



ST JOSEPH'S Parish of Benalla



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

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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 January 2026



Readings for this
week:

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34



Readings for next
Sunday:

Isaiah 8:23-9:31
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23

FIRST READING

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nation's so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise
of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am

I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do
your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my
heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My
lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

REFLECTION

The readings today reveal God's mission unfolding through humility, calling, and witness. In the first reading from Isaiah, the servant of the Lord is chosen not only to restore Israel but to be a light to all nations. God's plan is always wider than we expect; His salvation reaches beyond boundaries, inviting everyone into His mercy. In the second reading, St Paul reminds the Corinthians—and us—that we are called to be holy, not by our own merit but through Jesus Christ. This calling is rooted in grace and peace from God. Paul emphasizes that faith is not private; it shapes a community gathered in the name of Christ and sent to live His values in the world. The Gospel brings these themes together as John the Baptist points to Jesus and declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God." John does not draw attention to himself but bears witness to Christ, who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus is revealed as the one sent by the Father and anointed by the Spirit. Together, the readings invite us to recognize Jesus more deeply and to accept our own calling: to witness to Christ through humble service, trust in God's grace, and lives that reflect His saving love to others.

God Bless always, Fr Vijay



REGULAR MASS TIMES

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

Thoon Mass – Third Sunday of each month, 12 noon

150th Anniversary of Benalla Parish

1876 - 24th August, Benalla Mission was established

An anniversary committee has formed to bring together parish celebrations for 2026. As our parish reflects on its rich history and prays for many more years fill with you, prayer and faithful service to God and neighbour. This 150th anniversary will be more than a celebration of years or buildings, it's a celebration of people. Those who have built, shaped, and continue to nurture the life of this parish.

We give thanks for the many diocesan priests who have served here, and most especially, we honour the faith, generosity, and perseverance of our parishioners. "This parish is strong because of you, the people."

Many things to come throughout the year!

- Special Masses (Opening Mass in March)
- Banner display
- Formal luncheon
- Benalla Parish as part of Benalla Heritage Festival

May Benalla Parish celebrated and honour our past and inspire us to keep building a welcoming, faith-filled, and Spirit-filled parish.



PRAYERS FOR

RECENT DEATHS: Elaine Murphy

ANNIVERSARIES: Leo Kiley, Patricia Jones, Nunzia Di Stefano, Betty Hernan, Jim Quinlan, Patricia Murray, Gerald O'Shanassy, Beverley Lee, John Stapleton, Margaret Taochini, John Mackerell and John Costello

PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK: Skyler Levy, Susan Fitzgerald, Tracey Welsh, Elizabeth Waters, Anne Ryan, Brigid Chalmers, Duncan Carradice, Margaret McCrohan, John Downie and Frank Levesque



BAPTISMS PREPARATION

Reach out to the parish office to express your interest in baptising your child. benalla@sandhurst.catholic.org.au We are always looking for volunteers to help with baptism preparations also. If you are interested, please contact Michelle on 0419390624 or at the parish office. 5762 2060



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WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
17 Jan	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Anna Wise	Cath Duncombe	Clare O'Brien	K Elliott & Volunteer
18 Jan	9.30am	Oliver Raschke	Lisa Raschke	John Smyth	Denise Tanner	J Berry & volunteer
24 Jan	6.00pm	Ryan Miguel	Cath Duncombe	Sr Liz	Volunteer please	Charlee & Kevin
25 Jan	9.30am	Max Rankin	Paddy O'Brien	James Flynn	Julia O'Brien	T & N Pelly



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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