



ST JOSEPH'S Parish of Benalla



WE THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH'S 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.

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 5 October 2025



Readings for this
week:

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2
Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10



Readings for next
Sunday:

2 Kings 5:14-17
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

FIRST READING

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail
the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God
who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong
to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

SECOND READING

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity,
but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for
being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been
trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could
say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant
ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal
immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and
drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with
you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our
duty."

REFLECTION

In today's readings, we are reminded to have faith, even when life is hard and God seems silent. In the first reading, the prophet
Habakkuk is frustrated because he sees so much violence and suffering around him. He asks God why He isn't doing anything. God
tells him to be patient and trust that the promise will come true at the right time. In the second reading, Paul encourages Timothy to
be strong and not afraid. He reminds him that God has given us a spirit of power, love, and self-control. Paul says we must keep our
faith alive and share it with others. In the Gospel, the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus tells them that even a tiny bit of
faith, like a mustard seed, can do great things. He also reminds them that we are God's servants, and we should do our duty with
humility, not expecting praise. Altogether, these readings teach us to trust God, stay faithful, and serve with a humble heart. Even
small acts of faith can make a big difference when we trust in God's plan.

God Bless always, Fr Vijay.

REGULAR MASS TIMES

Weekend – Saturday 6pm. Sunday 9.30 am

Weekdays – Tues to Fri 9.15 am (Due to cold mornings, Weekday Mass is now in the Parish House)

BENEDICTION - Everyone welcome, first Friday of each month at 6pm.

Thoona Mass – Third Sunday of each month, 12 noon



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PRAYERS FOR

RECENT DEATHS: Allison Smith nee Corboy and Silvano Bruzzese

ANNIVERSARIES: Pino Paolini, Jeff Jewell, Scott Simmons, George Keifer, Deanne Leist, Pat Brennan, Bill Ward, Syd Sloan, Avalon Arifin, Beryl Stapleton, and Mary McLeod

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Skyler Levy, Susan Fitzgerald, Tracey Welsh, Elizabeth Waters, Joe Ryan, Anne Ryan, Brigid Chalmers and Duncan Carradice



CUPPA AFTER MASS

Next weekend 11th & 12th the Parish Pastoral Council will have a 'Cuppa After Mass' Please, feel free to stay and enjoy some social time with fellow parishioners.



Columban Calendars are now available from either the Piety Store or Parish House at \$15 each.

Please note that Michelle and Cath will be out of the Parish Office next Tuesday 7th. 8th Oct to attend an Administrative conference in Bendigo.



FATHER MICHAEL MORLEY'S BOOK

"God's Word" will be available from 11th October from the Parish House or prior arrangement with Cath Donehue to distribute after Saturday night Mass. Price of the book is \$20 each.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE HOLY LAND

Join Caritas Australia for a short, reflective service to honour all the lives lost on October 7th and in the two-year conflict that has followed. The virtual service will be led by Caritas Australia's Mission Facilitator, Michael McGirr, and will also include a message from Bishop Tim Harris. When: October 7th, 12:00pm AEDT. Where: Online via Zoom. Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/gaza> to register.

DIOCESAN FORMATION GATHERING: 11 OCTOBER 2025

You are warmly invited to the Diocesan Formation Gathering at Notre Dame College, Shepparton. This diocesan-wide event aims to enrich our capacity to build community and foster a sense of belonging in parishes. The day will feature a keynote address, interparish conversations, six practical workshops to choose from, prayer, and time to reconnect with others from across the Diocese. Bring a group from your parish and join the conversation! To learn more about initiatives in the Dioceses to support the Sandhurst Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals visit our website: <https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/mission-and-pastoral-life/formation-for-mission>



BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to have their child baptised are encouraged to attend one of information sessions. We will be conducting a preparation session on 23rd October at 7pm, for approx. 45 minutes, at the St Joseph's Parish House.

Enquires please call 5762 2060 or email benalla@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

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DIOCESAN FORMATION GATHERING

Register Now!

Saturday 11 October 2025
 Notre Dame College, Shepparton

WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
4 Oct 6.00pm	Sr Liz	Shirley Kearney	Clare O'Brien	Cath Duncombe	K & S Chacko
5 Oct 9.30am	Richard Rubira	Brian Higgins	Paddy O'Brien	Susie Buykx	W Rettke
11 Oct 6.00pm	Sr Liz	Anna Wise	Cath Duncombe	Clare O'Brien	K Elliott & Volunteer
12 Oct 9.30am	Oliver Raschke	Lisa Raschke	John Smyth	Denise Tanner	J Berry & volunteer

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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