

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.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Regular Weekly Mass



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We are excited to introduce our new parish priest, Fr Joel Peart. As he settles in, we encourage everyone to reach out and get to know him over the next few weeks. Let's show him a warm welcome and support him as he embarks on this new chapter with us. Welcome, Fr Joel, we look forward to the journey ahead.

THANK YOU EVERYONE

Thank you to all the Parish for helping to farewell Linh with a beautiful Liturgy and function last Sunday. Over 500 attended the very joyful but sad occasion. Special thanks to the organising committee: Tracy Ford, Maree Smart, Rose Francombe, Brian Keane, Greg Carty and Chris Carty. Through their efforts, the skills and talents from across the Parish were optimised for this event. Thank you to all the volunteers across the Parish and all our schools who contributed to the Liturgy and the function. Special thanks to the combined choir, Fred Vahland for the speech and to Amber for the cake. Linh greatly appreciated the effort that all Parishioners made in contributing to the occasion and making it so special. We have hopefully managed to express our thanks to him for his 14 years of incredible service to us. Greg Carty and Brian Keane
Nazareth Parish Leadership Team

RE NAMING OUR PARISH

There are 3 weeks left to select your preferred name in the renaming of our parish, closing 14th October. This can be done 1 of 2 ways, by clicking the link which takes you to the online preference form or by filling in a hard copy of the proposed names form which can be found in the foyer of the Church. Please take the time to read through the 5 proposed suggestions and the rationale for each before casting your preference.

ANGLESEA COMBINED CHURCHES SERVICE 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 10AM

On behalf of the Anglesea Association of Christian Churches, the Baptist Church is inviting the Anglicans, Catholic and Uniting congregations to join them at a combined Sunday service on 29th September 2024 at 10.00am. Please come along and share our common faith and belief. We look forward to seeing you at the Baptist/Uniting Church in Murch Crescent. Everyone is most welcome!

Rosary:

Wednesday 9am

St Therese Church, Torquay

Wednesday 9.30am LotW with Communion

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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 15th September 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.



TORQUAY FOOD AID

The Torquay Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society wishes to express its appreciation or the generous support given by parishioners in the past. The Society helps Torquay Food Aid in its collection of non-perishable food for issue to needy families and individuals in our local community. Any food donations are always welcome and can be left at Lisieux Place, the Parish Office the IGA supermarket box or the new Torquay North Woolworths supermarket checkout.

NAZARETH SOCIAL JUSTICE

Many of us have probably followed the grinding suffering in Palestine - Israel over the last almost, twelve months, and now its current spread into Lebanon. Louise Adler spoke at an International forum for Peace in Brisbane last weekend, and her words were published in the media. As others have noted, it is one of the few unbiased commentaries on this conflict, and this from a Jewish, Australian woman whose family suffered in the Holocaust in Germany in WW2. Her whole speech can be found on The Age website article title 'These are the things I've learnt you can't ask about Israel (or click [here](#)). She states early in this piece "It is not because of my own history that I have declared myself to be an ally of the struggle of Palestinian people, it is because as human beings injustice and inequality demand that we all care." As Christians surely we are also called on to care, and as Pope Francis exhorted early in the current iteration of this conflict "Let us pray for the strength to speak up".

GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 23/24 FINANCIAL YEAR

In order to save on printing, postage, paper costs as well as time it has been decided that this year giving statements will be made available to parishioners online. Instructions on how to produce giving statements are as follows:

- Click on the link or scan QR code
- Scroll down to 'Request payment report'
- Enter email address recorded with parish
- Enter start date: July 1 , 2023
- Enter end date: June 30 , 2024
- Click 'Send verification code'

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj5KAAT>



A verification code will be sent to your email, enter this code and 'Submit'.

The giving statement will then be sent to your email. If you have difficulty generating an online report or would prefer a paper version to be produced please contact Brian McMahon at the parish office on a Tuesday or Wednesday. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale again from this weekend through to Melbourne Cup weekend.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC CHURCHES

2024 RAFFLE

\$2 TICKETS

PRIZES

- 1st prize - Kia Picanto car valued at \$21,690
- 2nd prize - Coles Myer gift voucher \$5000
- 3rd prize - Coles Myer gift voucher \$3000
- 4th & 5th prize - Coles Myer gift voucher \$1000
- 6th & 7th prize - Coles Myer gift voucher \$500

Raffle drawn 7th Dec 2024

VICTORIAN COMMISSION FOR GAMBLING REGULATION PERMIT NO - 10159/24

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

2025
THE BOOK FOR READERS

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

The 2025 Break Open the Word book is now available for purchase through the office for \$25 each.

PRAYING WITH POPE FRANICIS FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH

Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

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 Numbers 11:25-29

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**
4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

Second Reading James 5:1-6

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries

of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation John 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Beyond the Boundaries**

An easy way to deal with this Gospel: 'anyone who is not against us is for us,' would be to emphasise the transformation of the relationship of Catholics with Protestants. Too easy.

But what about our relationship with the Muslims? There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the cross, let alone raised to life. We hold to the testimony and the faith of the Apostles.

But Catholics also believe that the Divine Wind blows where it pleases amongst all people of all religious traditions (and of none). In the early Church this was expressed by saying that the Seeds of the Word were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all human beings.

We need to recognise the Seed of the Word in Islam – our shared belief in the one God, Creator of the cosmos, Lord of history, merciful and just. The task of the Church is to bring that Seed closer to the illumination of Divine Light so that it may eventually grow in belief that God is indeed One in the loving relationship of Triune life.

The world is holding its breath over the encounter of the Catholic Church and Islam. There is a history of mutual violence and contemporary barbarities which are inhumane and blasphemous. But, in the face of indifference and hostility to religion, at least in the West, it is good to acknowledge what we share in common.

We may take a moment to pray for the grace to relate to those Muslims whom we know in our own society in light of our faith that the Divine Wind has sown and is nurturing the Seed of the Word amongst them.

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths: *Ian Stewart*

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Hec Dickie*

PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY *Michael Douglas*

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 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.

Acting Principal: Allison Wedding Phone: 5264 5934

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242 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Charlemont 3217

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