

# Nazareth Parish

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF GROVEDALE TORQUAY & ANGLESEA

*Nazareth Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.*

*Nazareth Parish acknowledges the Wadawurrung people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present and emerging.*

JUNE 16, 2024

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

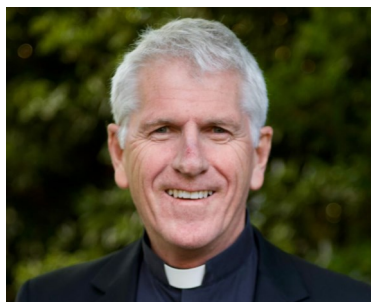
### Regular Weekly Mass

#### COMBINED CHURCHES ~ ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

St Christopher's Catholic Church, on behalf of the Anglesea Association of Christian Churches, is hosting the Anglican, Baptist and Uniting congregations at our Saturday evening Mass on 29th June 2024 at 6pm. Please come along and share our common faith and belief at our Eucharistic celebration. A light meal will be available to share afterwards in our church community room. We look forward to seeing you.

#### MELBOURNE VICAR GENERAL NEW BISHOP FOR CAIRNS

On Thursday 6 June, the Archdiocese of Melbourne shared with great joy the news that Pope Francis had appointed the Very Rev Joseph (Joe) John Caddy AM, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, as the new Bishop of Cairns in Far North Queensland. In accepting his appointment, Fr Joe expressed his gratitude to the Holy Father: 'I am deeply humbled by this appointment and wish to express my deepest thanks to all the Clergy and faithful of Melbourne.'



Continue reading: [Melbourne Vicar General new Bishop for Cairns](#)

#### FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION AND PARISH MASS AT IONA

This weekend is the monthly Mass at Iona. Bishop Martin will be celebrating this Mass while Fr Linh celebrates with the children of our Parish their First Eucharist Celebrations. Please make Bishop Martin welcome.

#### CATHOLIC MISSION

This weekend, 15th & 16th June, is the Catholic Mission appeal. Your support for this appeal is greatly appreciated, with donations being accepted by going online or in the special collection that will be taken this weekend. Thank you.

#### Rosary:

##### Wednesday 9am

St Therese Church, Torquay

##### Weekday Mass:

##### Wednesday 9.30am

St Therese Church, Torquay

##### Thursday 9.30am

Nazareth Church, Grovedale

##### Weekend Mass:

##### Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

St Christopher's Church, Anglesea

##### Sunday 8.45am

St Therese Church, Torquay

##### Sunday 10.30am

Nazareth Church, Grovedale

##### Next Monthly Mass

##### Sunday 16th June 9am

Iona College, Charlemont

3rd Sunday of each month

##### Reconciliation:

After Mass during the week or by appointment

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Rosters available [here](#)

### Stewardship *Thank you*

**First collection**—helps with all the costs related to running our parish—pastoral programs, wages, loan repayments, utilities, liturgy expenses etc.

**Second collection**—supports our parish priest and retired priests of the Archdiocese.

#### Tap n Go

Now available in the entrance of each Church, contributions go towards the first collection.



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

**The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.**

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



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## REACH Vietnam

September this year will mark 12 successful years of the Nazareth Parish involvement in the REACH Vietnam Project, and the last year of Fr Linh being our Parish Priest.

