

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 23, 2024

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

This weekend is the fourth weekend of First Eucharist celebrations in our parish. We thank everyone for their contributions in helping to mark this special celebration in our young people's lives.

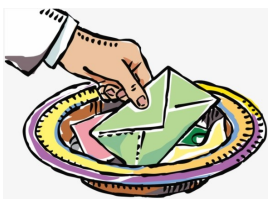


COMBINED CHURCHES ~ ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

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.

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

The Thanksgiving envelopes for July to October are available to collect from this weekend in each Church foyer. Please reach out to Biran McMahon if you have any queries regarding your envelopes.

PARISH NAME

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

Regular Weekly Mass

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 21st July 9am

Iona College, Charlemont

3rd Sunday of each month

Reconciliation:

After Mass during the week or by appointment

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Email: grovedale@cam.org.au

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.

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 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.



We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy.

Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

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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

First Reading
Job 38:1. 8-11

Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord,
his love is everlasting.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. (R.)
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. (R.)
4. They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. (R.)

Second Reading
2 Corinthians 5:14-17

All things are made new.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Gospel Acclamation
Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Mark 4:35-41

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Avoiding the real Jesus

The first way to reject the real Jesus is to domesticate him, and that is what members of his blood family were trying to do. They thought he was 'out of his mind', madly putting himself [and them] in harm's way and he had to be restrained.

Have you or I tried to domesticate Jesus Christ, to reduce him to a non-threatening Jesus-meeek-and-mild? If so, we are closer to the family of Nazareth standing just outside his circle, ready to run for cover, than to the new family seated around him, really listening to him and therefore vulnerable.

The second way is to misconstrue all the evidence of Jesus' mission on earth and to claim that he must be in league with the devil, 'He has an unclean spirit'.

If you do this publicly, as did these religious leaders, then you have deliberately put God's plan for the salvation of others at risk, and it is this which is unforgivable. This is real blasphemy.

We might pause for a moment, implore the grace of God, determine to really hear the Gospels, discern the will of God for our lives, and so come back within the ultimate family allegiance of those who dare to call God 'our Father'.

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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.



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Parish Presbytery

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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

Postal: 43a Surfcoast Highway, Torquay Vic 3228

Office Hours

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

Outside of these hours, please leave a message and one of the staff will contact you when they are next in the office.

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