

# 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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## Second Sunday of Advent

## Year C

8th December 2024

Readings for Baruch 5:1-9  
this week: Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11  
Luke 3:1-6



Readings for Zephaniah 3:14-18  
next week: Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:10-18



## Liturgical Jottings

### Springtime of the Liturgy III

The sources of liturgy in the first four centuries include Scripture texts, early collections of prayers and a third group of writings from the Catechesis of Cyril of Jerusalem (347) his Mystagogia text (ca 400), Baptismal Catechesis of St John Chrysostom (386-398) though only discovered in 1955. Instructions and homilies of St Ambrose (Milan, 389-410) on the sacraments, liturgy and catechetical instruction. A very rich firsthand witness of the liturgy comes from a fourth century nun. Etheria, a colourful Hispano-Roman Christian woman. She authored a detailed account of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land where she witnessed and recorded many of the liturgies, including Holy Week and Easter. These sources were sometimes controversial but always illuminating on the birth of Christian liturgy.

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## Focus on the Readings

Last Sunday's readings directed our attention to the second coming of Christ at the end of time, this Sunday we focus at his first coming. But not his coming as an infant born in Bethlehem, but as one coming as the Messiah. But he does not appear in the Gospel just yet. The way for his coming among us must be prepared. The Prophet's secretary, Baruch (see below) spoke of making the road clear and safe, flattening mountains and levelling the ground and providing shade on the road. John the Baptist makes full use of this prophetic image in his emphatic words: "Prepare the way of the Lord."

The first time I heard this in song was the opening lines of the musical "Godspell". It was chilling. It reached into the depths of my being. I can only imagine how the first witnesses to John's cry must have received it. Many people took his words to heart, they confessed their sins and went into the waters of the Jordan to be baptised. May we hear the awesome cry anew and really prepare our ears and hearts to hear "Godspell" (German for Good News) and experience that change on which the prophets insist.

## The Book of Baruch

The Catholic and Orthodox Churches include this book in the canon of the bible, others may include it as a deuterocanonical book. Baruch is the faithful secretary of Jeremiah, the prophet, after the Exile. The book comprises five very different parts: an introductory account, a psalm of repentance, a hymn of instruction, a message of consolation, and the letter of Jeremiah. The Book of Baruch has the honour of revealing the profoundly religious soul of the Jews dispersed throughout the world.

## Excerpts for the Synod 2024

The local Churches are asked to continue their daily journey with a synodal methodology of consultation and discernment, identifying concrete ways and formation pathways to bring about a tangible conversion in the various ecclesial contexts (parishes, religious institutes, movements of the faithful, dioceses, national bodies, groupings of Churches, etc.). The Document expresses awareness that the call to mission is, at the same time, the call to the conversion of each local Church and of the whole Church, in line with the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*. (nn. 9 & 11)

## Quote of the Week

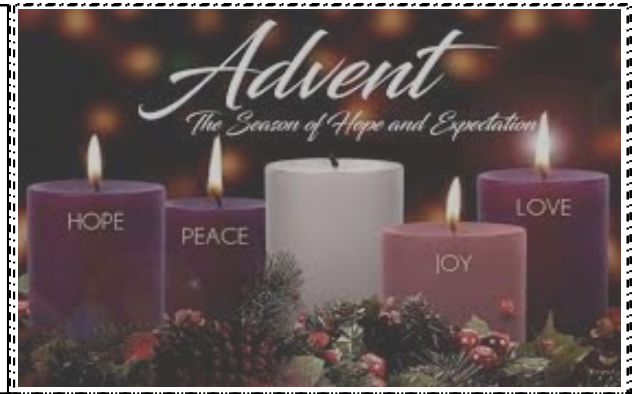
The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

## On the Lighter Side

A child asked: Why did John eat crickets and golden syrup?

**MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am &amp; 10am</b>
<b>WEEKDAYS</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12.10pm</b>
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12.10pm</b>
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12.10pm</b>
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>12.10pm</b>
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8am</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>11.30am-12pm</b>
<i>Live streaming of 10am Sun &amp; 12.10pm weekday Mass</i>		



**As we come to worship we remember the original custodians of this land.**

**2nd Sunday of Advent 8th December**

Mass	Commentator	Reader	Ministers of Communion
6.30pm	Marg Pawsey	Marie Bonne	Jill Graham
8am		Christine Garcia	Mallie Watson
10am	Anne Bourke	Jude Brown	Cara Pawsey/Josephine York

**3rd Sunday of Advent 15th December**

6.30pm	Annette Holmes	Michael Carr	Loretta Taylor
8am		Ailene & Kristian	Anna Tuck
10am	Rob Rossiter	Ben Landsberg	Karen Doolan, Cara Pawsey

Altar Rosters	Group	Period	Names
	Group D	6th Dec– 19 Dec	Ronnie Graham, Angela Dudley
	Group A	20th Dec—2nd Jan	Kath O’Farrell, Mary Eltringham, Marj Davis, Lyn Byrne
Counting Teams	Team 1	2nd Dec—15th Dec	K Egan, M Egan
	Team 3	16th—29th December	L O’Farrell, K Foley, D Halpin, T Doolan, S Chalkley

Shop Roster	8th Dec	15th Dec
	Karen Doolan	Geraldine Jeffrey

**Prayer for the sick**  
*Dear Lord, We pray for those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit. May their healing be assisted and supported by all who love them. Lord hear us.*

*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—December**  
 14th Dec -Advent reflection day –10am-3pm  
 16-24 -Dawn Masses  
 17th -Community Reconciliation –7.30pm

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

<b>Prayers for Recently Deceased:</b>	Kelvin Dows
<b>Prayers for Anniversaries:</b>	Fred Price, Pat & Bob Southcombe, William Donald Howard, Bill Coady, Doreen McKinley, Myra Comer, Loretta Dillon
<b>Prayers for the Sick:</b>	Betty Holland, Rani Fernando, Terry Dean, Kelly Tomlinson, Lilosia Legaspi, Tammy Abeynayake, Peter Downing, Garth & Yvonne Graham, Helen Fitzpatrick, Des Downing, Luis Basille, David Peters, Dianne Pell, Olivia Slattery, Prince Matthew Cajurao, Archer Turner, Matthew Turner, Maisie Walsh,

### 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 18th. The gifts will be distributed by Vinnies to families in need. Thank you.



