



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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 Sept 2026

Readings for this week: Ezekiel 18:25-28 Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32		Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43	
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FIRST READING

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

REFLECTION

Today's readings invite us to look honestly at our lives and ask whether our words and actions truly agree. In the first reading, God reminds us that we are responsible for the choices we make. Even when we have gone in the wrong direction, we can change and turn back to God. The second reading, from St Paul, gives us a beautiful example of Jesus, who humbled himself and put the needs of others before himself. Jesus shows us that true greatness is found in humility, love and service. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of two sons. One says "no" but later changes his mind and goes to work, while the other says "yes" but does not go. Jesus teaches us that it is not enough to say the right words; what matters is how we live. Our faith must be seen in our actions. Sometimes we may fail, make mistakes or say "no" to God, but it is never too late to change. God patiently waits for us to return to him. Let us ask for the grace to be people whose "yes" to God is seen in our daily lives through love, forgiveness, humility and service. God Bless always, Fr Vijay

PRAYERS FOR

RECENT DEATHS: Peter Tanner, Marie Rhodes, Jennifer Williams, Marion Empey, Peter Grundman (Sr. Liz's cousin), Carmel Weston, Paula McPherson

ANNIVERSARIES: Martin Kelly, Valentina Martiniello, Nancy Wheeler (nee Howard), Ray Plozza, Emanuele D'Arma, Anne Elliott, Desmond Murray, Elizabeth Barnes, Stanislaw Bialy, Joan Clancy, Garth Ahne, Pat Fitzgibbon, Betty Daniel, Mary Ellen Ginnivan, Kathleen Towers (nee Ginnivan)

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Skyler Levy, Susan Fitzgerald, Tracey Welsh, Elizabeth Waters, 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 and Maria Celeste Pasia

112th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

"EVEN JUST ONE OF THESE CHILDREN"

Pope Leo's message for this day says, "... The Gospel invites us not to calculate: even one. Every child, every human being, possesses an infinite dignity. Each is created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26); each is a presence of the Lord. Before every migrant child, we are called to make an act of humanity and faith, for we are able to welcome and encounter the Lord. This call becomes even more pressing in the light of another of the Lord's affirmations in the Gospel of Matthew: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). ..."

☀ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder that **Daylight Savings starts on Sunday, 4 October!** ☹
Don't forget to **turn your clocks forward by 1 hour.**

Welcome to Our Catholic Family

We welcome **Ayla Arabella Figuracion** into our Catholic faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate Ayla and her family on this blessed occasion. May God bless her always and guide her throughout her journey of faith.

CALENDAR

Oct

2	Benediction & the Rosary 6 pm
4	Start of daylight savings
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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WEEKEND VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Date	Times	Laptop	Commentator	Reader	Eucharist	Offertory
26 Sept	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Vince Branigan	Clare O'Brien	Kunchacko & Suleena Chacko	Dan Brown & Michael
27 Sept	9.30am	Oliver Raschke	Brian Higgins	Marg Daw	Susie Buykx Joan Berry	Brierley Family
03 Oct	6.00pm	Sr Liz	Anna Wise	Vince Branigan	Janene Humphries Clare O'Brien	K Elliott & Volunteer
04 Oct	9.30am	Adrian Daw	Lisa Raschke	Wendy Rettke	Louise Beling Denise O'Brien	M & R Miguel

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