

Nazareth Parish Bulletin

A vibrant community, journeying with Jesus.

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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.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**St Christopher's Church,
Bingley Pde, Anglesea**
Saturday 6pm
Tuesday 9.30am

**St Therese Church,
Surfcoast Hwy, Torquay**
Sunday 9am
Sunday 5pm
Wednesday *Rosary* 9am
Wednesday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am

**Nazareth Church,
Griffith St, Grovedale**
Sunday 11am
Thursday 9.30am

HOME VISITS

If there are any parishioners who are sick or housebound and would like to receive communion or a home visit please make contact with the parish office: 9412 8444

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

I hope this finds you well! It's nice to be back after a relaxing break. As many of you are aware, my planned trip to the US was canned at the last minute with some visa troubles. As disappointing as that was, it gave me the opportunity to have a holiday of a different sort. I hit the highway and headed up to Mildura for a week, and then Swan Hill for a few nights. I got to visit and stay with some priest mates in the parishes there and enjoy the quiet...and a fair bit of golf. Two things that would not have been possible in New York!

While I was away, the world heard the sad news of the death of Pope Francis after a brave battle against illness. May the Lord grant him eternal rest. It then witnessed the ascent of Pope Leo XIV to the chair of Peter as his successor. And it all happened rather swiftly. The cardinals elected him after four ballots, spanning two days. And we all cheered and prayed as Robert Francis Prevost, taking the name Leo XIV, emerged onto the balcony. And that was that.

Chatting to friends soon after the election, he commented on just how amazing it is that the transfer of power of such an exalted office can happen with such speed and ease. The man who will, through his papacy, have a hand determining the course of history is handed that responsibility peaceably. No violence, no unrest. There is almost universal rejoicing and then everyone goes back to their station in life.

The efficiency of the process is another marvel. A number of Church of England members have pointed out that Justin Welby resigned late last year as the Archbishop of Canterbury and their church is still in the process of forming a committee; which will most certainly ensure that nothing happens anytime soon! In fairness, you would actually come to expect in our modern world a highly consultative and drawn out process for such an important role. Not for us. One hundred and thirty-four cardinals managed to get it sorted in 48 hours. And the result looks great. It has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government, except for all others which have been tried.

The papal election has me thinking that going back to a ruling monarch wouldn't be so bad!

In Christ,
Fr Joel.



Rite of Enrolment Mass this weekend across the parish. We warmly welcome all students from any school within our parish community who are beginning their preparation to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. This is a special milestone in their faith journey, and we are delighted to welcome them, along with their families, as they take this important step. Let us come together as a parish to support and pray for these young candidates and their families.

Nazareth Catholic School invites all parishioners to come across and have a look at our school after the 11am mass on Sunday 25 May. Parishioners are welcome to attend and see what our school looks like now after our building works. Morning tea and a cuppa will also be available.

St Vinnies Torquay conference are providing a collection point in the foyer of St Therese Church for any non-perishable food donations. This collection point is maintained by Vinnies to help provide for Torquay Food Aid and Feed Me Surfcoast. Thank you.

May Mass Counts 2025

For the 4 weekends in May, 2 weekends to go, we will be conducting our annual Parish May Mass count on behalf of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The parish Book Nook is open before and after the 9am Mass on a Sunday at St Therese Church. Please see our volunteers during these times should there be something you have your eye on. Cards, trinkets, bibles and other lectionary, small gift ideas for Sacrament celebrations.

Each of our 3 Churches has a permanent Tap n Go terminal set up in the foyer of the Church. These have helped increase the financial support for our Parish. They are easy to use and provide an alternative method when one doesn't carry cash or contribute already.



The repairs to the presbytery have now been completed after a incident almost 12 months ago. A big thank you to all involved, especially Fred, for overseeing that all these repairs were completed.

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First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

Second Reading:

Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Click the link to be directed to the reading of the day, scroll down or on the right to select a different day



DAILY READINGS

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries who are at this time: Margaret Dowie, Luxurio Salapa

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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Office Hours

Our hours are:- **Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 3pm.**

Outside of these hours, please leave a message and one of the staff will contact you when they are next in the office.

Office is Closed on Public Holidays

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