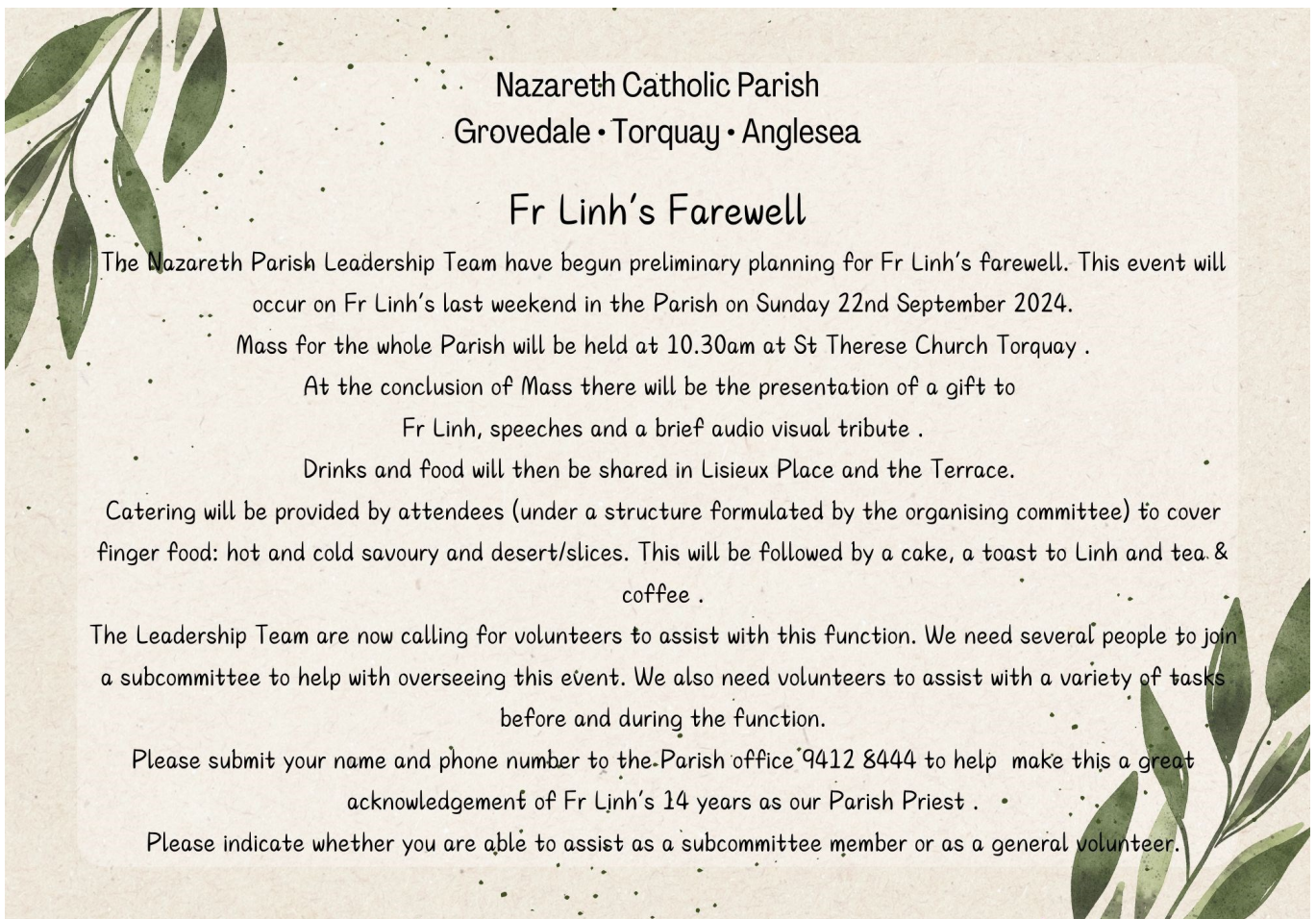
The REACH Vietnam story began in 2012 when Fr Linh and the then St Therese School Principal were drawn to Kon Tum, Vietnam, where they met a small group of the Divine Provident Nuns who dedicated their lives to care for girls from poverty-stricken families of the ethnic minority. The nuns' invitation was to shoulder with them in their work of extending high school education to these girls where this would not be possible otherwise. This was embraced by Nazareth Parish, plus intermittent external funders, to the point where our support continues to the present. Exact numbers of girls that have benefited is not exactly known, but it is in the hundreds. Some have extended their time at school, but a surprising number have completed Year 12 and quite a few of these have gone on to undertake tertiary education.

