

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.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 June 2026



Readings for this week:

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



Readings for next Sunday:

Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

FIRST READING

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, "Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there." One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. "What can be done for her then?" he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, "Well, she has no son and her husband is old." Elisha said, "Call her". The servant called her and she stood at the door. "This time next year," Elisha said, "you will hold a son in your arms."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord .

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts forever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

R.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: "Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward'.

REFLECTION

Australians are generally known for being hospitable. We invite people over for a barbecue, offer visitors a cuppa, and sometimes spend ten minutes chatting at the supermarket when we only went in for a loaf of bread! Hospitality comes naturally to many of us. In today's Gospel, Jesus takes hospitality to a deeper level. He tells us that welcoming others is not simply good manners; rather, it is an encounter with God himself: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me." Every person we receive with kindness carries something of Christ's presence. Christian hospitality is more than opening the front door. It is opening our hearts. It means making room for the newcomer at Mass, noticing the person standing alone after church, or taking time to listen when someone needs a friendly ear. The good news is that hospitality does not require grand gestures. Jesus says that even offering a cup of cold water matters. Sometimes holiness begins not with extraordinary deeds but with ordinary kindness. A warm smile, a welcoming word, and a generous heart can reveal Christ more powerfully than we realise.- Fr DJ, Parish Administrator

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REGULAR MASS TIMES

Weekends – Saturday 6pm. Sunday 9.30 am, Weekdays – Tues to Fri 9.15 am
No Thoona Mass and Benediction while Fr Vijay is on sabbatical.



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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: Luigi Matiniello, Eileen Belt, Kathleen Beard, Elizabeth Mack, John Pawelec, Robert Parker, Christine Heywood, Cyril Smith, Desmond Charles Moylan, Terry Feehan, June Langlands, Mary Gibson, Jack Duffy, Leonard Argent, Michael Carroll, Bernie Hide

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

CALENDAR

June

16 'The Carpenter' - Publish
21 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
28 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July

5 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday
12 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cuppa after 9:30 Mass for Sr. Liz's 70th Birthday
19 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A tribute on the 70th Birthday of Sr. Liz

With grateful hearts, we join together in celebrating the 70th birthday of Sr. Liz. As we celebrate this significant milestone, we thank God for the gift of Sr. Liz's life and vocation. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless her with good health, joy, peace and abundant grace. May He reward her many years of faithful service and fill her days with His loving presence.

Please join us:

On Sunday 12th of July for a morning tea after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the old Building 31. All welcome.

On Friday, the 17th of July, you are warmly invited to join Sr. Liz for lunch at the Golf Club. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list in the narthex, as we will need to book by Monday, 13th of July.

Thank you.



A Friendly Reminder during Communion:

Please wait until the priest has finished distributing Holy Communion to those receiving it in their seats before lining up to receive Communion. Thank you.

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Photos from Fr Vijay in Alaska. He celebrated Mass at the Our Lady of the Snow, Anchorage Alaska



WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
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	Peta Steen	Joan Berry Victor Nduka	Volunteer
4 Jul	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Shirley Kearney	Clare O'Brien	Cath Duncombe Janene Humphries	K & S Chacko
5 Jul	9.30am	Oliver Raschke	Brian Higgins	Volunteer	Susie Buykx Denise O'Brien	Brierley Family

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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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