

# Catholic Parish of Grovedale, Torquay Anglesea, Armstrong Creek

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## NAZARETH PARISH NEWS

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### We remember in Prayer

#### Recent Deaths

*Fr Ian Mackintosh OMI, Mark Esler,  
Kathleen Cassidy*

#### Anniversaries

*Teresa Gawronski, Thomas Carmody,  
Veronica Rogers*

#### Those who are sick

*Rick Burchell, John Santuccioni,  
Ketty Nicopoulos, Nick Dreessens,  
Aria Ford, Rosemary Boston*

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

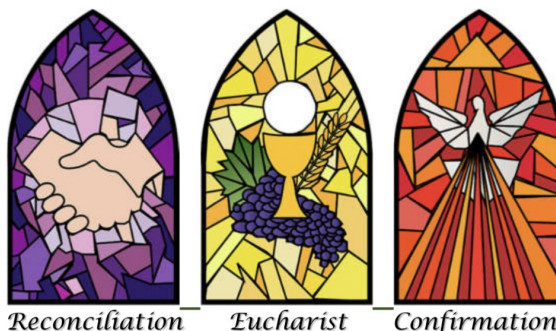
Nazareth Parish acknowledges the  
Wadawurrung people who are the traditional  
custodians of this land and we pay respect to  
the Elders past and present.

#### CONFIRMATION

Thank you to everyone who was involved over the past 2 weekends to help with the Confirmation of 81 students from within our Parish community. It was a lovely prayerful liturgy and without the help of the many people involved to put this together it wouldn't have been the success it was.

#### SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2021

Do you have a child and live within our Parish or attend one of Parish schools? Anyone who is wishing to celebrate a sacrament within Nazareth Parish is asked to complete a registration form. Registration forms are available throughout website here <https://tagparish.com.au/Sacraments/Sacramental-Registration>



Reconciliation

Eucharist

Confirmation

#### STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

The next set of Stewardship envelopes are now available for collection in our Church foyers. If you give to the parish using envelopes please collect your new set after Mass. Thank You

#### WEEKLY MASS TIMES ~ WEEK COMMENCING 8TH MARCH 2021

Time & Location	Booking details	Bookings open	Bookings close
Wednesday 9th Mar 9.30am @ St Therese, Torquay	Names collected at the door	-	-
Thursday 10th Mar 9.30am @ Nazareth, Grovedale	Names collected at the door	-	-
Saturday 13th Mar 6pm @ St Christopher's, Anglesea	<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BNAFG">https://www.trybooking.com/BNAFG</a>	Monday 9am	Friday 1pm
Sunday 14th Mar 8.45am @ St Therese, Torquay	<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BNAFG">https://www.trybooking.com/BNAFG</a>	Monday 9am	Friday 1pm
Sunday 14th Mar 10.30am @ Nazareth, Grovedale	<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BNAFG">https://www.trybooking.com/BNAFG</a>	Monday 9am	Friday 1pm

## PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

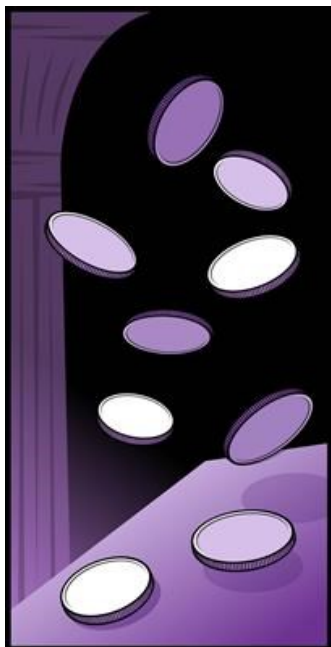
Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

### 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*

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If you require any parish related notices to be included in the bulletin please forward to the parish office by Thursday lunchtime.  
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*Nazareth Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults*

**SUNDAY 7 MARCH 2021**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FIRST READING** — Ex 20:1-17

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**SECOND READING** — 1 Cor 1:22-25

**GOSPEL** — Jn 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up. Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### **Where does God really dwell?**

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people. His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system.

What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person.

We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'

## FAITH FORMATION 2021 Session 1 Feedback

A couple of weeks back, we had 64 people registered to attend the first of our Faith Formation sessions with Fr Elio Capra. And wouldn't you know it, Covid brought another lockdown and we had to switch to Zoom. Still, we had 62 tune in with 2 apologies. What a great start!

Elio presented a session on *Sacramentality* and challenged us all to revisit our understanding of this concept from the viewpoint of becoming more contemplative of the creativity of our God. And challenge us he did. After the session, we posed a few questions to Elio, as a way to encapsulate the whole session, and he kindly offered his answers for our contemplation.

(Elio's answers in red)

1. What would it mean for me to become a 'sacramental observer'? **By the way, G.M. Hopkins use the word "beholder", which implies contemplation ('sacramental beholder'). The answer: It is an invitation to live in the presence of God throughout our daily life, by giving thanks and praise to God for what is happening and what we experience during the day.**
2. What are some of the implications of being a sacramental observer (**beholder**) – either as a parishioner or as a teacher? **One of the implications is the quality of our prayer life. It would not be just a matter of saying prayers, but to develop a prayerful attitude towards what we experience in life. Our prayers would then begin to emerge from our life experiences. Our spirituality is not only centred in saying 'prayers' but it is a process of living our daily experiences in the presence of God.**
3. How would we need to view and understand our frail and imperfect world? **Our frail and imperfect world becomes a call to service ... to be the hands of God, the heart of God, the feet of God to the world. And this done with a deep sense of compassion and grace, because we know (at least Elio Knows) how frail and imperfect we are.**
4. How would developing a worldview through the eyes of a sacramental observer (**beholder**) change/transform the way we act? **It would call us to a deeper sense of mindfulness and focus on our lives.... what we say .... what we do .... what we love etc. etc. It will also develop a deeper sense of gratitude in the sacramental beholder for the many blessings God bestows on us ... for the privilege and the calling to be able to live our lives as 'missionary disciples', despite our own faults and failures.**

Here are a couple of comments from participants too:

Thanking you all! Why did I grapple so hard with my earlier email when this is expressed so beautifully herein!! I concur with all that is written!

It is great to see the comments below, I never quite see things that way.

Thank you for this valuable information, definitely thought provoking...and I find encouraging. I am looking forward to developing a deeper sense of gratitude, empathy and mindfulness....

Thanks for sharing. There are some very thoughtful responses in here.

Wow! This is really beautiful stuff. Thank you for following up with the presentation. So looking forward to the next one.

Be on the lookout next week for longer responses from a couple of parishioners.

~ Veronica Biddle





## HOLY WEEK—BOOKINGS WILL OPEN 15TH MARCH

Please keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and parish bulletin for information on Holy Week and how to go about booking.

## ST LUKE'S FASHION PARADE

Thursday March 11th 1.30pm at St Luke's Hall, cnr Price & Pride St, Torquay. \$10 tickets avail at the door.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 7th March 2021



Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up.

Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

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