

Catholic Parish of Grovedale, Torquay Anglesea, Armstrong Creek

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We remember in Prayer

Recent Deaths

*John Darby (Bob Darby's brother)
Joan Sparkes,
Len King,
Marie Torney*

Anniversaries

Those who are sick

*Frank Bussutil, Rick Burchall,
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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20th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

Thank you to everyone who has sent a quick message of support over the last few weeks it truly has meant so much to know that you all appreciate the communication so much. For that I thank you.

NAZARETH CATHOLIC PARISH IS ON YOU TUBE

Please be sure to head to our You Tube channel and also subscribe to receive notifications when new videos are posted. Sunday Mass is available from 7am every Sunday morning. As we enter our second round of lockdown it is possible more content may be added, stay tuned. [You Tube Channel](#)

WEEKDAY MASS

The current restrictions have meant that Weekday Mass will need to stop again. We were lucky enough to be able to gather for Mass for the past 3 weeks. When we do resume we anticipate we will still be under some form of restrictions, and we will no doubt continue to use the same weekly booking process. Thank you to everyone who was able to adapt to our new process so quickly.

SACRAMENTS AND PREPARATION PROGRAMS

All baptism and sacramental programs have been suspended and will resume when we can again gather to celebrate as a community. Fr Linh has recorded a short video message to all our school students and parish families.

<https://youtu.be/AFGtmoqV4bg>

NEW WEBSITE

This past week we have launched a new Parish website. It has been a few weeks in the making behind the scenes largely thank you to Veronica Biddle for organising this update. For the most part it still looks similar to the old website but there is a new web address. <https://tagparish.com.au/> the TAG part comes from Torquay, Anglesea and Grovedale initials combined. If you have the old website saved you will be redirected but please re save this new website into your browser.

OFFICE HOURS

Current restrictions has meant the our 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.

Tracy Ford — tracy.ford@cam.org.au

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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



Jesus said: Let the little children come to me...for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Mt 19:14

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

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN - ZOOM SESSION

With the restrictions due to Covid-19, we have all suffered in not being able to gather for the Eucharist, and none more so than our children as they cannot gather for Children's Liturgy of the Word. So, we are moving into new territory and inviting any of our families who wish their children to continue to be able to focus on the Sunday Gospels, to get involved. The more the merrier, as the saying goes!

An invitation to children to experience the Word of God. Using prayers, songs and scripture readings, adapted to their own level of understanding, we will seek to help children develop a deeper understanding of the message of the Sunday Gospel. Parents are most welcome to join in as well.

Beginning: Sunday 30th August - and each week afterwards

Time: 11am

How: Email your details (i.e. names and email address) to Lucy Atkin at childrensliturgygrovedale@gmail.com or book in via [TryBooking](#)

You will be sent the zoom link and login details closer to the date. If you have not yet used Zoom we can help you get that setup as well. Hope to see you there!

A NOTE FROM ALLAN

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well. The absence of activity in the office (except on recording days) leaves an atmosphere of stillness and silence for most of the week. However, the sure signs of communication are still apparent – and constant – through digital means. For myself, I am thankful for the phone conversations I have had with the people from the parish so far!

It reminds me of this Sunday's Gospel, where Jesus' silence was the catalyst for the Canaanite woman's perseverance in faith. Her request wasn't for herself, but for her daughter. It assures me that praying for others as a community is both beautiful and powerful! I hope that this apparent silence encourages us to spend some time thinking of the material and spiritual needs of those close to us and those in the community, and entrusting them to God in prayer. Hope you have a blessed week, and a wonderful celebration of the Assumption of Mary (15th August).

Allan

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING — Is 56:1.6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING — Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

GOSPEL— Mt 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.



Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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.

REFLECTION

The Canaanite woman's remarkable faith is rewarded by Jesus.

- Is there anything we can entrust to God at this moment?
- Jesus' silence brings about dialogue between him and the Canaanite woman.
- How can we create an atmosphere of prayer in our current situation?

PRAYER FOR THE CORONAVIRUS

Loving God,

fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old,
that we may look after one another in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families.

May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace.

Comfort their family and friends.

Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick
and all who work in our medical facilities.

Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance
that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.

We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in
the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all.

Bless them and keep them safe.

Amen

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL - WINTER APPEAL

Due to the covid19 Pandemic, St. Vincent De Paul have been unable to hold the annual Winter Appeal. As you will be aware SVDP receive very little Government financial support and so depend on the generosity of Parishioners and the income from our shops. Both those avenues have been severely depleted. The demand for assistance from those who are unemployed or underemployed is anticipated to rise sharply as the current government assistance plans decrease or stop. Please consider making a donation. You can **donate** by phoning **13 18 12** or by going online at **donate.vinnies.org.au/donate-hub** and then drop down the site map to "winter appeal"

Thank you Brian O'Kane/Bob Healy 5241 4070



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