

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

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday 9.30am Mass

St Therese Church

Sunday 9am Mass

Sunday 5pm Mass

Wednesday 9am *Rosary*

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Friday 9am *Rosary*

9.30am Mass

followed by prayers of adoration

Nazareth Church

Sunday 11am Mass

Thursday 9.30am Mass

Reconciliation

30 minutes prior to

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 11am Mass

Sunday 5pm Mass

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

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.



Dear Parishioners,

You've likely picked up over the weeks that one of the things I'll often bang on about in my sermons is the good of going to confession. I did again last week, in light of the Gospel reading for Pentecost Sunday, where Jesus bestows on the Apostles the authority to forgive sins in His name: *"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."* (John 19:22-23). The sacrament truly is one of God's greatest mercies to us.

In the Rite of Ordination to the priest hood, the bishop exhorts his candidates to *"...believe what your read, teach what you believe, practice what you teach."* I can assure you that as often as I teach of the great benefit of this sacrament in the spiritual life, I am going to confession myself! I know and have felt personally the great peace and strength that this sacrament provides and simply want others to experience the same.

Lest I be akin to the scribes and pharisees – laying burdens on men's backs without lifting a finger to help - I have sought to make the sacrament more readily accessible at each of our churches, tacking it on to weekend Masses. The bulletin will list the times for reconciliation, as will our website. It goes without saying that you can always talk to me on the shoulder or email the parish to arrange a sit down outside of those set times.

I'll leave you with some beautiful encouragement from our late Holy Father, Pope Francis, from a sermon he delivered in 2014 on the sacrament of reconciliation. *"Everyone say to yourself: "When was the last time I went to confession?" If it has been a long time, don't lose another day! Go! The priest will be good. And Jesus is there, and Jesus is better than the priests – Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love! Be courageous, and go to confession. Perhaps you reply, "But Holy Father, I am embarrassed!" Even embarrassment is good. It does us good, because it makes us more humble. Do not be afraid of confession. When someone is in line for confession they feel embarrassment, fear, even shame – but then, when they finish confessing, they leave feeling free, great, beautiful, forgiven, clean, happy!"*

In Christ,
Fr Joel

Anglesea Combined Churches Service

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 June 2025 at 10.30am. Please come along and share our common faith and belief. Please note it is to be held in the Anglican Church on Camp Rd (opposite the hotel). We look forward to seeing you and everyone is most welcome.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

SVDP Winter Appeal 2025

Each year the St Vincent de Paul Society hold a Winter Appeal, and this appeal is supported annually by the Nazareth Parish. The Winter Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society in continuing to serve the community.

If you are able to contribute to the Winter Appeal, you can do so by using one of the following methods:

Nazareth Parish Church Communities

online donations at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/>

Please use conference numbers: Grovedale – 208, Torquay & Anglesea – 206

Grovedale

Winter Appeal Leaving Collection after Mass on Sunday 22nd June

Torquay

Give donations in a labelled envelope to a SVDP member at Mass (The list of members is on the noticeboard in Lisieux Place)

ACACIA PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP GROVEDALE

Activity for June—Morning Tea

Venue: The Picker Union Cafe

3 Mackay St. North Geelong

Tuesday 17th June at 10am.

Booking essential please reply to Jenny & Lynette Cook 0404255041 by Sunday 15th June.

The Vintage Market is nearby and is worth visiting after our cuppa and chat.

Parish Pilgrimage: Footsteps of St. Paul

Join Fr. Joseph and the Parish of Meredith, October 7–18, 2025, on a spiritual journey to sacred sites where St. Paul preached. This unforgettable pilgrimage will take us through sacred sites where St. Paul preached and ministered, deepening our connection to Scripture and faith. A time of reflection, discovery, and renewal. Contact: 03 5286 1230 | Meredith@cam.org.au for details.

First Reading:

Proverbs 8:22-31

Responsorial Psalm:

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Second Reading:

Romans 5:1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 16:12-15

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:

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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Parish Presbytery

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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

Bulletin Notices

Please submit them by Thursday mornings.

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