

Celebrating



1876 – 2026

150 YEARS

of Benalla Catholic Parish



WE THE PARISH OF BENALLA ARE WORKING TOWARDS BEING A WELCOMING, SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY, WHICH ENCOURAGES ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN OUR LIFE. RECOGNISING AND RESPECTING THE UNIQUENESS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL, AS WE JOURNEY IN LIVING OUT JESUS' GOSPEL MESSAGE.

We acknowledge the custodians of the land of the Yorta Yorta Nation which, includes the eight clan groups. We also acknowledge the Taungurung clan of the Kulin Nation whose lands are within our parish. We remember their ancestors with respect and commit ourselves to a better future through reconciliation and justice.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 June 2026



Readings for this week:

Exodus 19:2-6
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36-10:8



Readings for next Sunday:

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

FIRST READING

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a Kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with Joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**
Know that he, the Lord is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man- though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die- but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles; first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Mathew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

REFLECTION

The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Year A reminds us that God's love is gentle, humble, and full of mercy. In the Gospel, Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Jesus knows our struggles, worries, pains, and weaknesses. He does not reject us because of our sins or failures. Instead, He opens His Sacred Heart and welcomes us with love and compassion. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the sign of God's endless love for humanity. Jesus gave His life on the cross to save us and bring us closer to the Father. His Heart was pierced for us, showing how deeply He loves every person. This feast also invites us to learn from Jesus. He says, "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart." In a world filled with anger and pride, Jesus teaches us humility, patience, kindness, and forgiveness. We are called to have hearts like His — loving others, helping those in need, and bringing peace to our families and communities. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is our comfort and hope. Whenever we feel tired or discouraged, we can turn to Him and find strength, peace, and love. God Bless always, Fr Vijay

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REGULAR MASS TIMES

Weekends – Saturday 6pm. Sunday 9.30 am, Weekdays – Tues to Fri 9.15 am
Benediction 1st Friday of each month, Thoon Mass – Third Sunday of each month, 12 noon



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PRAYERS FOR

RECENT DEATHS: Allen Rouse, Brian Reardon (brother of Barry), Frank Fisher

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Heard, Wlodzimiers Ptaszynski, Frederick Jennings, Bert Witney, Eileen Gibb, Maureen Wright, Jan(John) Michel, Saviour "Sam" Mifsud, Francis Phillip Cutajar, Wayne David Duncombe, Nancy Brennan, Anne Mahoney, Angelo DaPos, Elizabeth Straughair, Barbara Clark

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Skyler Levy, Susan Fitzgerald, Tracey Welsh, Elizabeth Waters, Anne Ryan, Duncan Carradice, Margaret McCrohan, John Downie, Frank Levesque, Trish McCabe, Sari Yoingco, Rebecca O'Reilly, Paula McPherson, Julie Lynch and Anne Moore, Jacob Smith

CALENDAR

June

14 Cuppa after 9:30 Mass
16 'The Carpenter' - Publish

July

12 Cuppa after 9:30 Mass

Laudato Si' Project - Sr Liz

Sister Liz would like to pass on her thanks and gratitude for your beautiful, generous donation of flower bulbs and your precious time last Sunday 7th of June, planting those bulbs. Your contribution and support didn't go unnoticed. May God bless you all.

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World Refugee Day 2026 – A Million Stories

Each year on 20 June, the world celebrates World Refugee Day (WRD). Designated by the United Nations, WRD honours refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and promotes solidarity with them in pursuit of a "world where refugees are welcomed." Pope Leo XIV invites us to unite in prayer and action to respond to the urgent challenges faced by displaced people amid war, climate crises, and economic inequality. We are encouraged us to welcome, promote, accompany, and integrate those who knock on our doors.

Shortage of Eucharistic Ministers

Due to a shortage of Eucharistic Ministers, the priest will be distributing the Holy Eucharist, and two ministers distributing the wine. Thank you.

WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
13 Jun	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Shirley Kearney	Cath Duncombe	Janene Humphries Clare O'Brien	K Elliott & Volunteer
14 Jun	9.30am	Oliver Raschke	Lisa Raschke	John Smyth	Joan Berry Louise Beling	T & N Pelly
20 Jun	6.00pm	Ryan Miguel	Pat McDonald	Sr Liz	Suleena Chacko Cath Duncombe	Charlee & Kevin
21 Jun	9.30am	Adrian Daw	Norma Pelly	James Flynn	Denise O'Brien Oliver Raschke	J Berry & volunteer

St Joseph's Parish is a Child Safe Parish, and we are committed to the wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

The Diocese of Sandhurst Safeguarding Committee is part of the structure under the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, which is designed to be implemented by Catholic entities across Australia. Any questions, queries, comments or suggestions are welcomed by the Safeguarding team who can be contacted through the Parish House by phone or email. St Joseph's Parish Child Safe Officers – Xavier O'Kane and Cath Duncombe 0423 203 154



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