

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.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 Sept 2026



Readings for this week:

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35



Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Matthew 20: 1-16

FIRST READING

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

SECOND READING

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.

REFLECTION

Peter asks Jesus how often he must forgive. Seven times sounds generous. Peter has probably begun keeping a notebook: offence five, forgiven; offence six, forgiven; one more and that is it. Jesus tells him to put the notebook away. God does not grow tired of giving second chances, and those who have received such mercy cannot spend their lives rationing it to others. Forgiveness can be difficult. Some wounds take years to heal. Forgiveness does not require us to pretend that nothing happened, restore trust without change, or remain in an unsafe relationship. Sometimes the first honest prayer is: "Lord, I cannot forgive this person. I do not even want to. Give me the desire to begin." That prayer is already an opening for grace. God's mercy is waiting before our apology is finished. Gradually, that mercy teaches even the most careful accountants among us to put the notebook down.

Caritas Australia Nepal Flood Appeal

Caritas Australia have opened an appeal to support their on ground network in Nepal to deliver humanitarian aid. If you would like to donate to this appeal, please follow the following link:

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/>

PRAYERS FOR

RECENT DEATHS: Pat Todd, Colleen Bourke, Peter Tanner, Marie Rhodes, Jennifer Williams, Marion Empey, Peter Grundman (Sr. Liz's cousin)

ANNIVERSARIES: Lesley McGill, Gregory Hoskin, Gisela Glaser, Stella Dallan, Gary Griffin, Eddie Barnes, Marie Wise, Kathleen McCormack, Kit Smyth, Alan Burge, Margaret Plozza

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 Yoingco, Rebecca O'Reilly, Paula McPherson, Julie Lynch, Anne Moore, Jacob Smith and Tony Meade and Catherine de la Cruz

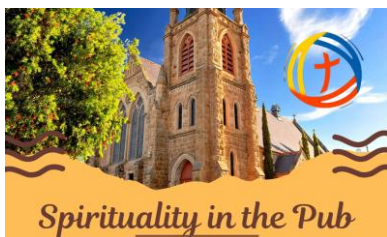
CALENDAR

Sept

- 12** Family Mass, sausage sizzles after mass
- 13** Cuppa after mass in Building 31
- 20** Thoona Mass 12 noon
- 12** Family Mass 6 pm, followed by light supper
- 13** Cuppa after mass in Building 31
- 17** Fr Vijay returns
- 20** Thoona Mass 12 noon

Oct

- 2** Benediction & the Rosary 6 pm
- 11** Cuppa after Mass in Bldg. 31
- 13** 'The Carpenter' out
- 18** Mass at Thoona at 12 noon
- 24** Vigil Mass 6 pm
- 25** NO 9:30 am MASS
- 25** **150th Jubilee Mass at 2pm, followed by afternoon tea and refreshments in St. Joseph's Hall**



Spirituality in the Pub

Spirituality in the Pub Wangaratta

Tuesday, 22 September 6:00 pm,

Pinsent Hotel, Wangaratta

Christ the King Parish invites you to join them for a relaxed evening of conversation and reflection.

Following a meal Fr Jake Mudge will lead a discussion the Papal Encyclical 'Magnifica Humanitas'. Scan the QR code to register.



Marian Festival Sunday 11 October at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo

All are welcome to the 52nd Marian Festival dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The day starts with Mass at 11:00 am celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Leslie Tomlinson, followed by BYO Lunch (or BBQ available); Festival begins with Rosary procession, followed by Guest Speaker then Benediction, and concludes with afternoon tea. National Costume dress welcome. For more information go to: www.bendigofatima.com Contact: info@bendigofatima.com

CWLV Prayer Day 7 October, Holy Rosary White Hills 9:15 am

Catholic Women's League Victoria invites you to join them for Mass, Rosary, a Talk and time for building and renewing friendships. BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided. Contact: Margaret 0409 621 080. All Welcome. We would love to see you.

REGULAR MASS TIMES

Weekends – Saturday 6pm. Sunday 9.30 am, Weekdays – Tues to Fri 9.15 am

Benediction 1st Friday of each month, Thoona Mass – Third Sunday of each month, 12 noon



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Fr Vijay had the opportunity to participate in the Holy Mass at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in France

WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
12 Sept Family Mass	6.00pm	Ryan Miguel	Pat McDonald	Student Volunteers	Jane Branigan Cath Duncombe	Student Volunteers
13 Sept	9.30am	Adrian Daw	Paddy O'brien	James Flynn	Denise O'Brien Oliver Raschke	J Berry & volunteer
19 Sept	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Clare O'brien	Vince Branigan	Kath Elliot Dan Brown	Kunchacko & Suleena Chacko
20 Sept	9.30am	Max Rankin	John Smyth	Paddy O'Brien	Brendan Rettke 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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