

ST KILIAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHTS

161 McCrae Street, Bendigo

“It is wonderful for us to be here”

BY FR JUNRAY RAYNA
ADMINISTRATOR, St KILIAN'S BENDIGO

Thanks to a wonderful team of young adults who joined me at the summit of Mt Bogong, Victoria's highest mountain. The story of Transfiguration of Jesus was the gospel we read which was perfect and fitting to this wonderful occasion. At the moment of Transfiguration, Peter exclaimed, “Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here.” In the same way, as we began our ascent and were greeted by the sunrise, and as we received Jesus on the eucharist on this mountain; our hearts were overwhelmed. They could only echo Peter's words: “Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here.”



What's On

TAPAS & THEOLOGY NIGHT

Share food together while exploring big questions about faith, purpose, and life.

Thur, 14 May
6:30PM @ Parish Cafe

PHILOSOPHY & WINE NIGHT

Explore big ideas about life.
What is

- Happiness
- Meaning of suffering
- What is truth?

Thur, 28 May
6:30PM @ Parish Cafe

FAITH & MENTAL HEALTH NIGHT

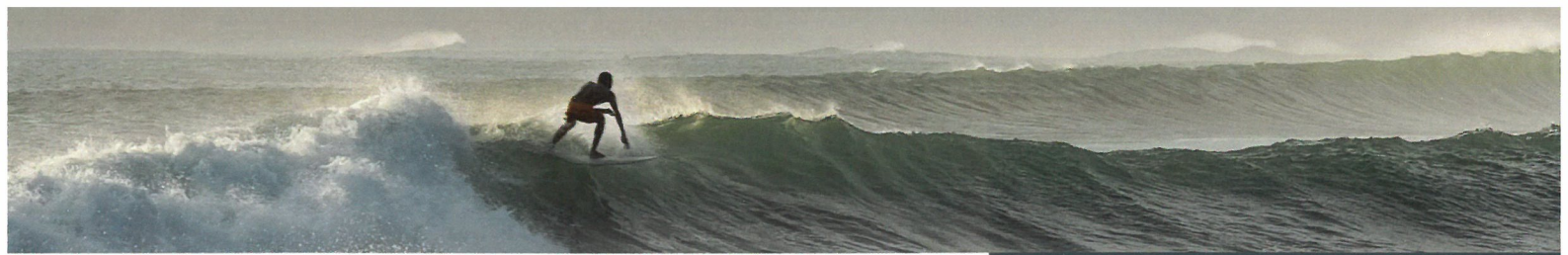
Discuss mental health, anxiety, burnout, and finding peace openly with faith perspective

Thur, 11 June
6:30PM @ Parish Cafe

CREATIVE WRITING NIGHT

Write & share short reflection, poem, or story on Faith, Hope & Love.

Thur, 25 June
6:30PM @ Parish Cafe



A Faith That Walks Together



In his message to young people, Pope Leo XIV reflects on the quiet danger of a faith lived only in the digital world. Online voices may inspire belief, yet faith cannot remain isolated, shaped only by algorithms or personal preferences. A living faith must be embodied, shared in real relationships, in community, and in the life of the Church.

This is the spirit of synodality: walking together, listening to the Holy Spirit, and learning to carry one another's hopes and burdens. Young people are called not only to speak for themselves but also to give voice to the poor, the lonely, and those on the margins whose cries are often unheard.

True participation in the Church, the Pope reminds us, begins not with ideology but with closeness to the Heart of Jesus. In prayer, in the Sacraments, and in daily life, we slowly learn to feel as Jesus feels, such as concerned for the suffering of others and moved to share in His mission.

For a mature heart is one that no longer lives only for itself, but carries the world with Christ.

BONFIRE & BIG QUESTIONS NIGHT

Gathering at the side or extension of the parish cafe with deep conversations about meaning, relationships & God.

Thur, 9 July
6:30PM @ Parish Cafe

TRIVIA NIGHT

Bring your friends and test your knowledge in a relaxed and entertaining evening of trivia, laughter, and community.

Thur, 23 July
6:30PM @ Parish Cafe

SAINTS & STORIES NIGHT

A storytelling night exploring the lives of inspiring saints. Reflection on how their life speaks to today

Thur, 6 August
6:30PM @ Parish Cafe

CAMINO, TAPAS Y PAELLA NIGHT

Come and celebrate with Fr Junray as he will share some hopes and prayers for the upcoming camino pilgrimage of over 800kms in Spain.

Thur, 20 August
6:30PM @ Parish Cafe & Garden

“The more you know your faith, the more you can live it.”

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