

Nazareth Parish

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.

JULY 7, 2024

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Regular Weekly Mass

SUBDIVISION OF PARISH LAND AT GROVEDALE

After a number of years of planning and consultation with the Archdiocese of Melbourne and Parish Groups, we are pleased to announce that we are in the process of applying to the City of Greater Geelong to subdivide the Parish land at Grovedale. It is necessary to subdivide the land so that we can sell the part of the property that incorporates the old Parish Offices. Notification to the Parish of the sale of the land was declared several years ago.

In the past few years, the Parish has experienced a small deficit to its annual finances. Sale of the land will allow the Parish to fund its strategic planning and to ensure the financial viability of the Parish. Over the next few weeks, parishioners may see a sign on the Parish land highlighting the application for subdivision.

Paul Daffey
Chair Nazareth Parish
Finance Committee

Greg Carty
Co-Chair Nazareth Parish
Leadership Team

SEEKING A NEW NAME FOR OUR PARISH WITH NEW CLOSING DATE—FRIDAY 12TH JULY 2024

As you are aware, all parishioners are invited to take part in this very important process. The ideal is that a name reflecting our Parish as a whole is submitted to the Parish Office for consideration.

Having consulted with the Archdiocese, the Leadership Team have devised the following general guidelines:

1. Process to be in accordance with Diocesan guidelines.
2. Process to be conducted and implemented by NPLT.
3. Renaming is only for the Parish. Each community Church maintains its name: Nazareth (Grovedale). St. Christopher's (Anglesea). St. Therese (Torquay). These existing names remain as the identity of each community but are not options for the Parish name.
4. Proposed name reflects the Parish as a whole (our four communities: Grovedale, Torquay, Anglesea, and Armstrong Creek.)
5. Ideally the name is of a particular Saint, or a location or event of religious significance from the New Testament. Please note the name - Holy Trinity Parish is not supported.
6. Suggestions for a new name must be accompanied by a brief background/rationale which explains how the proposal is representative of the whole Parish. (Rationale to be approximately 100 words). The proposal must include the proposer's name and phone number.

The Leadership Team will then short list the names. Following this the final options and rationale for each will be presented back to the Parish. Voting will then take place to identify the Parish choice. The Parish choice will then be forwarded to the Archbishop for his approval.

Rosary:

Wednesday 9am

St Therese Church, Torquay

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

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 21st July 9am

Iona College, Charlemont

3rd Sunday of each month

Reconciliation:

After Mass during the week or by appointment

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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.

FAREWELL TO FATHER LINH

Fr. Linh's last weekend as our Parish Priest is on Sunday 22nd September, 2024. To acknowledge his 14 years with us, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated for the whole parish at 10.30am on that day at St Therese Church Torquay. The Leadership Team are calling for volunteers to form a sub committee to help with organizing the event. Please contact the Parish Office on 94128444 if you are able to help in any way: on the committee, during preparations or on the day itself. There will be a variety of tasks to be done so as much help is needed.

Thank you!
AND FAREWELL

REACH Vietnam APPEAL 2024

September this year will mark 12 successful years of the Nazareth Parish involvement in the REACH Vietnam Project, and the last year of Fr Linh being our Parish Priest. The REACH Vietnam story began in 2012 when Fr Linh and the then St Therese School Principal were drawn to Kon Tum, Vietnam, where they met a small group of the Divine Provident Nuns who dedicated their lives to care for girls from poverty-stricken families of the ethnic minority. The nuns' invitation was to shoulder with them in their work of extending high school education to these girls where this would not be possible otherwise. This was embraced by Nazareth Parish, plus intermittent external funders, to the point where our support continues to the present. Exact numbers of girls that have benefited is not exactly known, but it is in the hundreds. Some have extended their time at school, but a surprising number have completed Year 12 and quite a few of these have gone on to undertake tertiary education.

We, as individuals and a parish, have also gained significantly in our understanding of the lives of ethnic minority people in Vietnam. A number of us have been blessed with being able to visit and meet the nuns and girls there. In the course of this time Sr Phuong has moved on and the project was continued under Sr Simone, followed by the current leader, Sr Nhung. In a similar way, change is now under way for us, with Fr Linh moving to a new parish in September. So, what happens now with REACH Vietnam, as the project was named? REACH Vietnam is one of our success stories and we would love to see this project continue.

The appeal for 2024 will be held at Masses on 4th and 11th August.

ACACIA PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP GROVEDALE

Luncheon Thursday 11th July at Winchelsea Hotel Willis St at 12:30pm Seniors Meals available.

Please reply promptly as booking and numbers need to be confirmed. Car pooling can be arranged for those unable to drive or do not wish to. Contact Jenny 0447280067

A NOTICE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

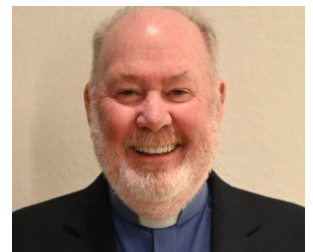
Dear Bishops, Fathers, Deacons and God's People of Melbourne Archdiocese,
My prayerful greetings to you in the Lord.

Following the joyful news of Fr Joe Caddy's appointment as Bishop-elect for the Diocese of Cairns, I now have the pleasure to share with you the appointment of **Very Rev Anthony (Tony) Kerin EV JCL**, currently Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Region; Episcopal Vicar for Life, Marriage and Family; and Parish Priest of Box Hill, as the new Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, commencing in the role, 5 August 2024.

As you would well understand, the role of Vicar General is both complex and challenging. It requires professionalism and diligence, and a strong pastoral heart. The position is also a critical one in support of my own leadership, and I believe Fr Tony will bring many gifts and more in offering guidance, wisdom and support to our Clergy and parishes.

There will be further considerations to make around obligations of the role, and various Parish appointments—which will be made in due course.

I wish to share that I am deeply grateful for Fr Tony's willingness and generosity to step into this Office, and ask that we keep both Fr Tony, and of course Fr Joe, in our prayers as these new journeys begin.



PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS

FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

CHAPEL OPEN

Chapel access at St Therese Church is inline with the office hours. To gain access please come to the parish office door.

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 Ezekiel 2:2-5

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, ‘Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, “The Lord says this.” Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,

you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)

2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)

3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man’s disdain. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, ‘My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.’ So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that

the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, ‘Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?’ And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house’; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

I recommend viewing the film ‘Billy Elliott’ in which a youngster found that his body ‘went electric’ when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.

Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: ‘the carpenter’s son’. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in ‘mighty works’. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.

Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God’s plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don’t fulfil the role he wants me to play.

We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one’s unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his ‘mighty works’.

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths: *Connie Tantaro*

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Rick Burchell*

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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Marg Mahoney	—Chair person
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Parish Presbytery

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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: Reuben 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.

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