

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
Wednesday 9.30am Mass
Friday 9am Rosary
9.30am Mass

followed by prayers of adoration

Nazareth Church

Sunday 11am Mass
Thursday 9.30am

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 our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



Dear Parishioners,

It's been a little while since I've written for the bulletin. In the meantime, quite a bit has been happening around the parish. The most significant of those things was our parish Confirmations. Bishop Martin Ashe was here on two separate evenings over two weeks to confirm over 150 candidates. Praise God. Thanks to those who helped prepare the students through our parish program and to the choir who went over and above by providing music for these special events. And a big thanks to our secretary Tracy, patiently dealing with all the admin and correspondence of all of it! Recent weeks has also seen the occasion of my ten-year anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Thank you for all the prayers and well wishes and the lovely cards and gifts. It is all very much appreciated. My parents Peter and Rosemary were able to attend the 9am mass and they were very moved by the gratitude and warmth shown them. The bouquet of flowers for mum at the end of mass was a lovely touch! God bless all of you.

The greatest and most powerful things I do as a priest is minister the sacraments, as they make present in a special way the person of Jesus Christ. It was fitting that following my anniversary was a week that I ministered or celebrated each of the seven sacraments of the church. It was a first for me and good chance it'll be the last time that happens. The regular sacraments for a priest are celebrating the Eucharist and hearing confessions, which I did. In this parish, baptising and anointing the sick are also regular and I offered those too. A little more out-of-the-blue I confirmed Guryel Ali, a Catechumen, into the Catholic faith at St Therese on Sunday the 14th of September. On the last day of that week, I concelebrated at the mass bestowing Holy Orders upon three young men at St Patrick's Cathedral and lastly, on that same day, I presided at a Catholic Rite of Holy Matrimony at St Mary's in West Melbourne. It was pretty cool.

In reflecting on this, I couldn't help but think what a blessing my vocation has been and the privilege that it offers. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus promises to give back 100-fold to those that leave property and family for his sake. From what I can tell, he's making good on his promise.

In Christ,
Fr Joel.

PS. Happy to see the Cats get up, but I think it's the Lions by 20 points.





St Thérèse Feast Day

Wednesday 1st October

We celebrate the Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux, *The Little Flower*, this Wednesday. Known for her “little way” of love and trust in God, St Thérèse reminds us that even small acts can be filled with great meaning. Join us for a Solemn Mass at 9.30am to honour her life and example.

Funerals

Next week we will gather to remember Margaret Scott, Brian Harrison and Gerard Nairn, all cherished members of our parish community who have sadly passed away during the past week.

We will celebrate the life of Margaret Scott at *St Therese Church, Torquay* on Tuesday 30th September at 11am, followed by a private burial.

We will also remember Brian Harrison in a funeral service on Wednesday 1st October at 11am at *St Therese Church, Torquay*. Refreshments will be shared in the Church afterwards, with a private burial to follow.

We are saddened to note the passing of Gerard Nairn. His funeral is to be held at *St Therese Church, Torquay* on Friday 3rd October at 11.30am.

On behalf of the Nazareth Parish, we extend our heartfelt condolences to all the families in their time of loss.

Please refer to [King's Funeral](#) for any updated funeral arrangements and livestream links if available.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Become a helping hand for those in need in your local community by becoming a member to help make a difference. Please see the poster on the notice board or follow this link: www.vinnies.org.au/get-involved/become-a-member

Faith and Light — Geelong Group

A Christian community for people with disability and their families.

You are warmly invited to our next gathering, “Spring & Hope”, on Tuesday 30 September at St Mary’s Hibernian Hall, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong.

Join us from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm for an afternoon of friendship, faith, music, and afternoon tea. Please RSVP to Tricia O’Keeffe (0414 672 267) by Monday 29 September. Thank you.

Lost umbrella at Nazareth Church

Fr. Joel's grandfather left his umbrella in Nazareth Church a couple of weeks ago. If anyone knows where it is or went contact Bob Healy.

First Reading:

Amos 6:1. 4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading:

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel Acclamation:

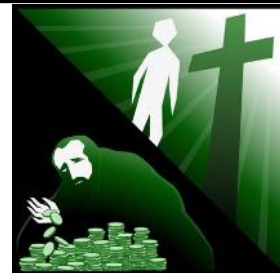
Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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: *Brian Harrison, Claire Jameson, Gerard Nairn*

Anniversaries who are at this time:

PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sr Pattie McKinnon, Maureen Murphy

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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