



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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 Oct 2026



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 26:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14



Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 45:1.4-6
Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

FIRST READING

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. 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 people's 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; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is no-thing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

REFLECTION

The readings today remind us that God invites each one of us to share in his joy and blessings. In the first reading, Isaiah speaks about a great feast prepared by God for all people. This feast shows us that God desires to remove our sadness, fear, and loneliness and give us new life. In the second reading, St. Paul tells us that he has learned to live in every situation, whether in abundance or in need, because Christ gives him strength. This teaches us to trust God not only when life is easy, but also when we face difficulties. In the Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a wedding feast. The invitation is given to everyone, but we must respond to it with a prepared heart. The wedding garment reminds us that faith must be seen in our lives through love, kindness, forgiveness, and good actions. Today, God continues to invite us to his feast. Sometimes we are too busy with our own plans and forget his invitation. Let us not reject God's call. Let us open our hearts, accept his invitation, and live every day with gratitude, faith, and love.- God Bless always, Fr Vijay

PRAYERS FOR

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Avalon Arifin, Len Kelly, Beryl Stapleton, Kath Firth, Mary McLeod, Norman Davis, John Kolodziejczyk, William Watt, Emilio Dallan, Colleen Stilo, Pat Quinlan, Pauline Nicholson, Frank Bohan, John O'Loughlin, Roy Laity

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

Volunteers Needed – 150th Jubilee Celebration

As we prepare for our **150th Jubilee Celebration**, we invite volunteers to help get everything ready for this special occasion. All helping hands are welcome! **A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex** for those who can lend a hand. Thank you for your support!

JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

Jubilee commemorative items are still available for purchase after Mass at the **Old Piety Stall**. Thank you for your support!

Deanery Forum – Round 3 | 10am–3pm, Oct 13, 2026

Gateway Hotel Wangaratta

Join Bishop René in exploring the roles of PPC and PFC through the draft Diocesan Provisional Statutes. Our PPC & PFC members are encouraged to attend. Please register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/DPJMF>

CALENDAR

Oct

- 11** Cuppa after Mass in Bldg. 31
- 13** 'The Carpenter' out
- 18** Mass at Thoona at 12 noon
- 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

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Benediction 1st Friday of each month, Thoona Mass – Third Sunday of each month, 12 noon



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Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
10 Oct	6.00pm	Ryan Miguel	Shirley Kearney	Sr Liz	Jane Branigan Kath Elliot	Kunchacko & Suleena Chacko
11 Oct	9.30am	Max Rankin	Oliver Raschke	Anne McLeod	Brendan Rettke Victor Nduka	Daw Family
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

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