

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.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 June 2026



Readings for this week:

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



Readings for next Sunday:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

FIRST READING

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

SECOND READING

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven'.

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Do not be afraid." These words are spoken into the very places where fear, sorrow, and uncertainty feel strongest. They are not a denial of pain, nor do they make grief disappear. Last weekend, our parish lost a young man in a tragic accident. A life full of promise was cut short. Words are never enough in the face of such loss. Yet our faith tells us that no life is forgotten before God. Jesus reminds us that even the sparrows are held in the Father's care; how much more, then, is each beloved child precious in his sight. Today we pray for the young man who has died, for his family, friends, and all who mourn. May Christ, who entered into death and conquered it, hold them close and give them courage, peace, and hope. God bless all of you. — Fr DJ, Parish Administrator

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: Brian Reardon (brother of Barry), Frank Fisher, Kath Matheson (Sister of Jim Kelly), Omar Soledad, John Downie

ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen McAuliffe, Eleanor (Nell) Saunders, Neville Arnott, Lothar Arendt, Trevor Dare, Marie Saunders, Timothy Murphy, Mary King, Neil Ellis, Alice O'Shea, Maxwell Carroll, Yvonne Dows, Kathryn Kirley, Eileen Clancy, Leslie Hanlon, Veronica Brown, John Willis, Anna Sutcliffe, Anna Zakrewski

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 Yoningco, Rebeeca O'Reilly, Paula McPherson, Julie Lynch, Anne Moore and Jacob Smith

CALENDAR

June	
16	'The Carpenter' - Publish
21	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
28	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July	
5	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday
12	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cuppa after 9:30 Mass
19	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Installation of Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ

We welcome Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ as the Ninth Bishop of Sandhurst. Let us continue to pray for him. Installation Mass will be on Thursday, July 30th 11am at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo.

To represent our parish in this important milestone, we are asked to send a delegation of 20 people. If you are interested, please email Fr DJ at dj.suguitan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

Rev. Denib Josette "DJ" Suguitan as Administrator for Benalla Parish

Fr DJ was appointed by Fr Brian Boyle, Diocesan Administrator, to be our Parish Administrator while Fr Vijay is on sabbatical leave. He will be available in the parish office on Wednesdays and Fridays. He will also be celebrating mass every Friday at 9:15 AM at the Presbytery. Let us all welcome Fr DJ.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA + MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE (18th Sep - 2nd Oct 2026)

Fr. Richard Rosse from St. Catherine of Siena parish, Caroline Springs, warmly invites you to join a spiritually enriching pilgrimage to Italy, visiting Rome, Siena, Assisi, Lancia, Rotondo, and Medjugorje, walking in the footsteps of the saints, and drawing inspiration from their lives, witness, and enduring legacy in the very places where they lived and served.

This all-inclusive pilgrimage is priced at \$10,230 (20+ pilgrims). The fare includes return economy airfares, local transfers in deluxe coaches, accommodation in 4-star premium hotels, daily meals, English-speaking professional guides, entrance fees as per the itinerary, and more. We would be delighted for you to join us on this unforgettable journey of faith. Limited Seats Available. For inquiries & bookings, call 03 8839 6615 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
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
27 Jun	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Anna Wise	Vince Brannigan	Kath Elliot Kunchacko Chacko	Dan Brown & Michael
28 Jun	9.30am	Max Rankin	John Smyth	Marg Daw	Joan Berry Victor Nduka	Daw Family

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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