

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.

Solemnity of All Saints — 01 Nov 2026

Readings for this week:	Revelation 7:2-4 9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	*Readings for next Sunday:*	Wisdom 6:12-16 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

FIRST READING

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants for out God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe, and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne surrounding the elders and the four animals prostrated themselves before the throne and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, "Amen, praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R**.

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R**.

SECOND READING

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. **Alleluia**!

GOSPEL

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn; they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. The first reading from the Book of Revelation presents a great crowd from every nation standing before God, showing us that people from all walks of life are called to holiness. The second reading reminds us that we are children of God and that His love gives us the hope of sharing eternal life with Him. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, showing us the way to true happiness. He calls us to be humble, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers, and people who work for justice. The saints were not perfect people, but they trusted God, loved others, forgave their enemies, and remained faithful even during difficulties. They teach us that holiness is not only for a few special people; it is a calling for all of us. We do not need to do extraordinary things to become saints. We can become holy through small acts of love, kindness, forgiveness, and service every day. Let us follow the example of the saints and allow Jesus to guide our lives, so that one day we may share the joy of heaven with Him. Amen- *God Bless always, Fr Vijay*

PRAYERS FOR

RECENT DEATHS: Meryleen Blyss, Anabelle Catherine Martin, Roland McCarthy

ANNIVERSARIES: Jim Spencer, Monica Vance, Bernie O'Brien (Annie), Kevin Speer, Maria Martiniello, John Reilly, Jason Hammond, Wilfred Prothero, Bob Caines, Joan Harris, Stephen Bridgfoot, Franciszka Swist, Margaret O'Brien

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

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CALENDAR

Nov	
1	All Saints Day (Solemnity)
2	All Souls Day
6	Rosary and Benediction 6 pm
7	Mass of Remembrance at Benalla Cemetery
8	Cuppa in Building 31 after Mass
10	Fr Vijay's birthday
15	Thoona Mass 12 noon
22	Christ the King (Solemnity)

Annual Mass of Remembrance

Join us on **Saturday, 7th November, at 10:00 AM at Benalla Cemetery** as we come together in prayer to remember our parishioners and loved ones who have passed away over the past year. They remain forever in our hearts. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

Thank You – 150th Jubilee Celebration

A heartfelt thank you to all our parishioners who helped, volunteered their time and effort, and joined us in celebrating our parish's 150th Jubilee. We received so many compliments from our guests and parishioners on how wonderful it was. **Our celebration was a success because of you!** May God bless you all!

Baptism Information Session

Our Baptism Information Session will be held on **Thursday, 5th of November, at 7:00 pm at the Parish House**.

Limited 150th Jubilee commemorative items are still available! Call the parish office 5762 2060.

REGULAR MASS TIMES

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

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WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
31 Oct	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Cath Duncombe	Clare O'Brien	Janene Humphries Jane Branigan	Dan Brown & Michael
01 Nov	9.30am	Max Rankin	Lisa Raschke	James Flynn	Louise Beling Oliver Raschke	Brierley Family
07 Nov	6.00pm	Ryan Miguel	Shirley Kearney	Sr Liz	Cath Duncombe Dan Brown	Charlee & Kevin
08 Nov	9.30am	Adrian Daw	John Smyth	Wendy Rettke	Brendan Rettke Victor Nduka	J Berry & volunteer

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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