

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.

MAY 26, 2024

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

VOLUNTEERS

Today is the last day of National Volunteer Week for 2024. We have lots of volunteers in our parish communities. Some of them may be wearing their volunteer organisation shirt or badge at Mass this weekend. We thank all who volunteer – whether to our Nazareth parish communities or in other capacities. Thank you.



FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

This weekend we begin the celebration Masses for the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. Over the next 4 weeks, excluding the long weekend, we will be joined by almost 200 children and their families from across our parish as they celebrate their First Holy Eucharist.

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.
John 6:35



ACACIA FAMILY GROUP GROVEDALE

We will now have two afternoon sessions on Monday 27 May and Tuesday 28 May at 1pm each day here at 15 RIMBOOL RD., GROVEDALE A simple Afternoon Tea will be provided (you don't need to bring anything). The film, Alfred Hitchcock's "NORTH BY NORTH WEST" starring Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint and James Dean. Please reply with your preferred date (27 or 28 May) or say either date if that is appropriate. We will let you know your allocated date. RSVP to us on healyjill@hotmail.com

FINAL MASS COUNT

This is the final week of the annual Mass counts. Each Church will have someone counting all that are in attendance at this weekend's Masses.

BOOK NOOK

Our wonderful helpers are available at the book nook before and after Sunday Mass at St Therese Church. If you are looking for that special gift for a friend or family who may be celebrating a special milestone, be sure to pop past to see what is available.

Regular Weekly Mass

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 16th June 9am

Iona College, Charlemont

3rd Sunday of each month

Reconciliation:

After Mass during the week or by appointment

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Website: tagparish.com.au

Facebook: [/nazarethcatholicparish](https://www.facebook.com/nazarethcatholicparish)

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.

NAZARETH SOCIAL JUSTICE - PEACE

PEACE meaning global peace from wars. Pope Francis has spoken about this continuously during his papacy and has been more outspoken since the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the Israel - Palestine war, without taking sides. Recently he said "nothing less than a revolution." "A revolution, in the astronomical sense of the word: we must go and seek peace" Further he said he knew that "advocating for peace is an "enormous challenge" and often goes "against the current." Nevertheless, inaction is not an option." Perhaps the university students protesting around the world have got it right. See the full piece here where the Pope does not mince words. <https://international.la-croix.com/religion/presenting-himself-as-a-pacifist-pope-francis-dreams-of-ending-war?>"

TAP N GO

Each of our 3 Churches has a Tap n Go terminal set up in the foyer of the Church. These have helped increase the financial support for our Parish. They are quick and easy to use and provide an alternative method to make a contribution to the Parish collection. This method of contribution has been extremely well received, thank you.



LIVING THE GOSPEL

The Sign of the Cross

Jesus' instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptize them 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also the words used in the sign of the cross – whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of Jesus.



BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE IN GRADE 2 OR YOUNGER

To Baptise a child into the Catholic faith a child must have at least 1 Catholic parent. Baptism's are generally held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at Nazareth Church, Grovedale and 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at St Therse Church, Torquay. If you would like further information about a baptism or have an older child needing baptism please contact the parish office 9412 8444 or submit an enquiry <https://tagparish.com.au/baptism/>

CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

The winter edition of the Australian Catholic Magazine is now available. Please feel free to collect a copy from the Church's foyer.

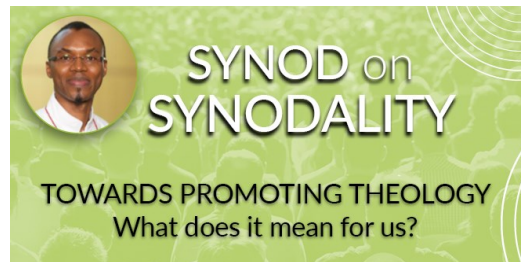
GARRATT PUBLISHING PRESENTS

In his Apostolic Letter of November 2023, *Towards Promoting Theology (Ad Theologiam Promovendam)*, Pope Francis calls for a 'paradigm shift' in theology for the world of today. Theology is 'to start from the different contexts and concrete situations in which peoples are inserted', allowing themselves 'to be seriously challenged by reality', to discern the 'signs of the times' in the light of the gospel. [Click here to view the Vatican News article regarding the letter.](#)

What does this mean for lay Catholics, parish clergy and theologians?

Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator, SJ, a Nigerian theologian and Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, will discuss this question and its implications for the sense of faith of the faithful. Andrea Dean, Chair of WATAC (Women and the Australian Church), will be our *Moderator*, drawing out Agbonkhianmeghe on relevant points and fielding questions from participants in a Q&A session. The *Respondent* is to be confirmed.

We hope you can join us, Monday 27th May 3.30pm by registering [here](#) for a free online webinar.



PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS FOR THE FORMATION OF MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS, AND SEMINARIANS

Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

CHAPEL OPEN

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

HOME VISITS

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

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other. Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12
(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The feast of the Holy Trinity brings us face to face with the foundation of our faith. The readings for today provide answers to the question: Who is God? They can really only suggest something about the mystery of God, and they can do this only indirectly. They call to mind some of the wonders that God has accomplished for us and in us. It is through reflection on these gracious divine acts that we can get glimpses of God.

The psalm declares that the harmony and interdependence that we see in creation point to a majestic creator responsible for it all. The account of the history of God's people reveals a God who desires to establish an intimate relationship with them, enters their history as protector and guide, and forgives disloyalty. Finally, Jesus teaches that God sent him into the world to save it, has made us adopted children through the Holy Spirit, and will ultimately clothe us in divine glory. It is from his teaching that we hear that the Son was sent by the Father, the Spirit, which was also his Spirit, proceeded from the Father and from him.

From our own experience, we know that God creates, because we are immersed in creation. We know that God saves, because we have been freed from the bondage of our own demons. Our experience tells us that God is with us, and that God is for us. Everything that we know about God declares that God is passionately in love with us, boundlessly so!

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths: Lynda Gwynne, Giorgina Rebula
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

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St Therese Catholic Primary School

Grossmans Rd, Torquay 3228

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125 Warralily Boulevard, Armstrong Creek 3217.

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242 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Charlemont 3217

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Home Visits / Communion at Home

Anglesea: Liz Clark 5263 1812

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Bulletin Notices

Please have them to the Office by Wednesday evenings.

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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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