

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.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

7 June 2026

 Readings for this week:	Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51-58	 Readings for next Sunday:	Exodus 19:2-6 Romans 5:6-11 Matthew 9:36-10:8
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FIRST READING

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart-whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst: who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nation; he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

SECOND READING

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jesus said to the Jews: I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

REFLECTION

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ reminds us of the great gift Jesus gave us in the Holy Eucharist. At the Last Supper, Jesus offered His Body and Blood for the life of the world. In every Mass, this gift continues. Jesus comes to us not as a symbol, but truly present to nourish our hearts and strengthen our faith. The Eucharist is a sign of God's deep love. Jesus feeds us with His own life so that we may never feel alone. When we receive Holy Communion, we are united with Christ and also with one another as one family of God. This feast also calls us to become like Jesus for others. As He gave Himself in love, we are invited to share love, kindness, forgiveness, and care with people around us, especially those who are suffering or in need. The Body and Blood of Christ remind us that God always walks with us in our daily life. May every Eucharist help us grow in faith, gratitude, and love, and may we carry the presence of Christ to everyone we meet. 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: Allen Rouse, Brian Reardon (brother of Barry)

ANNIVERSARIES: Delia Murtagh, Catherine Ludeman, Mary Thomas, Carol Woolcock, Dylan Pryor, Tom Nunan, Milan Knezevic, Mark Sammon, Patricia McKeogh, Margaret Greaves, Mary Bourke, Annie McLaughlin, William Davis, Shirley Wakley, Catherine Kelly

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

CALENDAR

May

24 Pentecost

31 The Most Holy Trinity

June Fr. Vijay on Sabbatical Leave

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5 The Rosary

7 Corpus Christi - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

1 Cuppa after Mass

4 In the Parish House

16 'The Carpenter' - Publish

21 Mass at Thoon [To Be Confirmed]

Our Lady of Fatima

We are blessed to have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima until Friday 12 June 2026. We are being asked to pray for peace in the world, seeking her protection and placing our Families, Parishes, Diocese and our Nation in her hands. With the significant global threats to peace, it is very timely that we turn to the intercession of our Lady of Fatima. This beautiful statue is of some significance, originating from Portugal and bearing relics of the site of the Apparitions of Fatima in its base. Sr Liz will lead us in the Rosary on Wednesday 10 June 2026 at 5:00pm. Office staff will open the Church during this time by phoning 57622060.

Steam It Up CARPET CLEANING Jason Blyss 0407438219	gmcu. Goulburn Murray Credit Union 30—32 Bridge Street PH 5762 3380	SMITH DOSSER Accountants Income Tax Returns Business Advisers 107 Bridge St Benalla Ph 5762 1588	Feast of St. Anthony of Padua St. Mel's Parish invites you to come and celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua on Sunday, the 21st of June 2026. Holy Mass is at 10:00 AM, St. Mel's Parish Church, 18 Hamilton St., Shepparton. Procession of the Statue and Distribution of the Bread of St. Anthony will follow right after the Holy Mass. Everyone is invited for LUNCH & PROGRAM at St. Mel's Parish Hall, 35 Hamilton St., Shepparton. Cost: 10/adult; \$5/child.
MAHERS TREE SERVICE JOHN MAHER M: 0413 842 525 For all your tree needs, tree tidy up, complete tree removal, tree stump removal, woodchips Dam cleanouts	HAIR Alana Robertson 50 Church Street Benalla 3672 Salon 5762 6006	Currie ELECTRICAL Expert Electrical Services in Benalla Ph 0408 572 766	
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WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
6 Jun	6.00pm	Ryan Miguel	Sr Liz	Clare O'Brien	Cath Duncombe Kath Elliot Suleena Chacko	K & S Chacko
7 Jun	9.30am	Max Rankin	Anne McLeod	Wendy Rettke	Oliver Raschke Victor Nduka Susie Buykx	P & J O'Brien
13 Jun	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Shirley Kearney	Cath Duncombe	Janene Humphries Clare O'Brien Kunchacko Chacko	K Elliott & Volunteer
14 Jun	9.30am	Oliver Raschke	Lisa Raschke	John Smyth	Joan Berry Louise Beling Susie Buykx	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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