



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.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

11 January 2026



Readings for this
week:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17



Readings for next
Sunday:

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

FIRST READING

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R.**

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood: the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all the righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

REFLECTION

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks a turning point in Jesus' life and mission. In Matthew 3:13-17, Jesus comes to the Jordan River to be baptized by John, an act that surprises John himself. Jesus, who is without sin, chooses to enter the waters of repentance. This humble action reveals a God who fully embraces humanity, standing in solidarity with sinners and walking the path of obedience. As Jesus rises from the water, the heavens open, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the voice of the Father proclaims, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This powerful moment reveals the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and affirms Jesus' identity and mission. Before performing miracles or preaching, Jesus is first named and loved by the Father. This feast invites us to reflect on our own baptism. Like Jesus, we are called to live as beloved children of God, rooted not in achievements but in God's unconditional love. Baptism is not just a past event, it is a daily call to live in humility, obedience, and trust. As we remember the Lord's baptism, may we renew our commitment to follow Christ and to reveal God's love through our lives.

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

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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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PRAYERS FOR



RECENT DEATHS: Elaine Murphy

ANNIVERSARIES: Dawn Hide, Jack Ellis, Gerrard Crothers, Audrey Cain, Bill Ralston, Stephen Pangbourne and James Hooper

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

WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
10 Jan	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Shirley Kearney	Clare O'Brien	Cath Duncombe	K & S Chacko
11 Jan	9.30am	Max Rankin	Brian Higgins	Paddy O'Brien	Susie Buykx	W Rettke
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



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The Carpenter

Building our Parish Community



LOW IMPACT EXERCISE GROUP

Commenced last Wednesday and was a great success. Each Wednesday, 9 am in the Parish room at 31 Building

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