



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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday 23 November 2025



Readings for this
week:

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



Readings for next
Sunday:

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

FIRST READING

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David. **R.**

SECOND READING

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation; for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

REFLECTION

The Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year and reminds us that Jesus is the Lord of all creation. His kingdom is not built on power, wealth, or force, but on love, mercy, and truth. Christ reigns from the cross, showing that true kingship is found in humble service and self-giving love. In a world that often values control and success, Jesus teaches us that greatness comes from serving others and putting God first. His crown is made of thorns, His throne is the cross, and His victory is won through forgiveness and sacrifice. This challenges us to look at our own hearts—do we allow Christ to rule our thoughts, words, and actions? The feast also reminds us that Christ's kingdom is already among us whenever justice, peace, and compassion are present. Each act of kindness and mercy builds His reign on earth. As followers of Jesus, we are called to live as faithful citizens of His kingdom, working to bring His light into the world. May Christ the King reign in our hearts, our families, and our communities, guiding us toward His eternal kingdom of love and 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)

Thoon 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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PRAYERS FOR

RECENT DEATHS: Michael Dwyer & Edward Dennett (Husband of Connie Dennett)

ANNIVERSARIES: Clara Wydeven, Ely Triggitt, Edna Murray, Judith Rhoden, Shirley Handcock, Norma Lowen, John Brogan, Mary Ramage, Nancy Ryan, Robert Greenway, Philip Reilly, Helene Steganiak and Angus Cooney

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.



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Fr Paul's last weekend in Benalla

♥ Thank you, from Benalla Parish. ♥
Please Welcome Fr Michael Grace to celebrate next weekend Mass.



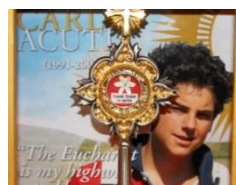
International Day of
People with Disability
2025 3 December

FOR THE 40th WORLD YOUTH DAY

November 23, 2025 . Theme: "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (John 15:27)



← Copies of the booklet in the narthex.
Embark on a spiritual journey of hope this Advent and Christmas with **The Promise: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2025**



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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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL Over the next two weekends (Nov 29&30, Dec 6&7) SVDP Benalla Conference will be holding their annual Christmas Hamper Appeal. Donations can be made in a variety of ways: cash (in an envelope or via QR Code), gift card to Toyworld or Sportspower or buy a toy. Please place your donation in envelopes on 2nd collection for the next 2 weeks. We thank you for your continued support of the Benalla Conference.



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!

WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
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
29 Nov	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Shirley Kearney	Clare O'Brien	Maureen Murphy	K & S Chacko
30 Nov	9.30am	Ryan Miguel	John Smyth	Wendy Rettke	Denise O'Brien	M & A Daw

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