

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.

JULY 28, 2024

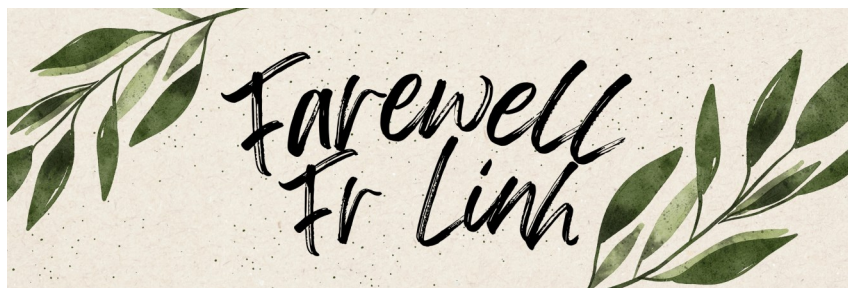
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Regular Weekly Mass

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

In this year's message for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly—which we celebrate this Sunday—Pope Francis encourages us not to 'cast off' the elderly when their hair grows white or their working lives come to an end. Rather, he says, they are the 'firm foundation' upon which other stones can rest to form the edifice of the Church

On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you", and to set out on a different path. ~ Pope Francis



FR LINH FARWELL GIFT

While Fr Linh is away it is the perfect opportunity to take up a collection for a thank you gift for his time here in the parish. The QR code provided here is the [link](#) to our online donation point on our parish website. We have put a reason for payment as 'Fr Linh Gift', please select and make your contribution.

Alternatively use the bank details provided below or an envelope provided in each Church. All these option will be available up until the farewell celebration.

Nazareth Parish

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INVITATION

An invitation to attend Fr Linh's farewell is available for you to collect on your way in or out of Mass this weekend. You can also find an online version of the [invitation here](#). We require RSVP's by the 18th August so that we can continue planning towards catering. Everyone will be asked to bring a plate but only after we know how many attending so that we can divide the list of food to contribute across our parish community. This will ensure we don't end up with too many sandwiches and not enough slices!

Rosary:

Wednesday 9am

St Therese Church, Torquay

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

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 this

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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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.

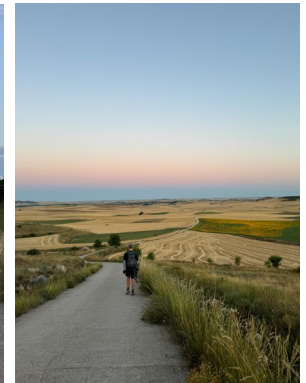
CAMINO UPDATE ~ FR LINH

Greetings from Moratinos, a small village on the Camino route with the population of 50 people! I am writing these few words at the end of a 30km walk on the feast of St James the Apostle. It's a national feast day here in Spain, I have been told, as the nation celebrates the life and faith of the apostle James, whose tomb is located in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, the Camino destination.

We have passed the first Camino stage which was somewhat a greener and more hilly surroundings of the route, and entered the relative wilderness of the Meseta. It is known for its flat and featureless landscape with little or no shade, and endless sunflowers, barley and oat fields. The gravel path on this long stretch can provide perfect opportunity for prayer and reflection.

There are days when the weather is favourable, a stop here and there to take in the beauty of surroundings is a real joy. There are also days when you just have to keep your head down and head for the next destination in the hope to beat the Spanish heat. Today is one of those days. It's apparently a heatwave here in Spain.

Along the way many people with their own stories join the walk. And the journey of these last two weeks has provided us with many chapters which are not ready to be written yet. Stay calm and keep moving seems to be the mantra of the Camino walk.



REACH VIETNAM APPEAL

In its 12th year the REACH Vietnam appeal will be held on the weekend of the 10th/11th August. We hope that this year, in what will be Fr Linh's last year in our parish for this appeal, we are able to achieve our goal of raising \$18,000 to help the girls in Kon Tum. If you would like to make a contribution you can head online to our website for a link to [donate](#).

SURFCOAST HIGHWAY CLOSURE

Once again the Surfcoast Highway will be closed at the train lines in Grovedale as part of Victoria's Big Build Railway upgrade. This closure takes effect from Wednesday 31st July through to Saturday 17th August. Please be aware that detours will be in place during this time, allow extra time for travel.



PRAYING WITH POPE FRANICS

FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

CHAPEL OPEN

Chapel access at St Theres Church is inline with the office hours. To gain access please come to the parish office door.

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 2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

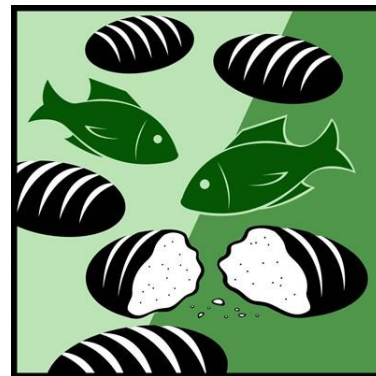
Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:1-15

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

A young lad and the hungers of humanity

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd.

Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world.

Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and convents, echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles' testifying to the Resurrection 'with great power'.

Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken 'with great power'.

We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.

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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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St Therese Catholic Primary School

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125 Warralily Boulevard, Armstrong Creek 3217.
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