We, as individuals and a parish, have also gained significantly in our understanding of the lives of ethnic minority people in Vietnam. A number of us have been blessed with being able to visit and meet the nuns and girls there. In the course of this time Sr Phuong has moved on and the project was continued under Sr Simone, followed by the current leader, Sr Nhung. In a similar way, change is now under way for us, with Fr Linh moving to a new parish in September. So, what happens now with REACH Vietnam, as the project was named? REACH Vietnam is one of our success stories and we would love to see this project continue.

The appeal for 2024 will be held at Masses on 4th and 11th August.

## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

At next weekend masses Thanksgiving envelopes for July to October will be available for collection. Thanks again for the ongoing support of Parish.



Nazareth Catholic Parish  
Grovedale • Torquay • Anglesea

### Fr Linh's Farewell

The Nazareth Parish Leadership Team have begun preliminary planning for Fr Linh's farewell. This event will occur on Fr Linh's last weekend in the Parish on Sunday 22nd September 2024.

Mass for the whole Parish will be held at 10.30am at St Therese Church Torquay.

At the conclusion of Mass there will be the presentation of a gift to Fr Linh, speeches and a brief audio visual tribute.

Drinks and food will then be shared in Lisieux Place and the Terrace.

Catering will be provided by attendees (under a structure formulated by the organising committee) to cover finger food: hot and cold savoury and desert/slices. This will be followed by a cake, a toast to Linh and tea & coffee.

The Leadership Team are now calling for volunteers to assist with this function. We need several people to join a subcommittee to help with overseeing this event. We also need volunteers to assist with a variety of tasks before and during the function.

Please submit your name and phone number to the Parish office 9412 8444 to help make this a great acknowledgement of Fr Linh's 14 years as our Parish Priest.

Please indicate whether you are able to assist as a subcommittee member or as a general volunteer.

### PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS FOR THOSE FLEEING THEIR OWN COUNTRIES

Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

### CHAPEL OPEN

Chapel access will be in line with the office hours, 9am to 3pm Tuesday to Friday.

### HOME VISITS

If there are any parishioners who are sick or housebound and would like to receive communions and home visits. Please contact the Parish Office 9412 8444

## PARISH RENAMEING

Acknowledging change in the structure of our Parish over many years, the Parish Leadership Team are seeking suggestions for a new name for our Parish. The recent revamp of the Parish website has triggered the need for a new Parish logo to more closely represent the Parish identity. Similarly the Parish name needs to reflect the structure and ethos of the entire Parish.

Our Parish has been known as Nazareth Parish or Grovedale Parish since 1980, when the expanding area of Grovedale and the existing community of St. Therese Torquay were joined. (Torquay was previously serviced by the Parish of Belmont.)

A third community of St. Christopher's Anglesea was included in our Parish in the late 1990's when Winchelsea and Bannockburn were separated to join Meredith Parish. Recently the community of Armstrong Creek, which is also part of the Parish has been growing significantly.

The Parish now includes four Catholic Primary schools, with a fifth to open at Mount Duneed (Mary Glowrey Catholic Primary School) in 2026.

Iona College (a Diocesan secondary school) opened in the Parish in 2020.

Because of this background and the current development of the Parish the Leadership Team is seeking a new name for the parish.

The ideal is that a name reflecting our Parish as a whole is chosen.

The Archdiocese has been consulted to ascertain guidelines for this process.

In conjunction with these requirements, the Leadership Team have devised the following general guidelines:

1. Process to be in accordance with Diocesan guidelines.
2. Process to be conducted and implemented by NPLT.
3. Renaming is only for the Parish. Each community Church maintains its name: Nazareth (Grovedale). St. Christopher's (Anglesea). St. Therese (Torquay). These existing names remain as the identity of each community but are not options for the Parish name.
4. Proposed name reflects the Parish as a whole (our four communities: Grovedale, Torquay, Anglesea, and Armstrong Creek.)
5. Ideally the name is of a particular Saint, or a location or event of religious significance from the New Testament. Please note the name - Holy Trinity Parish is not supported.
6. Suggestions for a new name must be accompanied by a brief background/rationale which explains how the proposal is representative of the whole Parish. (Rationale to be approximately 100 words). The proposal must include the proposer's name and phone number.

