



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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 12 October 2025



Readings for this
week:

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



Readings for next
Sunday:

Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8

FIRST READING

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

REFLECTION

This Sunday's readings highlight the importance of gratitude, faith, and recognizing God's work in our lives. In the First Reading, Naaman, a foreign army commander, is healed of leprosy after obeying Elisha's instructions. His healing leads him to believe in the one true God. His response is not just physical healing but spiritual conversion—he returns with gratitude and a new faith. In the Second Reading, Paul reminds us that even when we are weak or unfaithful, God remains faithful. Christ's resurrection is our hope, and we are called to endure with Him so that we may also reign with Him. In the Gospel, Jesus heals ten lepers, but only one—a Samaritan—returns to thank Him. Jesus praises his faith and gratitude. This teaches us that healing is more than physical; it involves a heart that recognizes God's mercy. These readings challenge us to be like Naaman and the thankful leper: to see God's hand in our lives and respond with faith and gratitude. Let us not forget to thank God for His daily blessings and to share our faith with others, knowing that He is always faithful to us.

God Bless always, Fr Vijay.



All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

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



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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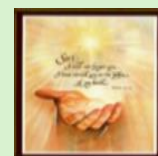
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PRAYERS FOR

RECENT DEATHS: Allison Smith nee Corboy and Silvano Bruzzese

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary McLeod, Norman Davis, John Kolodziejczyk, William Watt, Emilio Dallon, Colleen Stilo, Pat Quinlan, Frank Bohan, John O'Loughlin, Syd Harrison and Nell Putt

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



CUPPA AFTER MASS

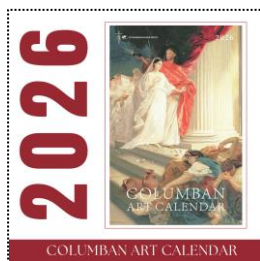
This weekend 11th & 12th the Parish Pastoral Council will have a 'Cuppa After Mass' Please, feel free to stay and enjoy some social time with fellow parishioners.



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

CHRISTMAS PARTY

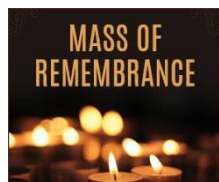
7th December
5.30 – 7.30pm



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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.



THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

The Bereavement Mass will be held early this year, due to Fr Vijay going away in November. All Parishioners are invited to this year's Bereavement Mass that will be on Saturday 25th October 10am at the Benalla Cemetery.

NATIONAL CARERS' WEEK runs from October 12 to 15 in 2025. It's a time to recognise, celebrate and raise awareness of the people who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental health issues, drug issues or a chronic condition. About 39% of Victorian carers report living with a disability themselves. Over three quarters of a million Victorians are unpaid carers. They are the social glue that binds family members and service providers. Carers' Victoria can give practical advice and support to any carer when required. Just call 1800 514 845 on weekdays.



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BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to have their child baptised are encourage 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

WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
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
18 Oct 6.00pm	Ryan Miguel	Cath Duncombe	Sr Liz	Suleena Chacko	Charlee & Kevin
19 Oct 9.30am	Max Rankin	Paddy O'Brien	James Flynn	Julia O'Brien	T & N Pelly