



WE THE PARISH OF BENALLA 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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 Oct 2026



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 45:1-4-6
Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21



Readings for next Sunday:

Exodus 22:20-26
Thessalonians 1:5-10
Matthew 22:34-40

FIRST READING

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering in the word of life. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

REFLECTION

In the first reading, God reminds us that He is the Lord of all nations and that He can work through different people to fulfil His plans. This teaches us to trust God, even when we do not fully understand His ways. In the second reading, St Paul appreciates the faith, love, and hope of the Thessalonians. These three qualities are important in our society today. In a world filled with hatred, selfishness, and division, we are called to live with faith in God, love for others, and hope for a better future. In the Gospel, Jesus says, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." We have responsibilities towards our country, our families, and our society. We must be honest citizens, respect others, and fulfil our duties faithfully. But above everything, our hearts and lives belong to God. Today, let us ask ourselves: Are we giving God the first place in our lives? Our faith must be seen not only in our prayers but also in our actions. When we care for the poor, forgive others, speak the truth, and work for justice, we give God what belongs to Him. Let us honour God through the way we live every day. – God Bless always, Fr Vij

REGULAR MASS TIMES

Weekends – Saturday 6pm. Sunday 9.30 am, Weekdays – Tues to Fri 9.15 am
Benediction 1st Friday of each month, Thoon Mass – Third Sunday of each month, 12 noon

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PRAYERS FOR

RECENT DEATHS: Carmel Weston, Paula McPherson, Elizabeth Waters, Kerry Hargraves, Meryleen Blyss

ANNIVERSARIES: Syd Harrison, Nell Putt, Annie Bernice O'Brien, Phillip McConville, Robyn Hinsley, Margaret Quinlan, Kathleen Davon, Mary (Nell) Hernan, Graeme Elliot, Johannas Wydeven

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Skyler Levy, Susan Fitzgerald, Tracey Welsh, Anne Ryan, Duncan Carradice, Margaret McCrohan, Frank Levesque, Trish McCabe, Sari Yoingco, Rebecca O'Reilly, Julie Lynch, Anne Moore, Jacob Smith, Tony Meade, Catherine de la Cruz, Maria Celeste Pasia, Neha Bharadwaj, Justin Smith and Colleen Murphy

CALENDAR

Oct

18 Mass at Thoon at 12 noon
World Mission Sunday

24 Vigil Mass 6 pm

25 NO 9:30 am MASS

25 **150th Jubilee Mass at 2pm, followed by afternoon tea and refreshments in St. Joseph's Hall**

Nov

1 All Saints Day (Solemnity)

2 All Souls Day

6 Rosary and Benediction 6 pm

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home. Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs. As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'. Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

SAVE THE DATE

Jubilee Concelebrated Mass
Sunday, 25th of October 2 PM
Followed by afternoon tea
& refreshments in St. Joseph's Hall



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

Welcoming Our RCIA Candidate

Our parish warmly welcomes Corey Corbett, who has begun the journey of faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We are delighted to accompany Corey on this special spiritual journey and pray that it will be a time of growth, discovery, and deepening faith. Let us keep Corey in our prayers and offer our support and encouragement along the way. Welcome to our parish family!

SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTMAS PARTY to be held on
Dec. 6, 2026 Sunday, from 5:00 pm
to 8:00 pm on the lawns of the Parish
House.



Friendly Reminder:

Parish Office will be closed on Monday 19th of Oct, as staff will be on leave. We will reopen on Tuesday, 20th of Oct. Thank you for your understanding.

Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
17 Oct	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Pat McDonald	Vince Branigan	Kath Elliot Dan Brown	Charlee & Kevin
18 Oct	9.30am	Oliver Raschke	Anne McLeod	John Smyth	Susie Buykx Joan Berry	P & J O'Brien
24 Oct	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Vince Branigan	Cath Duncombe	Kunchacko & Suleena Chacko	K Elliott & Volunteer
25 Oct	9.30am	Ryan Miguel	Anne McLeod	Cath Duncombe Sr Liz FCJ		Daw Family

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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