

# Catholic Parish of Grovedale, Torquay Anglesea, Armstrong Creek

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We remember in Prayer

## Recent Deaths

*Joan Thomas*  
(daughter of Bryan & Eileen Hyland)

## Anniversaries

*Agnes Reddan*

## 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.*

# NAZARETH PARISH NEWS

*Issued 14th February 2021*

*SIXTH SUNDAY OORDINARY TIME YEAR B*



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Due to the situation that has unfolded on Friday regarding a state wide Ash Wednesday Masses in the Church will not go ahead.

This Wednesday, 17th of February, is Ash Wednesday. There will be Masses at 9.30am and 7pm at St Therese Church, Torquay. We ask that everyone who attends to QR scan upon their arrival—you are not required to pre-book for this Mass.

## ELIO WELCOME TO SUNDAY MASS

This weekend we welcome Fr Elio Capra who is presiding at all of our Masses across the Parish. Fr Elio is a member of the Salesians of Don Bosco order and he will also be leading a number of Faith Formation sessions in the parish during this year.

## CONFIRMATION 20/21 & 27/28 FEB

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish over the last two weekends of February. Those who are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation are mostly grade 6 students from 2020, who are now year 7 students. Candidates and their families have been allocated space within each of our Churches, this has allowed us enough room for all our of parishioners to still attend. However we strongly recommend you all pre-book for this event.

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## WEEKLY MASS TIMES ~ WEEK COMMENCING 15TH FEB 2021

Time & Location	Booking details	Bookings open	Bookings close
Ash Wednesday 17th Feb 9.30am @ St Therese, Torquay	Names collected at the door	-	-
Ash Wednesday 17th Feb 7pm @ St Therese, Torquay	Names collected at the door	-	-
Thursday 18th Feb 9.30am @ Nazareth, Grovedale	Names collected at the door	-	-
Saturday 20th Feb 6pm @ St Christopher's, Anglesea	<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BNAFG">https://www.trybooking.com/BNAFG</a>	Monday 9am	Friday 1pm
Sunday 21st Feb 8.45am @ St Therese, Torquay	<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BNAFG">https://www.trybooking.com/BNAFG</a>	Monday 9am	Friday 1pm
Sunday 21st Feb 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

### ***Violence Against Women***

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

## 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*

## WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Last weekend we celebrated, at the request of Pope Francis, **Word of God Sunday** and suggested a few things for you to look out for and to be alert to, using a few questions. So today, we give you some information to make sense of those questions:

*Something was different— could you name just what is different?*

We don't usually process the Lectionary in the gathering procession, and the book looked to be a different book.

*Why was the book different to the one we usually use?*

The book used on Word of God Sunday was the **Book of the Gospels**. Where the Lectionary does indeed include the weekly gospel readings, the book of the Gospels does not include the first and second readings. The Book of the Gospels is a symbol of our access to God, through Jesus the Christ, and made possible by the power of the Holy Spirit. It only contains the gospel readings and is carried in procession as an "icon" of Christ himself. The word 'gospel' means 'good news' and the good news is not something but *someone*. Jesus Christ is indeed good news. His words call us to listen, to hear, to take to heart the message, in order that we can be transformed by his very presence as the proclamation of his words, as good news, to a people who long for truth, goodness, and beauty.

*And why place it open at the end of the Gospel reading?*

Liturgical traditions of East and West have given special reverence to the books containing the words of Christ over books containing other sacred scriptures. By placing the Book of the Gospels in its own place, in a sense we 'enshrine' it - because the proclamation of God's very word, housed in the Book of the Gospels, should indeed be awesome. It should stir our being to pay attention, to contemplate the depth of meaning, and to live the Word of Christ in our daily life. We reverence the Book of the Gospels because Christ is present in the proclamation of his words, calling us to live these words in our life.

A return to carrying only a book of the Gospels during the entrance process is actually a return to a more ancient Christian liturgical practice to help us focus on the person of Christ, our Risen Saviour.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY – NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



The children's liturgy ministry is looking for some helpers to be involved in this wonderful and rewarding ministry. Being a volunteer in this ministry involves helping with children's liturgy that takes place on Sundays at Nazareth Church, Grovedale during 10.30am mass. You will be placed alongside another volunteer who is currently doing children's liturgy.

Children's liturgy only takes place within the school term. All information and resources are provided. If you feel like this is

something you could get involved with or would like more information, please contact the parish office on 03 9412 8444 or email [grovedale@cam.org.au](mailto:grovedale@cam.org.au)

### **FAITH FORMATION 2021**

The first of our four sessions is fast approaching - Wed, 17 Feb 2021 at 4pm – 5.30pm

Have you booked through Trybooking yet? Here is the [link](#) if you need it. Places are filling so please ensure you book ASAP.

*\* We will be in contact with all those who have booked in regards to the recent lockdown once we know our options ie: move it to a Zoom session or postpone. Stay tuned!*

### **BAPTISM PROGRAM 2021**

Do you live within the Nazareth Parish and are considering Baptism for your child? Our baptism program for children in grade 3 and above will commence in the last week of February, and will run for the 6 weeks remaining in term 1. Please enrol via this [link](#) and if you require more information please contact the parish office.

### **CATECHIST INSTRUCTORS**

In 2021 our Sacramental program is expanding and as such we are looking for any catechists in our community who may be willing to help with our program. If this sounds like you then please contact the office.

### **BOOK NOOK**

If you need any Sacrament gifts or cards the Book Nook is open every Sunday before and after Mass at St Therese Torquay.

## **SUNDAY 14 FEB 2021 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B**

**FIRST READING** — Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**SECOND READING** — 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

**GOSPEL** — Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

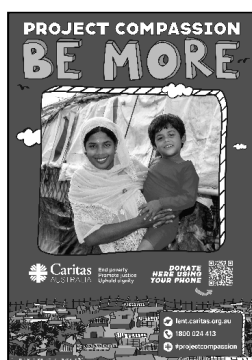


When life  
gives you  
lemons  
make lemonade

Project compassion boxes will be available for distribution the following weekend.



## Project Compassion Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Be More"**. Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

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