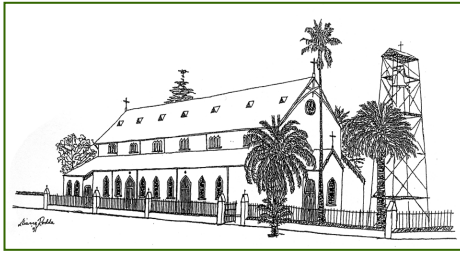


PARISH OF ST KILIAN, BENDIGO

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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First Sunday of Advent

Year A

30th November 2025

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



Readings for next week:
Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12



ADVENT

Liturgy Jottings The ORDO II

The main content of the Church's Ordo is the listing of months and day of the liturgical year. It is a 13-month Calendar starting with the First Sunday of Advent and closing with the end of December the following year. For each day it gives the name of the Season or Feast Day eg the Monday of the first week of Advent or the memorial of St Nicholas. With the day's liturgical colour, the Scripture references for the daily readings and psalms, and directions about inclusion or omission of the Gloria, Creed, Special Prefaces or Blessings and may give optional readings. It mentions anniversaries of each Cathedral's dedication and recent Bishops' deaths and current Bishops' anniversaries and any special notes or directions.

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Looking at the Readings

The first Sunday of Advent somewhat resembles the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. Both focus on the second or final coming of Christ. Although the first reading from the Book of the Prophet of Isaiah carries both the Coming of the Messiah among us and the Day of the Messiah when judgments are dispensed and everlasting peace reigns. Both Sundays contain the same Responsorial Psalm and Response. "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Ps 121 (122) v1.

The Gospel of this Sunday is apocalyptic in its tone and message about the return of the Master. We know that he will return, we know what we ought to in this present life, but we do not know the time: the century, the year, the month, the day or the hour. We need to be attentive waiters. Advent is a season of waiting. Here in Australia, students are waiting for their exam results and reports, perhaps a job, children waiting for the school breakups and for Christmas, adults waiting for the annual break or holidays and the elderly waiting for visitors. Attentive waiting during advent is an attitude of preparing for the coming of Christ at Christmas and greeting him in faith. We stand ready – not looking busy – but being aware of people around us and aware of our own shortcomings and believing in the mercy, peace and love of God.

Advent Image

The artwork in the left column depicts Santa Sophia (Holy Wisdom or Lady Wisdom). Wisdom is an attribute of God. The image of Emmanuel, God with us! Santa Sophia is surrounded by scrolls of the prophets that foretell the coming of the Messiah and appear in the Advent lectionary. She holds an owl and a lamp. The owl is classic symbol of wisdom and the oil lamp a symbol of vigil waiting.

Quote from Pope Leo

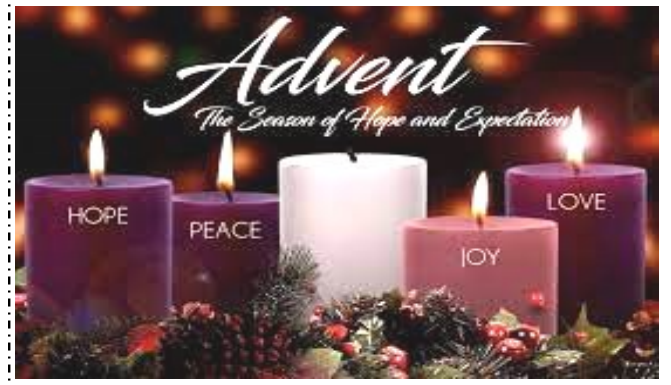
Dialogue is not a tactic or a tool, but a way of life — a journey of the heart that transforms everyone involved, the one who listens and the one who speaks. We walk this journey not by abandoning our own faith, but by standing firmly within it. For authentic dialogue begins not in compromise, but in conviction — in the deep roots of our own belief that give us the strength to reach out to others in love." Pope Leo XIV in the Vatican, October 28, 2025.

