

Nazareth Parish

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
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

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,

It has been rather sad and difficult this past week as tragic events unfolded in the Geelong region, in our state of Victoria and for those in our Catholic family abroad. On Wednesday, there was that terrible accident involving a school bus at Stonehaven that killed a young student from Christian College Geelong. A day prior, two members of Victoria Police were shot dead while executing a search warrant at a property in the northeast town of Porepunkah. And abroad, two school children died and 17 were injured as a result of a mass shooting at Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Such devastation and suffering.

It's a sobering reminder of the fragility of life and the reality that evil exists in our world. The crash involving the school bus was awful. For the loss of a young girl's life, for those injured and for all of their families. Also for those first on the scene of the carnage: many of them being parents from the school. The chaplain of the school, Aaron Cutter, has asked of our prayers for their community which I've assured him of. The other events are difficult to comprehend. Evil always is. I was having a discussion the other day with someone about the line between grave mental illness and demonic influence. It's not always clear cut. But if Satan is the father of lies as Our Lord tell us, then someone taken hold of so firmly with a paranoia and a belief that "the only good police officer is a dead one" (as Dezi Freeman did), then one can safely say that evil has overcome them. The shooter in the US had diary sketches of himself looking into the mirror and the devil looking back. There's evidence suggesting they were a member of an online group obsessed with mass killings and suicide. That they chose to shoot up a Catholic Church full of children makes the case there even more clear. Prayer can seem insignificant in the face of such events, but it truly is the greatest weapon. It strengthens faith and assures our hope. It is an act of charity, which has me call to mind of the words of St John of the Cross which are so simple yet beautiful: "Where there is no love, put love, and there you will find love".

In Christ,

Fr Joel.

Archbishop's Campaign 2025

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2025 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign. I encourage you to please give generously to the Campaign.



Nazareth Social Justice

We are all fully aware of the human catastrophe that has been occurring since Oct



2023, and now getting even worse, in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel. You are urged to consider signing this :

Caritas Australia has launched an urgent public pledge calling on the Australian Government and international community to prevent a possible catastrophic drop in humanitarian aid to Gaza, where conditions are already life-threatening. New restrictive measures for INGOs, set to take effect on Sept 9, risk blocking critical assistance. While Caritas' partners are not directly impacted, the organisation highlights devastating consequences if aid decreases further. With over 60,000 lives lost, including 18,000 children, and the population facing starvation, the pledge calls for safe humanitarian access, a permanent ceasefire, protection of civilians, and hostage releases. Supporters are encouraged to sign, donate, advocate, and pray.

Caritas Australia—click for the [full article](#) and links on how to pledge and donate.

Nazareth Church Grovedale

Missing Statue of our Lady of Fatima in a wooden case

Last seen the Statue & case were in the Booknook at Nazareth Church. Some people would like to have a turn with the statue in their home. If you know of its location please contact Jill & Bob Healy 0427414070



Jubilee Mass with Archbishop Peter at

Holy Trinity Church, Queenscliff

You are warmly invited to a very special occasion at Holy Trinity Church as we welcome Archbishop Peter to our parish, in celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope

2025. This Mass will also be a wonderful opportunity to honour and celebrate Father's Day together as a community.

Sunday, 7 September 2025, 11:00 AM, Holy Trinity Church, Queenscliff

Following the Mass, please stay and join us for a friendly cuppa and light refreshments as we give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures in our lives.

ALPHA 2025 at Bell Park Parish

Monday nights starting September 15th at 7pm—Parish Community Centre, 147 Separation St, Bell Park. Cost? Its FREE. To register, please contact the Parish office on 5278 1343 or email bellpark@cam.org.au



First Reading:

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Responsorial Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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.

Email: grovedale@cam.org.au

Sign up to receive the weekly bulletin via email by visiting our website tagparish.com.au or scan the QR code.

