

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.

Pentecost

24 May 2026

 Readings for this week:	Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 John 20:19-23	 Readings for next Sunday:	Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18
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FIRST READING

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord.

R.

SECOND READING

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

REFLECTION

Pentecost Sunday reminds us that God never leaves His people alone. In the first reading, the disciples are gathered in fear, but the Holy Spirit comes upon them with wind and fire, filling them with courage to preach the Good News to all nations. The second reading teaches that although we have different gifts and talents, the one Spirit unites us as one Body in Christ. Each person has a special role in building God's Kingdom. In the Gospel, the risen Jesus appears to His disciples, brings them peace, and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. He sends them out to continue His mission of love, forgiveness, and service. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church and also a reminder for us today. The Holy Spirit continues to guide, strengthen, and renew our lives. When we feel weak, afraid, or confused, the Spirit gives wisdom, courage, and peace. Let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and allow God to work through us, so that we may become signs of unity, hope, and Christ's love in the world. . God Bless always, Fr Vijay

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REGULAR MASS TIMES

Weekends – Saturday 6pm. Sunday 9.30 am, Weekdays – Tues to Fri 9.15 am
Benediction 1st Friday of each month, Thoon Mass – Third Sunday of each month, 12 noon



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PRAYERS FOR

RECENT DEATHS: Jim McKenna and Allen Rouse

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Flynn, Margaret Kelly, William Symes, Kevin Dows, Patricia O'Connor, Kathleen Kelly, David Garrett

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Skyler Levy, Susan Fitzgerald, Tracey Welsh, Elizabeth Waters, Anne Ryan, Duncan Carradice, Margaret McCrohan, John Downie, Frank Leveque, Trish McCabe, Sari Yoinco, Rebeeca O'Reilly, Paula McPherson, Julie Lynch and Anne Moore

CALENDAR

May

24	Pentecost
31	The Most Holy Trinity
June 1	Fr. Vijay on Sabbatical Leave
5	The Rosary
7	Corpus Christi - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
14	Cuppa after Mass In the Parish House
16	'The Carpenter' - Publish
31	Mass at Thoon [To Be Confirmed]

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Confirmation and First Eucharist

Please congratulate and pray for all children making their Confirmation and First Eucharist this weekend, they are:
Michael Brown, Edward Clancy, Samuel Daw, Kade Dyer, Milla Dyer, Stella Ellis, Sully Homes, Tess Ladd, Patrick Lawler
John Madanu, Sara Murphy, Mitchell Murray, Emma Parker, Rhett Parker, Saira Renjith and Darcy Ross.

Laudato Si' Project - Sr Liz

Sister Liz would like to pass on her thanks and gratitude for your beautiful, generous donation of flower bulbs for the new garden at the 31 Building. Planting will commence after the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday 7 June 2026. We now have enough bulbs to complete our garden. Come one, come all for the planting and all are welcome for a cuppa afterwards

A Cuppa for Michelle Cooke

Please join Fr Vijay after 9:30am Mass on Sunday 31 May 2026. We will be sharing a cuppa with Michelle to officially thank her for her time and talent over the eleven plus years as Parish Secretary. She is going to be sadly missed and we wish her all the very best for her future endeavours.

WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
23 May	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Anna Wise	Cath Duncombe	Suleena Chacko	Brown Family
24 May	9.30am	Adrian Daw	Paddy O'Brien	Wendy Rettke	Victor Nduka	Ross and Ladd Family
30 May	6.00pm	Ryan Miguel	Cath Duncombe	Sr Liz	Kunchaco Chako	Charlee & Kevin
31 May	9.30am	Max Rankin	Oliver Raschke	James Flynn	Joan Berry	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.

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