### Christmas Cards for Sale

Featuring copies of original paintings by Geraldine Stills, including last year's raffle "Madonna and Child" are available for sale at the Parish shop. - \$5 each. Proceeds to St Kilian's Community Garden project.



### Bendigo Winter Night Shelter 2025

BWNS will proceed in 2025. This is a great organisation which provides shelter for homeless people over the winter period. It takes many volunteers to keep this program running. I have been the coordinator for St Kilian's for the past 5-6 years and am very grateful for the wonderful support our parishioners and schools have provided, supplying meals. However, I have travel plans next year and will not be available to continue in this role.

For our parish to continue supporting this program we need someone to step into the coordinator role. If anyone is interested, or has questions about it, please contact me:

Beth Carr 0403955457 or b60carr@gmail.com

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](http://www.stkiliansbendigo.com.au/parish-safeguarding)

### WANTED HOUSE TO RENT

A Parishioner is searching for a 1 or 2 bedroom house to rent preferable with shed or garage in the Bendigo area. Please contact Mick Nihill on 0407448249 or you can speak to him at St Kilian's Church 6.30pm Sat evening Mass.

The Australian Academy of Liturgy will be held on 14-16 January 2025 at the Ibis Styles Hotel, 40 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. Keynote speakers: Gerard Moore, Principal and CEO, BBI-TAITE Sydney. Annita Munro, Retired ordained Minister of the Word, The Uniting Church Brisbane. Peter Catt, Dean St. John's Anglican Cathedral Brisbane

Further information: AAL Website: <https://australianacademyofliturgy.wordpress.com/>  
Email: Dr Jennifer Close, AAL Secretary [jeclose18@gmail.com](mailto:jeclose18@gmail.com)

### 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope: Transformed through Sacrament & Song. 1-3 October 2025 at the Hilton Hotel Adelaide

The Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and the National Liturgical Council are delighted to announce our 2025 National Liturgy and Music Conference.

4 Keynotes • Plenary Workshops • 40+ Breakout Workshops • Expert Panel Discussion • Discussion Groups • Conference Mass • Conference Dinner • Resource Exhibits

An absolute MUST for all liturgists, musicians, clergy, cantors, choristers, lay liturgical ministers, composers, teachers, conductors, liturgy teams, campus ministers and all who love liturgy and music.

Weekly Advent leaflets are available on the Diocesan website [www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

### OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Our Lady of Good Counsel Charismatic Prayer Group will not meet during December and January. For Prayer Chain support contact Denise Illott on 0407 506 813

### Pizza night

Our Saturday night pizza nights are after the 6.30pm Mass on the third Saturday of each month—our next one will be Saturday the 21st of December— \$10 per head, BYO drinks and glasses. Tea and coffee provided. Booking essential phone Loretta on 0427139185.

All welcome

### CHRISTMAS WORKING BEE

To prepare the Church and grounds for our Christmas celebration on Friday December 13th- 5.30pm—7.30pm. Many hands make light work

### Christmas Rosters.

If you are able to help with Christmas Liturgies please fill in the pink Christmas Celebration Roster at the back of the Church or contact the Parish Office. Thank you

### THE SHARE TABLE

A reminder - this ongoing initiative of Earthcare is to promote the sharing of our excesses and the avoidance of wastage in our parish. Produce on this table in the foyer is free. Please help yourself on your way out after weekend Masses. Anyone who has spare produce is encouraged to bring some along to add to the table, which is periodically supplemented with excess produce from St Kilian's Community Garden.

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

### ST KILIAN'S ANNUAL EASTER COMMUNITY ETHICAL MARKET 2025 -ADVANCE NOTICE.

The market will be held on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025** from 10am -1pm in the church grounds. We are hoping more parishioners will join in holding stalls this time. Proceeds are for the continued development of our beautiful community garden and outdoor areas. Let's make this a parish celebration. So .. crafters start planning. More information regarding registration will be available in December.

**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 4th Please phone the parish office on 54416244 if you would like to attend.

## THE MANGER WITHIN: MAKING READY OUR HEARTS FOR

Jesus

An Advent Spirituality Day  
with Fr Junray

Parish House  
Saturday, 14 Dec 2024  
10AM to 3PM  
RSVP 0403 677 769



# Advent Calendar 2024



First Sunday of Advent  
1 DECEMBER

Mass of Anointing  
& Christmas Luncheon  
6 DECEMBER

2nd Sunday of Advent  
8 DECEMBER

Advent Reflection Day  
14 DECEMBER

Gaudete Sunday  
15 DECEMBER

Christmas Dawn Masses  
16-24 DECEMBER

Advent Community Reconciliation  
17 DECEMBER

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
22 DECEMBER

Christmas Masses  
24 DECEMBER 6:30PM & 9:00PM  
25 DECEMBER 8:00AM & 10:00AM

No Weekday Masses  
WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE BACK  
ON TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 125)

**RESPONSE: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

**LECTOR:** When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

**LECTOR:** The heathens themselves said: "What marvels the Lord worked for them!"

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

**LECTOR:** Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

**LECTOR:** They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