Entire Parish is to be involved throughout this process (each community and each Parish School).

The Leadership Team are now seeking your suggestions for a new name for our Parish. Suggestions will need to comply with the above guidelines.

Suggestions are to be forwarded to the Parish Office [grovedale@cam.org.au](mailto:grovedale@cam.org.au) The closing date for suggestions is Friday 28th of June 2024.

The Leadership Team will then short list the names. Following this the final options and rationale for each will be presented back to the Parish.

Voting will then take place to identify the Parish choice. The Parish choice will then be forwarded to the Archbishop for his approval.

**First Reading**

**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

*I have made the small tree great.*

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of its  
branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that I,  
the Lord, am the one  
who stunts tall trees and makes the low  
ones grow,  
who withers green trees and makes the  
withered green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2**

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

**Second Reading**

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**John 12:31. 32**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

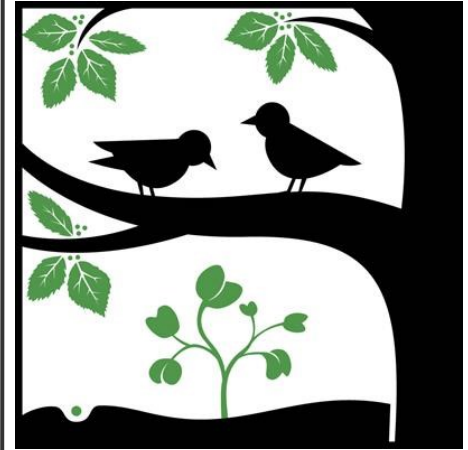
**Mark 4:26-34**

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.



**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**  
**The Sowing of the Seed**

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang of in the Magnificat)!

Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: ‘Be patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush’ (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God’s creative power worked in the depths of stony ground of the tomb to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to a fair and just distribution of the world’s resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germinating power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples ‘can shelter in its shade’.

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**PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**Recent deaths:**

**Anniversaries who are at this time:**

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY**

*Our thoughts are with those who are unwell at this time.*

*Please submit a consent form to have a loved one prayed for.*



### Parish Priest

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Fr Linh Tran	

### Nazareth Safeguarding Committee

Marg Mahoney	—Chair person
Rosa Rebula	—Grovedale
Rosemary Malone	—Torquay
Fran Findlay	—Anglesea

### Parish Office

43a Surfcoast Highway, Torquay Vic 3228  
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### Parish Presbytery

72 Marine Drive, Torquay Vic 3228  
Ph: 9412 8443

If you have an urgent pastoral need, you are able to contact Fr Linh at the Presbytery on 9412 8443

### Our Parish Schools:

#### Nazareth Catholic Primary School

Griffith Street, Grovedale 3216

Principal: Reuben Johnson Phone: 5243 0502

#### St Therese Catholic Primary School

Grossmans Rd, Torquay 3228

Principal: Josh McElgunn Phone: 5261 4246

#### Lisieux Catholic Primary School

South Beach Rd, Torquay 3228

Principal: Susan Ryan Phone: 9089 6614

#### St Catherine of Siena Catholic Primary School

125 Warralily Boulevard, Armstrong Creek 3217.

Principal: Donna Bryce Phone: 5264 5934

#### Iona College

242 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Charlemont 3217

Principal: Damian McKew Phone: 5229 0009

### Home Visits / Communion at Home

**Anglesea:** Liz Clark 5263 1812

**Grovedale:** Jill Healy 5241 4070

**Torquay:** Annie Byrne-Phillips 0409 516 907

### Bulletin Notices

Please have them to the Office by Wednesday evenings.

Email: [grovedale@cam.org.au](mailto:grovedale@cam.org.au)

Postal: 43a Surfcoast Highway, Torquay Vic 3228

### Office Hours

Our hours are:- **Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.**

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