

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.

Trinity Sunday

31 May 2026



Readings for this week:

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18



Readings for next Sunday:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

FIRST READING

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up to the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'Let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage'.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Glory and praise for ever.

You are blest, Lord God for our fathers. **R.**

Blest your glorious holy name. **R.**

You are blest in the temple of your glory. **R.**

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **R.**

You are blest who gaze into the depths. **R.**

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **R.**

SECOND READING

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jesus said to Nicomedes, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

REFLECTION

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity reminds us that God is a communion of love - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the first reading, Moses encounters a God who is "merciful and gracious, slow to anger and rich in kindness." Book of Exodus God is not distant or harsh, but full of compassion and forgiveness. Moses bows down in worship because he experiences God's loving presence among His people. In the second reading, St. Paul encourages the community to live in peace, unity, and love. Second Epistle to the Corinthians He blesses them with the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. This beautiful blessing shows how the Trinity works together to guide and strengthen our lives. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals the greatest sign of God's love: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." Gospel of John Jesus came not to condemn the world, but to save it. Through Him, we receive new life and hope. The Trinity teaches us to live in love, unity, forgiveness, and care for one another. As God lives in perfect love, we too are called to share that love in our families, communities, and daily lives.

God Bless always, Fr Vijay

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Louisa Nelson, Bernie Stratton, Margaret Randell, Ian Welsh, Elisabeth Gebauer, Joan Sheridan, Norma Stewart, Patricia Duffy, Graham Dowell, Trevor Hunter, Florence Whitehead, Margot Challis

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 Yoiingco, Rebeeca O'Reilly, Paula McPherson, Julie Lynch and Anne Moore

CALENDAR

May	
31	The Most Holy Trinity Cuppa after Mass
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
21	Mass at Thoona [To Be Confirmed]

Reconciliation Week

Today, we are in the midst of celebrating NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK with the theme **ALL IN**. This is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

World Youth Day 2027 Expressions of Interest Now Open

Sandhurst Youth Ministry (SYM) is now accepting Expressions of Interest for our pilgrimage to WYD Seoul, South Korea, August 2027. If you feel called to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime journey of faith, community, and encounter and are between the ages of 18 and 35, we invite you to take the first step! Estimated cost is between \$6,200 and \$8,500. After subsidies, the estimated cost to individual pilgrims will be \$2000 - \$3000. Final cost is dependent on multiple factors. Scan the QR Code and fill out the EOI form to receive more information and updates.

Completing the EOI does not lock you in or guarantee you a spot but assists SYM in the planning of the pilgrimage and will contribute to the final recommendation to Bishop René Ramirez RCJ followed by an official pilgrimage launch in the second half of 2026.

Contact SYM with any queries: sandhurstyouthministry@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



Steam It Up CARPET CLEANING  Jason Blyss 0407438219	 Goulburn Murray Credit Union 30—32 Bridge Street PH 5762 3380	 Accountants Income Tax Returns Business Advisers 107 Bridge St Benalla Ph 5762 1588	A Cuppa for Michelle Cooke and Fr Vijay Please join us after 9:30 mass on Sunday as we officially say farewell to Michelle to thank her for her eleven plus years as Parish Secretary. Also, please join us in wishing Fr Vijay a safe trip as he heads off on his three months sabbatical.	Legal Counsel – Position Vacant The Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst is seeking a motivated and commercially minded Legal Counsel to join our Chancery leadership team supporting parishes, agencies and Catholic entities across regional Victoria. For more information, go to: https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/3076-legal-counsel
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WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
30 May	6.00pm	Ryan Miguel	Cath Duncombe	Sr Liz	Kunchaco Chacko Clare O'Brien Maureen Murphy	Charlee & Kevin
31 May	9.30am	Max Rankin	Oliver Raschke	James Flynn	Joan Berry Denise O'Brien Louise Beling	T & N Pelly
6 June	6.00pm	Ryan Miguel	Sr Liz	Clare O'Brien	Cath Duncombe Kath Elliot Suleena Chacko	K & S Chacko
7 June	9.30am	Max Rankin	Anne McLeod	Wendy Raschke	Oliver Raschke Victor Nduka Susie Buykx	P & J O'Brien

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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