

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 17, 2024

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Regular Weekly Mass

Dear parishioners,

Being away last week, I didn't get the time to contribute to the bulletin. I had a great few days over in Queenstown, NZ to meet up with friends over there and play a bit of golf. The scenery was a lot prettier than my game, but it was a lot of fun and great to spend time with brother priests and other good men of faith.

In the meantime, the US elections were held and Donald Trump is set to be inaugurated as the 47th President of the United States. Trump's victory defied an assassination attempt, two presidential impeachments, a criminal conviction and other felony charges. Love him or loathe him, it is one of history's great political comebacks. It's also a reminder that no matter what else is going on, if grocery prices are high and crime rates are up, the people will want change and they don't care who brings it.

It was interesting to see Trump's share of the Catholic vote increase. I've heard it said that in the US, if you win the Catholic vote you win the election. Lo and behold, it turned out to be a decisive factor in all of the swing states. I recall finding it odd when Trump went on social media to wish the Blessed Virgin a happy birthday on the feast of her nativity back on September 8. Devotion to Our Lady is huge in Mexico and across South America, so perhaps not surprising that there was as a big increase in votes for Trump from Latin Americans as well.

Finally, I was edified to hear from one study saying that only 8% of young voters were influenced by celebrities in deciding who they would vote for. Rather, it was family and friends who informed their decision the most. The Harris campaign clearly didn't get that memo and spent tens of millions of dollars on figures such as Megan Thee Stallion, Lizzo and Eminem to procure their endorsement. People you've probably never even heard of. Beyonce reportedly got \$10 million alone, and didn't even have to sing! Goodness.

The timing of this exchange of earthly powers is pretty good. In a couple of Sundays time the church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is the church's way of reminding us that no matter who gets elected or takes control of things down here, fear not: it is God who reigns over all.

God bless America.

Fr Joel

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.

Rosary:

Wednesday 9am

St Therese Church, Torquay

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 17th November 9am

Iona College, Charlemont

3rd Sunday of each month

Reconciliation:

After Mass during the week or by appointment

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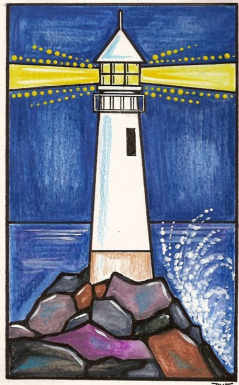
First collection—helps with all the costs related to running our parish—pastoral programs, wages, loan repayments, utilities, liturgy expenses etc.

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.

SIGNS of HOPE



PEOPLE of FAITH

A CONCERT-REFLECTION WITH PETER KEARNEY
Songs & stories of people who made a difference

Saturday 23rd November 3pm—4.30pm

St Therese Church
43a Surfcoast Highway
TORQUAY

\$10 per person / \$20 per family
Light refreshments at interval



"Through the gift of his songwriting, Peter always finds a way to present the themes of human life in a lively and beautiful way." (Terry Veling)

"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 CONCERT SERIES

Join us for an inspiring afternoon next 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.

NAZARETH PARISH—MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY

This is an invitation to all parishioners. On Wednesday 27th November, following the morning Mass at St Therese Church, Torquay, our parish ministers for the sick and elderly will meet for their annual combined meeting. It is a time to reflect on the year and welcome in any new volunteers. Morning tea will be held in Lisieux Place. Contact Annie Byrne-Phillips 0409 516 907 (Torquay), Jill Healy 0427 414 070 (Grovedale) or Liz Clark 0404 045 344 (Anglesea)

PARISH MASS AT IONA

There is a Parish Mass Iona College this weekend. Please remember that access to the school is only from Horseshoe bend Rd, as the Boundary Rd intersection is still closed. Access from the north end coming along Reserve Rd or from Barwon Heads Rd is your best option, please check your GPS first!

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.

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 Butler 0418572967

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.

PARISH RAFFLE

The raffle has finished and all tickets

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



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 Daniel 12:1-3

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1)

(R.) Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
3. You will show me the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until

his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the
Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Angelic Swords of Light

Have you ever seen those pictures of angels? They are like babies with delicate gossamer wings. How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue. Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God’s purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social.

God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scale battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle? The angels. Who are they?

They are non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power. Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side.

Some are archangels with a cosmic-scale brief. We hear of one in the first reading: ‘Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people’. Others are our individual Guardian Angels so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: ‘Fight for me’, and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel’s way of serving God.

We could pause a moment to pray, thanking God for the Archangels who guard our church community and for our personal Guardian Angels, and asking our Lord Jesus Christ to command those angels to gather us as his chosen to share His glory.

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Francesca Saitta*

PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY *Rob Schofield*

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

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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

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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.

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Office Hours

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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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