

Nazareth Parish Bulletin

A vibrant community, journeying with Jesus.

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2025



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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

Wednesday 9.30am Mass

Friday 9am Rosary

9.30am Mass

followed by prayers of adoration

Nazareth Church

Sunday 11am Mass

Thursday 9.30am Mass

CONFESSION

St Christophers Church

Saturday 5.30pm—6pm

Nazareth Church

Sunday 10.30am—11am

St Therese Church

Sunday 4.30 pm—5pm

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 mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Dear parishioners,

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the great solemnities of the church's year. It is honoured on the 15th of August, and testifies to the truth that *"the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory"* (Catechism of the Catholic Church 966).

The doctrine was defined by the church in the year 1950 by Pope Pius XII. It highlights both the unique role of Mary in our salvation and reminds us that a share in Christ's resurrection is possible for all souls that model and reflect her faithfulness and love.

It was fitting that on Friday's solemnity the parish welcomed and blessed a beautiful icon of Our Lady at St Therese' Church. It was written and donated generously to the parish by Mr Geoffrey Horgan, who often stays at Anglesea. (Geoff also produced the crucifix hanging in the prayer chapel behind the sanctuary of St Therese). Geoff painted using natural pigments in egg tempera, which is known for its durability and its ability to produce rich and vibrant colours. He has done a wonderful job.

The icon is a copy of a famous Russian icon titled "Our Lady of the Don", painted by Theophanes of Novgorod in the late 14th Century. It's named such because for most of its life the image lived in the Donskoy Monastery in Moscow.

Like all icons, the image has certain features that convey theological truths. The touching of the faces of the mother and child show the special tenderness of the Blessed Mother with the Divine Infant. But even more importantly, it reveals to us the love the God has for his creation. That He loves us so much as to give to us his only begotten Son.

The icon originally had a golden background, which symbolises the divine nature and the eternal light of heaven. Interestingly, the original icon is double-sided, with a depiction of the Assumption of Mary on the other side. Rather fitting. The icon currently hangs in the Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow.

I hope that this gift to our church will help foster an ever greater devotion to Mary our Mother, who is so tender and loving and so near to us in time of need. I lose count at how often I'm told of the blessings and benefits that are granted to those who pray to her.

In Christ,
Fr Joel.



REACH Vietnam - We opened our annual appeal last weekend and thank everyone who contributed or will soon contribute. You can still contribute using the QR code (select the OUTREACH option) or via BSB: 083 347 Acc: 9470 66440. Just before this launch, we sent \$18,000 to Sr Nhung so that she can be ready for the return of the girls in early September. Their school year follows the European school year. She confirmed receipt with the following note "This morning, 7th August 2025, I received 302,930,090VND. I'm very happy and wholeheartedly grateful for the peace of mind you provided to take care of the children. The children and I always pray for Fr Joel, Fr Linh, Joe, Dao and everyone over there. May God's peace always accompany everyone. Best regards, Sr. Nhung



Acacia Passionist family group Grovedale

Luncheon—The Fork & Flower Café, 392 Bellarine Highway Moolap. Thursday 28th August at 12 Noon. Please reply to Host Pam Fletcher on or before 22/8 most important for booking. Pam 0409 380 785

Anglesea Combined Churches

St Christopher's Catholic Church, on behalf of the Anglesea Association of Christian Churches, is hosting the Anglican, Baptist and Uniting congregations at our Saturday evening mass on 30th August 2025 at 6pm. Please come along and share our common faith and belief at our Eucharistic celebration. A light meal will be available to share afterwards in our church community room. We look forward to seeing you.

A Reflection Morning

The Nazareth Parish Special Ministry team warmly invites all parishioners and visitors to a Parish Reflection Morning on Wednesday 27th August at St Therese Church, Torquay. The morning will begin with the recital of the Rosary at 9am, followed by morning Mass at 9:30am. Afterwards, all are welcome to stay for morning tea and a reflection led by Fr Joel. For more information, please contact Annie on 0409 516 907.

Archbishop's Campaign 2025

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekend— 23rd/24th August.

Faith and Light Geelong Group

Christian community for those with disability and their families. You are invited to next meeting. Tuesday August 19th, at St Mary's Hibernian Hall. 150 Yarra Street, Geelong. Come from 2 to 4.30pm for sharing friendship, faith, music and afternoon tea. RSVP by 18th to Tricia O'Keefe 0414 672 267

First Reading:
Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10
Responsorial Psalm:
Lord, come to my aid!
Second Reading:
Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!



My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

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: *Patricia Carr (Sandra Douglas Mum)*
Anniversaries who are at this time: *Danny O'Keefe*

PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Gerard Nairn
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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For any urgent pastoral need outside of office hours please call the presbytery on 03 9412 8443

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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Please submit them by Thursday mornings.

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