



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.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 16 November 2025



Readings for this week:

Malachi 3:19-20
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-10



Readings for next Sunday:

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

FIRST READING

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.

He will rule the world with justice and the people with fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

REFLECTION

The readings this Sunday remind us to stay faithful and hopeful, even when life is difficult. In Malachi, we hear that a day will come when evil will be destroyed and those who trust in God will shine like the sun. God promises healing and justice for those who remain close to Him. In 2 Thessalonians, Paul encourages the community to live responsibly and work honestly. He reminds us that following Christ means being active, not lazy or discouraged. Our daily work, done with love and faith, becomes part of God's plan. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells His followers that the world will face troubles—wars, disasters, and persecution—but He asks them not to be afraid. He promises to give them wisdom and strength to remain faithful. Even in suffering, God is with us and will never abandon us. These readings teach us that faith is not about escaping hardship but about trusting God through it. When we keep our eyes on Christ, we find courage, peace, and the promise of eternal life. God's love will always triumph in the end. God Bless always, Fr Vijay

REGULAR MASS TIMES

Weekend – Saturday 6pm. Sunday 9.30 am

Weekdays – Tues to Fri 9.15 am

(In Fr Vijay's absence weekdays - Prayers and communion with Sr Liz at the Parish House)

Thoon Mass – Third Sunday of each month, 12 noon



We are committed to the
NATIONAL CATHOLIC
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

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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PRAYERS FOR

RECENT DEATHS: Jean Fuleky and Edward Dennett (Husband of Connie Dennett)

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill Chamberlain, Nell Malberg, Jefrosina Omiełczuk, Catherine (Kit) Carnie, Antonio Grieco, Mary Branigan, Margaret Mary Mackerell, Maxine Dunin, Ella Putt, Sr Ann Cooney and Leonard Charles (Lenny) Daw

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



CARITAS APPEAL FOR PHILIPPINES & VIETNAM



As you would know from the news, a series of catastrophic weather events have struck the Philippines and Vietnam, leaving communities devastated. Many lives have been lost, thousands of people are missing, and more than a million people evacuated with nothing. Caritas partners are providing emergency assistance. Donations can be made at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.



JUBILEE MASS OF HOPE AT WAHGUNYAH MASS TREE

12.00 pm Sunday, 23 November Wahgunyah Mass Tree, Wahgunyah. Bendigo Team 3 of the TEAMS Movement for Married Spirituality invites you to a Jubilee Mass of Hope underneath the Mass Tree, Wahgunyah — one of the Sandhurst Diocese's official pilgrimage sites. Mass beneath the ancient Red River Gum, celebrated by Fr Peter Taylor, Parish Priest of Rutherglen, with Monsignor Frank Marriott, TEAMS Chaplain. A barbecue lunch by the Murray River will follow. Bring your picnic rug, your friends and your Hope.

CARLO ACUTIS' EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION



Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope by visiting this special Exhibition at Sacred Heart Cathedral from 22–28 November, 10 am–4 pm. Carlo, canonised in April 2025 and known as the "Digital Disciple," used technology to share his faith and inspire young people to embrace their unique God-given gifts rather than follow the crowd. Discover his reflections on faith, the Eucharist, and the courage to live as an original.

Read more at: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/news>

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CHRISTMAS PARTY AND WELCOME BACK FOR FR VIJAY

Keep This Date Free, Sunday 7th December, Parish Christmas Party 5.30 – 7.30pm, On The Parish Lawns. Food Provided, Soft Drinks, Christmas Carols, Father Christmas, Fun For All, Everyone Welcome!

19TH RED NOVEMBER UNITES THOUSANDS TO REMEMBER, PRAY FOR, AND SUPPORT PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Red November is a global movement led by Catholic charity [Aid to the Church in Need \(ACN\)](http://www.aidtothechurchinneed.org), uniting tens of thousands of people to shine a spotlight on Christian persecution. Cathedrals and churches across Australia, including Sacred Heart Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church in Wodonga will be lit in red, to symbolise the blood of the martyrs. Read more at: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/news>

WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
15 Nov	6.00pm	Ryan Miguel	Pat McDonald	Sr Liz	Maureen Murphy	Charlee & Kevin
16 Nov	9.30am	Oliver Raschke	Brian Higgins	Paddy O'Brien	Susie Buykx	J Berry & volunteer
22 Nov	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Anna Wise	Cath Duncombe	Suleena Chacko	K Elliott & Volunteer
23 Nov	9.30am	Max Rankin	Paddy O'Brien	Anne McLeod	Victor Nduka	M & R Miguel

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