

# Catholic Parish of Grovedale, Torquay Anglesea, Armstrong Creek

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We remember in Prayer

## Recent Deaths

*Denise Kol, Tess Diamond,  
Bertha Fuller, Simon Allen*

## Anniversaries

*Joe Briody, Pat Briody, Kaz Kardel*

## Those who are sick

*Frank Busuttil, Rick Burchell,  
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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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time*

## FATHERS DAY

Wishing all the dads, grandads and male figures in our lives a wonderful Father's day this Sunday. We hope you are able to connect with your families, albeit a little differently this year, in the hopes that we will be able to embrace our loved ones again soon.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

With the restrictions still in place and not being able to gather for Eucharist we have moved into new territory. After last weeks success the Children's Liturgy of the Word is now online on Sunday mornings at 11am. We invite families to book via the TryBooking link. A Zoom meeting link will be sent to you for you to be able to connect on Sunday.

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

**HOW:** By booking in via this [TryBooking link](#).

## FUNERAL LIVESTREAM

This Tuesday we will have Tess Diamond's funeral at St Therese Church, Torquay. With the restrictions on attendances still limited the funeral will be available to live stream from 11am

<https://aperturefilms.com.au/live?v=jizjowMJ--w>

## GIVING

We are very grateful to all those who have continued to financially support our parish during this difficult time.



The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) has setup a new website to help parishioners donate to their parishes.

Through this website (CDFpay) you can make a Stewardship contribution, give money to the "2nd collection" (Presbytery) or make a donation to the parish, e.g. towards the expenses of furnishing Fr Linh's new Presbytery. The link to CDFPay is :

<https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=141>

**Please use the "Comments" section to put in your envelope number if you are making a Stewardship contribution, or to indicate what your donation is to be used for.** If you have any questions in regards to this please call Rodney on 9412 8445.

## PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS

### *Respect for the Planet's Resources*

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

## 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*



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

Hi everyone,

Hope you all had a good week. The rose garden in front of the office has been showing signs of new growth. I'm sure it will be a very pretty sight as spring goes on! Wishing all fathers and father-figures a happy Fathers' day this Sunday. The Gospel reminds us that our Heavenly Father's love for us is perfect and good, and many fathers throughout the ages have looked upon this love as a model for their own fatherhood. We, too, are blessed to have good models of fatherhood as patrons of our parish in St Joseph and St Louis Martin (St Therese of Lisieux's father). It will be a different kind of celebration this year, but a memorable one I'm sure.

Have a blessed week,

Allan

## REFLECTION

St Paul's letter to the Romans reminds us that love of neighbour must be at the root of all our actions. How can we show this love to those closest to us this week?

Sometimes expressing our love to those closest to us can be difficult. I invite you to say a little prayer for them, and to ask God to inspire us in our actions.

## TWENTYTHIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**FIRST READING — Ez 33:7-9**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

**SECOND READING — Rom 13:8-10**

**GOSPEL — Mt 18:15-20**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

## OFFICE HOURS

Parish office is currently closed. If you need to contact any of the parish staff please continue to call the office where your message will be received ASAP. Tracy will continue to be in the office on Friday mornings 9am—11am.

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## 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.

## MEDIA RELEASE FROM CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN VICTORIA

Please see the following page for a media statement released earlier this week from the voluntary assisted dying review board.



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Wednesday, 2 September 2020

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**On behalf of the Catholic Bishops in Victoria, on the release of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board Report of Operation January – June 2020**

"The latest report from the Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board is not a celebration of good healthcare, but a sad story of the loss of hope and care for vulnerable people.

The report is notable mostly for what it does not address: mental health, the proportion of patients who died alone, and the number of patients who were able to receive a comprehensive palliative care assessment before a VAD assessment.

Despite assurances that VAD numbers would not increase significantly in its early years, the numbers presented in the report are alarming. Comparatively, it took the State of Oregon in the United States 17 years to reach the same number of deaths that Victoria has reached in its first 12 months of VAD.

On the one hand, our nation is making sacrifices to protect people from the Coronavirus pandemic while on the other, this report is encouraging greater access to assisted suicide. The contradiction is baffling to many doctors, which is alluded to in the VAD report but not addressed comprehensively.

Our hearts go out to families in distress at this time and the lack of quality palliative care options available to them. It illustrates, just as recent Royal Commission findings have also shown, that the range of quality aged care options available to Australians is far narrower than what it should be in a prosperous country like ours.

One of the few 'safeguards' in the VAD legislation is that doctors are prevented from initiating the conversation with patients. This protects doctors from becoming stewards of death to their patients, and it protects vulnerable patients from having VAD pushed on them. We are surprised and disappointed that the VAD Board is now sympathetic to overturning this safeguard.

Despite the scant detail in the report, we are encouraged by those with the resilience to keep serving patients without resorting to VAD. Catholic healthcare providers will not abandon their patients, and believe they have a right to be loved from the beginning to the end of their life."

Statement attributable to:

Most Rev Paul Bird CSsR, Bishop of Ballarat

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne

Most Rev Terence Curtin, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne

Most Rev Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst

Most Rev Bosco Puthur, Bishop of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy

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