On the Lighter Side

When cars had bumper bars, many decorated them with stickers and slogans. A past but relevant one for today is: "Jesus is coming, look busy!" Though a more appropriate one may be: "Jesus is coming, stay awake!"

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.

First Sunday		Of Advent	30th November
Mass	Commentator	Reader	Ministers of Communion
6.30pm	Helen Mewburn	Jo Negri	Ray Taylor
8am		Ailene Del-Santos	Sharon Moloney
10am	Marg Pawsey	Andrew Wood	Volunteer/Karen Doolan
Second Sunday		Of Advent	7th December
6.30pm	Marie Bonne	Annette Holmes	Anne Tecklenburg
8am		Sharon Moloney	Zenny Davidson
10am	Marg Pawsey	Helen Mewburn	Julie McGregor/Angela Dudley

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	30th Nov		Julie McGregor	7th Dec	Karen Doolan

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.

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—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

Prayers for Recently Deceased:	Monsignor Frank Marriott PA. PE. OAM, Brenda Lydiat
Prayers for Anniversaries:	Irene Sheehan, John Fowler, George Waters, Kevin McNaughton, Ron Kopp, John O'Shannessy, Sr Stella Gleeson, Aileen Maher, Jayne French, Mary Cole, Maria Dimasi, Richard Hosking
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, Cathy Moore,

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. 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>

Mons. Marriott Funeral Mass Livestream

The Funeral Mass for Mons. Frank Marriott will be livestreamed from Sacred Heart Cathedral on Wednesday, 3 December, at 1:00 pm. Go to www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au to watch.

Advent & Christmas Prayer & Reflection Leaflets 2025

The Diocese has again created its traditional Advent and Christmas leaflets. This year, they focus on the scriptures of Advent and Christmas Year A, and *Dilexi Te*, Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Exhortation to all Christians on Love for the Poor. These six handy A5-sized leaflets can be downloaded from our website.

Sandpiper e-News

The next e-News comes out this Friday (28 November). It can be viewed here: <https://mailchi.mp/sandhurst/112> from 8:30am on 28 November. The final e-News for 2025 will go out on Friday 12 December. Stay tuned for Fr Brian's Christmas Message!

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

On Sunday 23rd of November, Monsignor Frank Marriott, passed into eternal life. Monsignor Frank was involved in many organisations both within the Church and community throughout his life. Since his retirement he has been a regular daily mass celebrant and concelebrated at Sunday Mass here at St Kilian's reading the gospel in his usual precise and articulate way.

Mons Frank had a keen interest in education, community and sport. He challenged himself and all those around him to live a life of service, faith and common good+.

Our prayers and thoughts go to Mons Frank's Family and friends and his fellow priests—as so many are saying we have lost a Giant of the Diocese. Rest in peace and "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Vigil Prayers & rosary for Monsignor Frank will be held at 7pm on Tuesday the 2nd of December at St Kilian's Church. The funeral will be held at 1pm On Wednesday the 3rd of December at the Cathedral.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

On Friday the 5th of December we will be having a Christmas Lunch after 12.10pm Mass of Anointing. Lunch will be in the Hall and is supplied. **Everyone is welcome—please RSVP by writing your name on the sheets in the foyer or let the office know.** Our Parish school children will be providing music and entertainment. We look forward to this wonderful celebration of the year.

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.

We have replaced our wooden collection boxes with the material two handled versions you will see in use from this weekend. There are two main reasons 1. For privacy—the amount you place in the collection need not be viewed by others and whatever amount you are able to contribute to the Parish is valued and welcome. 2. The weight and shape of the square wooden collection boxes is difficult for some parishioners to hold and the two handle bags will be much more user friendly. Thank you

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.

Thank you to all those who contributed to our Caritas Philippines & Vietnam second collection last week. We will be sending \$2759.65 to Caritas to help the many communities devastated by the recent weather events.

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



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)

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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: It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
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.**

LECTOR: For the peace of Jerusalem pray: "Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!" **R.**

LECTOR: For love of my brethren and friends I say: "Peace upon you!"
For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.