

# Catholic Parish of Grovedale, Torquay Anglesea, Armstrong Creek

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We remember in Prayer

## Recent Deaths

*Alice McKinnon*  
(Bob & Jill Healy's sister in-law)

## Anniversaries

### Those who are sick

*Frank Busuttil, Rick Burchell,  
Sandra Douglas, Jim Watson*

**Note:-** to have a loved one prayed  
for please [email](#) by Thursday  
morning to have them included in  
our Sunday Mass.

*Nazareth Parish acknowledges the  
Wadawurrung people who are the traditional  
custodians of this land and we pay respect to  
the Elders past and present.*

# NAZARETH PARISH NEWS

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*22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time*

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

With the restrictions still in place and not being able to gather for Eucharist we are moving into new territory this weekend with our first online version of a Children's Liturgy. We are inviting families to join us via Zoom to continue to be able to focus on the Sunday Gospels to get involved.

**WHEN:** Sunday's at 11am

**HOW:** By booking in via this [TryBooking link](#). After which a Zoom link will be sent to you closer to the day.

## OFFICE HOURS

Current restrictions has meant the Parish office staff have scaled back again. If you need to contact any of the office staff please rest assured that the phone messages are being checked daily but the best form of communication is via email and we will help you the best we can. Tracy will continue to be in the office on Friday mornings from 9am—11am.

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## A NOTE FROM ALLAN

I hope everyone had a good week. With the days getting longer and warmer, it's looking like springtime is getting closer. While we have not been able to see each other for six months, the parish too, is experiencing a springtime of its own! A number of parishioners are in the middle of organising 'Rosary Online' sessions which hopes to bring people together in the spirit of community and prayer. We understand that praying the Rosary can seem repetitious, and time-consuming. However, this form of prayer is rich in scriptural content and is a proven spiritual powerhouse. Here are some reasons why we should consider praying the rosary:

**Trust in Mary's intercession** — At the wedding feast at Cana, we read Mary's powerful intercession at work as she lets Jesus know the needs of others (Jn 2:3). Who better then to ask to pray for our intentions than the Mother of God (Lk 1:31; 1:35)?

**A contemplation on the life of Jesus** — The repetitious nature of the rosary leads us to a deeper contemplation on the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious events of Jesus' life.

**Mary always leads us to Jesus** — Mary's 'yes' (Lk 1:38) to be the mother of Jesus is the greatest example of Christian discipleship. Returning to the wedding feast at Cana, we see Mary telling the servants to "do whatever [Jesus] tells you" (Jn 2:5). She encourages us to do the same. We'll have more details in two weeks. Looking forward to seeing you in our first Rosary Online when we can catch up even for a short while and pray together.

*"The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple and  
theologically rich in Biblical content. I beg you to pray it."*

*Pope St John Paul II*

## PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS

*The Maritime World*

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

## WHATS ON

**Wednesday 10am** Break Open the Word prayer group

*Due to the current self-isolation recommendations, our group will continue to pray for the needs of the community in our own homes between 10am & 11am each Wednesday. Please join us in spirit. For prayer requests phone Kevin & Alison 5261 5285*



## REFLECTION

Pope St John Paul II once said, “we are an Easter people, and ‘Alleluia’ is our song.” I invite you to reflect on your own ‘crosses’ in light of the certain hope of the Resurrection.

## TWENTYSECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**FIRST READING — JER 20:7-9**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

**SECOND READING — ROM 12:1-2**

## GOSPEL— MT 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. ‘Heaven preserve you, Lord,’ he said. ‘This must not happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’

Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?’

‘For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.’

## HELPFUL STEPS

1. Read the Gospel slowly and as many times as you need.
2. Note key phrases or words and reflect on it for a while. What does God want to tell us?
3. Spend some time in quiet conversation with God and let our hearts speak to him.
4. Allow God to speak to you in the silence and rest.

*Nazareth Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults*

On the eve of Spring, an invitation from the churches of Victoria  
to be a light in the darkness.

# Light in the Darkness

Time Out for a Suffering World

Monday  
31 August 2020  
7.00pm

As the last light of the last day of winter fades, stand in your front garden and spend some time in silence, perhaps light a candle, to remember all those who have lost their lives to the Coronavirus or to violence. Then, as the first night of spring begins, look to the future with prayer and hope. Let us move from the cold and the dark into warmth and light together.



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