



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.

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Sunday 9 November 2025



Readings for this
week:

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17
John 2:13-22



Readings for next
Sunday:

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

FIRST READING

The angel brought me back to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing in the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails, they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: The waters of the river gladden the city of God

God is for us a refuge and strength, A helper close at hand,
in time of distress: So we shall not fear though the earth
should rock, Though the mountains fall into the depths of the
sea. **R**

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, The holy place
where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be
shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day. **R**

The Lord of hosts is with us: The God of Jacob is our
stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord.
The redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. **R**



SECOND READING

You are God's building. By the grace of God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anyone should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the sanctuary that was his body, when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the words he had said.

REFLECTION

As you approach the basilica, you'll see an inscription across the front that reads: "The sacred mother and head of all the churches of the city and of the world." That bold claim explains why we celebrate this feast universally. Indeed, the Church of St. John Lateran in Rome is the mother and head of all churches in the city and the world. In a real sense, St. John Lateran has been teaching us as Catholics what it means to be Church for nearly 1,700 years. When Constantine legalized Christianity in 312-313 AD, he made it possible for Christians to worship publicly for the first time. The idea that people would participate in worship was new. St. John Lateran was the first place built for public Christian worship in Rome. Today, November 9th, we don't just celebrate the dedication of a church. We celebrate the dedication of a church that continues to teach us how to be Church.

REGULAR MASS TIMES

Weekend – Saturday 6pm. Sunday 9.30 am

Weekdays – Tues to Fri 9.15 am

Thoonia Mass – Third Sunday of each month. 12 noon

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



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PRAYERS FOR

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Wally Howard, Johanna Lewis, Barry Harris, Barry Cannon, Shirley Ward, Catherine O'Toole, Dulcie Hanrahan, Dot Ward, Sarah (Sally) Bunting, Frantisek (Frank) Visvader, and Bill Chamberlain

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



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OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 11 & 12 STUDENTS

The **Campion College Summer Program** provides the opportunity for senior high school students and Year 12 graduates to experience what it is like to be a tertiary student at Campion College. Students who enjoy humanities subjects and are seeking a faith-filled university experience. Tue 13-Fri 16 Jan 2026, Campion College, Toongabbie, Local and Interstate Students Welcome. Registration includes 3 nights of accommodation on campus, all meals plus a fun-filled social and academic schedule. Summer Program is free to attend but students are responsible for their own transport to and from the college. Places are limited. More information and registration: www.campion.edu.au/event/summer-program



LEARNING AND GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship

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.



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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2025 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the date: 7th December
5.30pm – 7.30pm



CUPPA AFTER MASS

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



COLUMBAN CALENDARS

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



WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
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
15 Nov 1 Nov 6.00pm	Ryan Miguel	Pat McDonald	Sr Liz	Maureen Murphy	Charlee & Kevin
16 Nov 2 Nov 9.30am	Oliver Raschke	Brian Higgins	Paddy O'Brien	Susie Buykx	J Berry & volunteer