cooper via email at leslie.cooper@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Discover Catholic Podcasts and events happening across Australia—retreats, pilgrimages, workshops, and more.

Visit www.CathEvents.org.au to find opportunities to grow in faith and community. Event organisers can also list their events for free, helping more people connect and participate.

Dutch parishioners and friends are invited to celebrate 70 years since their arrival in the Diocese with a luncheon at the National Hotel, Bendigo at 12:30 pm on 5 November. All welcome.

Please contact Liesbeth on 0407535842 or at liesbethhc@gmail.com.

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becoming catholic

FOR THOSE WHO ARE DISCERNING IN JOINING THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS OR ADULT CONFIRMATION

Rite of Acceptance in November
Please contact Fr Junray 0403 677 769
Parish Office 03 5441 6244

PARISH CELEBRATION

On the 23rd of October

Fr Junray celebrated his 10th Anniversary of Ordination. The 10am Mass on Sunday the 26th of October will be a Mass of thanksgiving and after Mass a celebration in the community garden to help celebrate this special day with Fr Junray—please bring a plate to share.

Days like this remind how blessed we are that Fr Junray answered the call to become a Priest and was appointed to our Parish.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. St Kilian's Parish is looking for an office administrator to join our staff. You will need to be friendly, have excellent time management and able to multi task in our busy office. Knowledge of Microsoft word and technology/social media an advantage but not essential. 15hrs per week- Tues, Wed, Thurs 9am—2pm. If interested or you have any questions please contact the office on 54416244 or email your resume to stkilians@sandhurst.catholic.org.au by November 7th.

The Parish Mass of Remembrance will be on Thursday November 13th at 5.30pm. We are seeking volunteers who would be able to assist with the preparation prior to the Mass and/or on the evening of the Mass. Please let the office know if you are able to help.

New planned giving envelopes are available from the office for those still requiring them. Thankyou

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 November 5th. Please phone the parish office on 54416244 if you would like to attend.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING

Thank you to the many Parishioners who have changed to direct depositing their Planned giving contributions. If you would like to change your planned giving from cash in weekly envelopes to direct debiting. The Parish details are;

St Kilian's Church

BSB: 083543

Acc No; 515694515

Please put your name and if possible envelope number as reference

If you would like to join our Planned giving program or need more information please contact the office or visit our website.

Also the Parish has a Tap and go machine located in the foyer for those who would prefer to donate to the Parish in this way.

Thank you



Altar Servers Training & Lunch

Saturday, 15 November 2025

11:00am

St Kilian's Church

Boys & Girls from 7years old +



The good and the bad

As church-people, we may think we know what it means to worship God. After all, we go to church, say some prayers, pay our dues, and try to live a decent life. Indeed, all this is well and good. But God asks something more of us. Do we think the good things we do in life arise from our own virtue? Do we find ourselves somewhat judgmental and intolerant of those who don't quite live up to our standards?

We are confronted with these kinds of questions by Jesus' story of the publican (or tax collector) and the Pharisee. A modern-day version might contrast a good church-going Catholic lawyer with a less than scrupulous property developer. One day the Catholic lawyer decides to make an extra visit to the church to praise and thank God for all the good things he does in life (including the pro bono work he does for the church). But his prayer drifts especially when, to his surprise, he sees the low-life property developer standing at the back of the church. He especially thanks God he is not like that!

What we note about our property developer is that he hardly dares enter the church and, when he does, keeps his eyes downcast. Being neither fancy with words nor knowing how to pray, all he is says is (repeatedly):

"God forgive me". Jesus praises the property developer while suggesting our lawyer was not really worshipping – or "at rights with" – God.

In the original parable, Jesus finishes with the saying: 'those who exalt themselves will be humbled; but those who humble themselves will be exalted'. Humility in prayer, linked to God's 'option for the poor', is also a central feature in today's other readings: the Lord hears the cry of the poor, is close to the broken-hearted, answers the prayer of orphans, widows and victims of injustice, and rescues those in distress. Indeed, it is 'the humble person's prayer that pierces the clouds'; and 'the humble shall hear and be glad'.

What is interesting in the life of Jesus is that he not only told stories that confronted people's attitudes and beliefs. He acted those stories out by befriending the poor, healing the disabled, 'eating with tax collectors and sinners'. However, unlike our 'self-referential' lawyer friend, Jesus' ministry does not focus on himself, the good he does or the choices he makes, but on the love and mercy of an all-forgiving God. The property developer in our story reaches a similar point in his own life whereby his entire focus becomes God-centred.

Popes Francis and Leo have been saying something similar about the kind of church they understand God is calling us to be, namely, a church of the poor, a church that reaches out to touch all people, especially those on the margins of life, with the message of God's mercy and compassion. For this to occur, the church needs to become less like our lawyer in the story, and more like our property developer.

Gerard Hall SM
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 32)

RESPONSE: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

LECTOR: I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

LECTOR: The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**

LECTOR: The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.