

Nazareth Parish Bulletin

CATHOLIC PARISH OF GROVEDALE TORQUAY & ANGLESEA

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

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

JANUARY 21, 2024
3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Regular Weekly Mass

We are back and ready to begin the new year. Fr Linh is about to take his 2 weeks of annual leave. In his absence on Wednesday mornings Fr Gerry Spillane will be helping out and Thursday mornings will become Liturgy of the Word with Communion. The weekend of the 27th/28th will be the only weekend Fr Linh is away.

Next Friday, 26th January, the Parish office will be closed for the public holiday.



PARISH MASS AT IONA COLLEGE, CHARLEMONT

2024 will see the addition of another Parish Mass but only on the 3rd Sunday of each month. This Mass will be held at 9am at Iona College, 242 Horseshoebend Road, Charlemont. There is plenty of onsite car parking, follow the directions around to the left to the large carpark. The first Mass will be 18th February and will continue every month on the 3rd Sunday. We hope to see lots of parishioners, families and community members, particularly from the Armstrong Creek area, in attendance.

Rosary:

Wednesday 9am

St Therese Church, Torquay

Weekday Mass:

Wednesday 9.30am

St Therese Church, Torquay

Thursday 9.30am

Nazareth Church, Grovedale

Weekend Mass:

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

St Christopher's Church, Anglesea

Sunday 8.45am

St Therese Church, Torquay

Sunday 10.30am

Nazareth Church, Grovedale

Next Monthly Mass

Sunday 18th February 9am

Iona College, Charlemont

3rd Sunday of each month

Reconciliation:

After Mass during the week or by appointment

NAZARETH PARISH: GROVEDALE, TORQUAY, ANGLESEA

POSITION VACANT ~ LITURGICAL & SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR – PART TIME

We are currently looking for a Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator for the Nazareth Parish encompassing Grovedale, Torquay and Anglesea.

However the role can be separated.

The position is approximately 10 hours per week and is located at St Therese Catholic Church, Torquay.

For further information, including a Position Description, please email the Parish office, grovedale@cam.org.au.

Applications are to be sent to Fr. Linh Tran at grovedale@cam.org.au and should include a cover letter together with a current resume.

Closing date for applications: 26th February 2024

BAPTISMS

In 2023 we had almost 260 families choosing to baptise their children into the Catholic Church, compared to the previous year 2022 we had 110. This year is already shaping up to have a large number of families baptise their children. Much like last year we will be having baptisms on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at Grovedale at 12pm, straight after morning Mass and then on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at Torquay also at 12pm. We will also increase the number of children during these baptism services to 10 children to accommodate the needs of the community. To baptise your child please submit an [application form](#) or contact the parish office, 9412 8444.

**WE ARE
HIRING**

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Email: grovedale@cam.org.au

Rosters available [here](#)

Stewardship

Thank you

First collection—helps with all the costs related to running our parish—pastoral programs, wages, loan repayments, utilities, liturgy expenses etc.

Second collection—supports our parish priest and retired priests of the Archdiocese.

Tap n Go

Now available in the entrance of each Church, contributions go towards the first collection.

BAPTISM HELPERS

We are in need of some extra helpers for our baptism greeters, particular for Torquay. Grovedale Baptism follows the morning Mass and is rostered through their regular roster, please advise Rosa if you can support the Grovedale Baptism team. Torquay requires a volunteer to come back to the Church at around 11.40am to open up and greet the families whilst waiting for the priest to arrive. All the steps required can be shown to a willing volunteer or 2. Please contact Tracy in the office if you are able to offer some assistance this year 9412 8444.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Each year the parish provides a preparation program primarily to the students who do not attend a Catholic Primary school but wish to continue the journey in faith by celebrating their Sacraments. Each Sacrament is only held once a year, Reconciliation is in term 1, First Holy Eucharist is term 2 and Confirmation is during term 3. If you have a child who would like to enrol please submit an application form here > [Sacrament Registration](#)



ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS – SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024

For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will take place again on **Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral**, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

Please find [here](#) the poster for the Mass. For further information, please contact: Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!). If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).



TAP N GO

The Tap n Go devices rolled out shortly before Christmas with great success. These devices will remain in the Church foyer/entrance permanently for everyone's convenience. A reminder that these devices are an alternative method of making a contribution to the Church collection.

MASS COUNT STATISTICS

To recap data from the past couple of years we can see there was an increase in Mass attendance this past year.

In 2023 the average attendance was 477 across the 3 Churches. For comparison in 2022 the average attendance was 279 across the 3 Churches.

PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

CHAPEL OPEN

Chapel access will be in line with the office hours, 9am to 3pm Tuesday to Friday.

HOME VISITS

Post Covid and we are taking the opportunity to return to normality. If there are any parishioners who are sick or housebound and would like to receive communions and home visits. Please contact the Parish Office 9412 8444

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Jon 3:1-5. 10

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and
teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from
of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.
(R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who
stray,
he guides the humble in the right
path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be 'entourage'? A few fishermen, some friends of friends and even a tax collector - one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith - the scribes and Pharisees - it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people - those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law.

The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed - much like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries who are at this time:

PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Our thoughts are with those who are unwell at this time.

Please submit a consent form to have a loved one prayed for.



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If you have an urgent pastoral need, you are able to contact Fr Linh at the Presbytery on 9412 8443

Our Parish Schools:

Nazareth Catholic Primary School

Griffith Street, Grovedale 3216

Principal: Ruben Johnson Phone: 5243 0502

St Therese Catholic Primary School

Grossmans Rd, Torquay 3228

Principal: Josh McElgunn Phone: 5261 4246

Lisieux Catholic Primary School

South Beach Rd, Torquay 3228

Principal: Susan Ryan Phone: 9089 6614

St Catherine of Siena Catholic Primary School

125 Warralily Boulevard, Armstrong Creek 3217.

Principal: Donna Bryce Phone: 5264 5934

IONA College

242 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Charlemont 3217

Principal: Damian McKew Phone: 5229 0009

Home Visits / Communion at Home

Anglesea: Liz Clark 5263 1812

Grovedale: Jill Healy 5241 4070

Torquay: Annie Byrne-Phillips 0409 516 907

Bulletin Notices

Please have them to the Office by Wednesday evenings.

Email: grovedale@cam.org.au

Postal: 43a Surfcoast Highway, Torquay Vic 3228

Office Hours

Our hours are:- **Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.**

Outside of these hours, please leave a message and one of the staff will contact you when they are next in the office.

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