

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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 August 2026

 Readings for this week:	Isaiah 56:1-6-7 Romans 11:13-15 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28	 Readings for next Sunday:	Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20
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FIRST READING

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now — and only because of the mercy shown to you — will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom; and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

REFLECTION

In the Gospel this Sunday, a Canaanite woman cries out to Jesus for her daughter. At first, he seems to ignore her, and the disciples want her sent away. But she persists. "Lord, help me," she pleads. Her faith is not polite or convenient. It is bold, trusting, relentless. Jesus names her faith "great", and her daughter is healed. This week, let her courage encourage us. Bring your deepest need to Jesus. Not demanding, but trusting in his abundant mercy. – Fr DJ

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REGULAR MASS TIMES

Weekends – Saturday 6pm. Sunday 9.30 am, Weekdays – Tues to Fri 9.15 am
Rosary and Exposition every first Friday of the month while Fr Vijay is on sabbatical.



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PRAYERS FOR

RECENT DEATHS: Pasqualina Grieco

ANNIVERSARIES: Greg Hoskin, Lillian Kent, Nancy Bryant, Patricia Chaszczewsky, Patricia Ross, Terrence Hernan, Edith Simmons, Margaret Stocker, Maciej Bialy, Rev Fr Brian Connell, Suzanne Burns, Peter Robertson

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, Jacob Smith and Tony Meade

Census & Time and Talent Forms

We warmly invite all parishioners to complete our Parish Census. Whether you are new to the parish, have been part of our community for many years, or worship with us occasionally, your details will help us stay connected, offer pastoral support, and plan for the future. Please take a few moments to complete a census, time and talent form. Thank you for helping us build a welcoming and connected parish community. **Census QR Code:**



Parish Office Notice

Please note that our parish staff will be out of the office on Aug. 25 & 26 while attending a conference. If you have pastoral concerns, please email Fr. DJ dj.suguitan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

Planned giving envelopes

All parishioners using the envelopes for their Planned Giving Contributions, could you please contact the Parish Office on telephone 5762 2060 notifying us of your current envelope number, or speak to Cath or Jane at Mass. Unfortunately our new computer system for recording information is struggling to recognize details. Many thanks.

CALENDAR

Aug

15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
18	'The Carpenter Out'
22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
29	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

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7.4 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE HITS COLOMBIA

Help is needed now. 180 confirmed dead. This number is expected to rise significantly. Thousands of homes have also collapsed or damaged. Its epicentre was 5 km. south of San Jose del Palmar on Aug 10. If you can help, please contact Caritas Colombia at +5714377150 or snpscol@cec.org.co. You can also donate on the following links:
<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/ayudar-nos-acerca/>
<https://www.bancodealimentos.org.co/nosotros/nuestros-lideres/>
Many thanks- **Sister Liz, FCJ**

WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
15 Aug	6.00pm	Ryan Miguel	Pat McDonald	Sr Liz	K & S Chacko	Charlee & Kevin
16 Aug	9.30am	Adrian Daw	Brian Higgins	John Smyth	Joan Berry Susie Buykx	J Berry & volunteer
22 Aug	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Anna Wise	Cath Duncombe	Clare O'Brien Janene Humphries	Dan Brown & Michael
23 Aug	9.30am	Oliver Raschke	Lisa Raschke	Marg Daw	Sr Liz Louise Beling	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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