

# 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.

AUGUST 4, 2024

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Regular Weekly Mass



#### REACH VIETNAM APPEAL

In its 12th year the REACH Vietnam appeal will be held next weekend, 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](#).

#### 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 by the 18th August** so that we can continue planning towards catering. Everyone will be asked to a 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!



#### 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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Ref: Fr Linh Gift



#### VISIT FROM FR TOM CHRISTIE

Fr Tom will be coming for a very short visit the week after next, 14th/15th August. He will be here to say Wednesday morning Mass at St Therese at 9.30am and at Nazareth Thursday morning 9.30am. Thursday 15th August will be a *Mass for the Feast of the Assumption*.

#### Rosary:

##### Wednesday 9am

St Therese Church, Torquay

##### Wednesday 9.30am Fr Gerry

St Therese Church, Torquay

##### Thursday 9.30am LotW with Communion

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 18th August 9am

Iona College, Charlemont

3rd Sunday of each month

##### Reconciliation:

After Mass during the week or by appointment

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### Stewardship *Thank you*

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

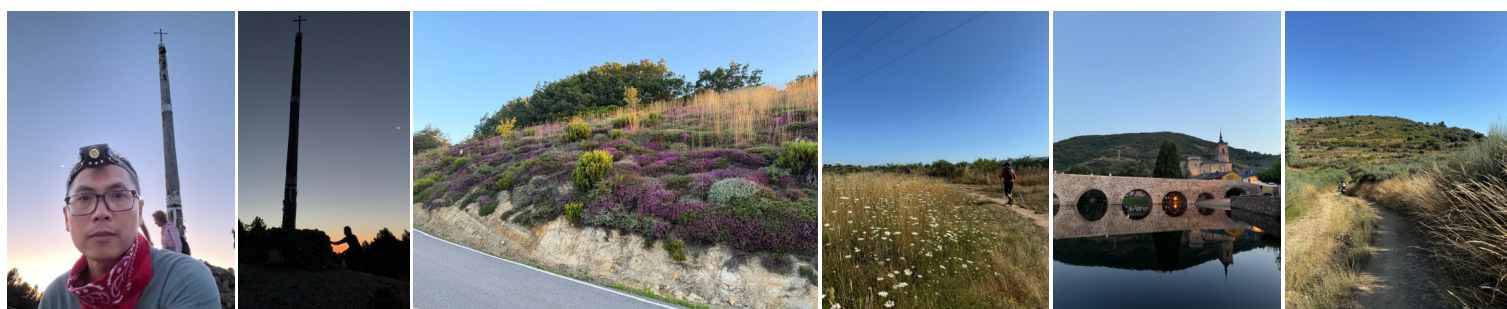
**Second collection**—supports our parish priest and retired priests of the Archdiocese.

#### Tap n Go

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

## CAMINO UPDATE FROM FR LINH

Greetings from the Camino de Santiago. This week, we reached the highest point of the Camino Frances route at La Cruz de Ferro, the Cross that stands silently and proudly atop the mountain at an altitude of 1,500 meters. It was an incredibly moving moment to arrive at such a special place! The day began early and was still dark when I turned on my headlamp to light the way. Soon after, a retired Italian doctor joined me, and we walked together in the dark. Though we had never met before, our conversation flowed naturally and easily as we kept our eyes on the uneven path. Suddenly, we looked up to see a 10 meter high cross standing silently and proudly, greeting every pilgrim who walks that path. At the base of the Cross is a mound of hundreds of thousands of rocks, placed there by previous pilgrims. Each stone symbolizes their journey and story. I added my own stone to the base of the cross as well. We have left the Meseta behind and are now navigating the mountainous path. The steep ascents and descents require determination, but the reward is breathtaking views. The path is carpeted with the many colors of wildflowers, creating a stunning panorama. Soon, the physical journey of the Camino will end when we reach Santiago de Compostela, the final destination, and then return home. But for now, I am savoring every moment and am deeply grateful for this experience.



## SURFCOAST HIGHWAY CLOSURE

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



## PRAYER IN PARLIMENT

It is pleasing that both major political parties in Victoria are now agreed on retaining the practice of reciting the Lord's Prayer in the Victorian Parliament each sitting day. This is a great outcome, which shows the value of people of faith standing up respectfully and being heard. Following the letter to parliamentarians that I signed together with religious leaders of various faiths in May, nearly 11,000 people from communities across Victoria signed a petition calling on Parliament not to remove the Lord's Prayer. Many others also wrote letters and emails to their local members of Parliament sharing their support. With this support and the nearly 11,000 signatures, the petition qualified for a debate in the Legislative Council, which took place on 31 July. It was clear from the debate that the message about the importance of the Lord's Prayer and its value to the community was heard loud and clear. Thank you to all who signed the petition and wrote to their local representatives.

—Archbishop Peter A Comensoli.

### PRAYING WITH POPE FRANICIS FOR POLITICAL LEADERS

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking caring of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

### CHAPEL OPEN

Chapel access at St Therese 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 Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15**

*I will rain bread from heaven upon you.*

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24**

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

**Second Reading Ephesians 4:17, 20-24**

*Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.*

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets

corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

**Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel John 6:24-35**

*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'



**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**  
**Who can satisfy human appetites?**

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul.

Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.'

That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life to the world.

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**PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**Recent deaths:**

**Anniversaries who are at this time:** Andrew Conte, Jozef Sowulewski, Giuseppe Saitta

**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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### Nazareth Safeguarding Committee

Marg Mahoney	—Chair person
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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

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#### St Catherine of Siena Catholic Primary School

125 Warralily Boulevard, Armstrong Creek 3217.

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#### Iona College

242 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Charlemont 3217

Principal: Damian McKew Phone: 5229 0009

### Home Visits / Communion at Home

**Anglesea:** Liz Clark 5263 1812

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### Bulletin Notices

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### Office Hours

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