

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.

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Regular Weekly Mass

PETER KEARNEY CONCERT SERIES

Join us for an inspiring afternoon on Saturday 23rd November, 3pm at St Therese Church, Torquay. Experience the captivating songs and heartfelt stories of remarkable individuals whose faithful lives have infused the world with hope and compassion. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10 per person or \$20 for a family. All welcome.



REMEMBRANCE BOOKS

During the month of November we think and pray for our loved ones who have died. This has been a beautiful tradition in our parish. These books of remembrance are available in each Church for the month of November, please write your loved ones names in the book so that we can remember those who have passed.

ROADWORK AT TORQUAY

The roadwork out the front of St Therese Church is changing each week. This week both south and north bound sides of the road are open, one lane each way however access to the large carpark of the Church remains closed. Leaving the only way in and out is via the service road.

PARISH MASS AT IONA

Next weekend there will be the monthly Mass at Iona, 9am 17th Nov. Please remember that access to the school is only from Horseshoe bend Rd, as the Boundary Rd intersection is closed. Access from the north end coming along Reserve Rd or from Barwon Heads Rd is your best option, please check your GPS first!

Rosary:

Wednesday 9am

St Therese Church, Torquay

Wednesday 9.30am

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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 17th November 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.



NAZARETH CATHOLIC PARISH

WEEKEND PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday 6pm ~ St Christopher's Church, Anglesea

Sunday 9am ~ St Therese Church, Torquay

Sunday 11am ~ Nazareth Church, Grovedale

Sunday 5pm ~ St Therese Church, Torquay

effective from 1st December

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY JOURNEYING WITH JESUS

Signs of Hope – People of Faith

PETER KEARNEY CONCERT & REFLECTION

Songs and stories about people whose faithful lives have brought hope and compassion into the world. Subjects include *St. Joseph,* Mary Mother of Jesus, St. Francis of Assisi, *St. Mary MacKillop,* *Sr. Irene McCormack – Australian Josephite nun killed in Peru,

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SONGS & STORIES-

Saturday 23rd November

3.00pm

St Therese Catholic Church

43a Surfcoast Highway

TORQUAY

\$10 per person/ \$20 family

"Peter has the special gift of making the stories and message of Jesus relevant to our modern daily life."
(Fr. Val Patterson MSC)



PETER KEARNEY
Australian singer and songwriter who has travelled Australia and overseas since 1985 to share his music and stories. His best known compositions include 'The Beattitudes', 'Fill My House', and 'Where is your Song, my Lord'. Fifteen CDs of Peter's songs have been published. Several of his compositions are included in the 'As One Voice' hymnal.



Mary MacKillop & children. Artwork by Dorothy Woodward from a window at St. Joseph's School, Milperra

NAZARETH SOCIAL JUSTICE

A recent article in La Croix International discusses how Pope Francis' recent writings on theology link to global peace. This piece starts with "Twelve months have passed since Pope Francis called for a paradigm shift in theology. His November 2023 apostolic letter *Ad Theologiam Promovendam* (ATP) outlined an inclusive, relational, and knowledge-based theology. More recently, his interfaith comments to youth in Singapore proclaimed that "all religions are paths to God" (September 13). A few days later, speaking to young Albanian people, the pope praised cultural and religious diversity as "a gift from God." The article ends with "In sum, Francis' relational approach to theology is essential for fostering the social cohesion needed in our culturally and religiously diverse societies today. Put simply, it takes theology outside one's home tradition and offers the world better-informed persons, and better-informed persons are more likely to be accepting of difference and therefore peacemakers.—Joe Annetts

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

TREASURER FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Geelong SVDP Regional Council are looking for a volunteer to do payments and budgeting work for the Regional Council. Time involved fluctuates depending on the time in the month but 4-5 hrs per week is a guide. This would suit a person who is IT trained and who has had some experience in finance and budgets. The incumbent is happy to train for the position. Interested persons can contact Brian O'Kane 52615200 Or 0408615200 or Martin Butler0418572967

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL GEELONG. BARWON HEALTH.

On any given day, there is an average of 100 patients identifying as Catholic in the hospital. Around half of all patients identify with some religious tradition.

St. Mary of the Angels parishioners provide for the services of a chaplain at the hospital as part of the Spiritual Care department.

Our chaplain provides Spiritual Care by supporting patients and families through access to the Sacraments, Holy Communion, coordinating a priest to visit, and End of Life care. The chaplain supports patients and families through prayer, and compassionate listening.

If you or someone you love is to be admitted to hospital, and would appreciate a visit and Spiritual Care from the chaplain, Peter can be contacted either on 4215 0627 or through St Mary's Parish office. 5222 1977.

MERCY PLACE RICE VILLAGE

Retirement Village, Marshalltown Road, currently has 1 and 2 bedroom units available to purchase. If interested please call Sally on 5247 2202 for more information.

PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

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 1 Kings 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

“Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth.”

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever

who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,

who raises up those who are bowed
down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan

but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

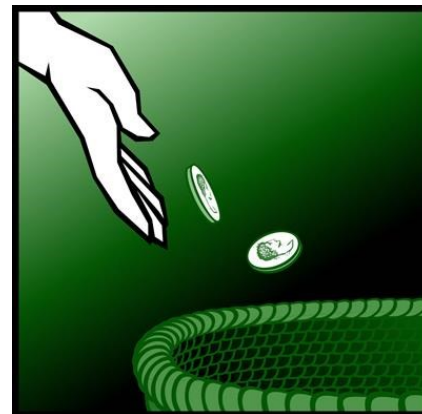
Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:41-44

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'



**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
The Widow's Mite**

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

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PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Marie Wardle*

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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Rosemary Malone	—Torquay
Fran Findlay	—Anglesea

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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.

Acting Principal: Allison Wedding 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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