



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.

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Sunday 2 November 2025



Readings for this
week:

Isaiah 25:6-9
Romans 5:5-11
Luke 7:11-17



Readings for next
Sunday:

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Luke 20:27-38

FIRST READING

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his peoples shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **(R).**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **(R).**

SECOND READING

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people'. And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

REFLECTION

All souls Day: All Souls' Day is a sacred time to remember and pray for all who have gone before us. It invites us to pause, reflect, and reconnect with the mystery of life, death, and eternal hope. On this day, we honor the souls of our loved ones who have departed, trusting in God's mercy and the promise of resurrection. It is not only a moment of mourning but also of gratitude—for the lives that touched ours and the love that continues beyond the grave. Remembering the dead reminds us of our own mortality and the call to live meaningfully. The prayers we offer are acts of compassion that unite the living and the dead in God's infinite love. As we light candles or visit cemeteries, we affirm that death is not the end but a passage into new life. All Souls' Day deepens our faith in God's mercy and invites us to practice forgiveness, kindness, and peace while we still have time. In praying for the departed, we are reminded that love is stronger than death and that every soul is precious in God's eyes. May this day strengthen our hope in eternal life and our connection with all who rest in God's peace.

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)

BENEDICTION - Everyone welcome, first Friday of each month at 6pm. **7th November will be CANCELLED**

Thoona Mass – Third Sunday of each month, 12 noon



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PRAYERS FOR

RECENT DEATHS: Jean Fuleky, Bernie (Annie) O'Brien, and Joe Ryan (brother of Margaret McCrohan)
ANNIVERSARIES: Wilfred Prothero, Bob Caines, Joan Harris, Stephen Bridgfoot, Bryan Cantwell, Pam Nelson, Bob Sutherland, Lola Hanlon and Lola Woods
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Skyler Levy, Susan Fitzgerald, Tracey Welsh, Elizabeth Waters, Anne Ryan, Briqid Chalmers, Duncan Carradice and Margaret McCrohan



Welcome Fr Paul Sireh

Fr Paul Sireh, originally from Manus Island near Papua New Guinea.

On June 17, 2020 he became an Australian citizen. Fr Paul has served in the Carmelite parishes of Wentworthville (NSW) and Coorparoo (QLD) before taking up his present ministry as Chaplain at Whitefriars College, Donvale. We have heard Fr Paul has a lovely singing voice and plays the guitar. In hope, we may be blessed with a tune or two from our visiting priest! Fr Paul will be celebrating weekend Masses with us at St Joseph's Parish from this weekend until Fr Vijay's returns on 6th December. Thank you, and welcome Fr Paul, from all of our parishioners of St Joseph's.



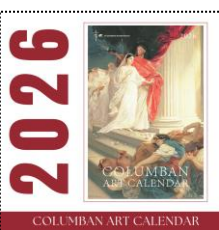
LEARNING AND GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship: Applications Open



Applications are now open for the [Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship](#) for 2026/2027.

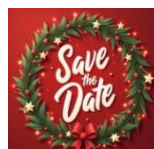
Administered by the National Centre for Evangelisation (NCE), the Fellowships aim to enable young women to proclaim the faith confidently and competently in all the places they are called to lead, now and into the future. Applications close at 5pm AEDT on November 24, 2025.



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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 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



WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
1 Nov 1 Nov 6.00pm	Sr Liz	Vince Brannigan	Cath Duncombe	Maureen Murphy	K & S Chacko
2 Nov 2 Nov 9.30am	Ryan Miguel	Norma Pelly	Oliver Raschke	Victor Nduka	P & J O'Brien
8 Nov 1 Nov 6.00pm	Sr Liz	Anna Wise	Clare O'Brien	Janene Humphries	K Elliott & Volunteer
9 Nov 2 Nov 9.30am	Ruth Jelliff	Anne McLeod	James Flynn	Denise O'Brien	T & N Pelly

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