

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.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Regular Weekly Mass

RCIA

We have our final 2 RCIA candidates being Initiated in to the Catholic Church this weekend at St Christopher's Church in Anglesea, Jeremy Monteath & Lewis Smith. At Nazareth Church we will welcome Teagan Cauberg and family as they are welcomed into the Catholic Church. Please make them feel welcome as they continue their journey in their faith.



FATHERS DAY

This Sunday we celebrate and honor the fathers and father figures in our lives. Their love, guidance, and support are invaluable gifts. We invite all families to a special prayer during Mass, thanking God for the fathers among us and remembering those who have passed.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

The Priests Retirement Foundation was established in 1990 and contributes to the ongoing care of retired priests across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This includes, but is not limited to, the provision of suitable accommodation and health care and medical out of pocket expenses. This weekend we are taking up a special collection to support these priests.



CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

Sunday 8th September, 2024 is Safeguarding Sunday, this follows National Child Protection Week. Children's Liturgy will be occurring in all churches on Safeguarding Sunday, with a focus on children identifying their strengths and resources to thrive.

MANNAGUM FAMILY GROUP

A coffee morning is to be held from 10.30am on Friday 6th September at The Sands Resort, 2 Sands Blvd, Torquay . I hope you are able to join us. Seeing as the AFL finals begin that weekend you may enjoy wearing something supporting the team you follow. To assist with booking of numbers, please let Kevin Hunt know 0457 107 166 by Wed 4th Sept. Any parishioners or visitor who would like to come are most welcome.

FR LINH FAREWELL FOOD ROSTER

A food roster is available in each church foyer again this weekend just to fill the last few dishes. Please if you are coming put your name down against a food item. If you have any questions, please reach out to Fran F, Rose F, or Gerry F, who will be happy to assist you.

Rosary:

Wednesday 9am

St Therese Church, Torquay

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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 15th September 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.

RE NAMING OUR PARISH

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At the end of the five weeks, the votes will be counted and the top two preferences will be forwarded to the Archbishop for his consideration. In addition to the bulletin at each Mass this weekend there is a handout with the parish rename suggestions, please take one with you. The digital version has this handout below.

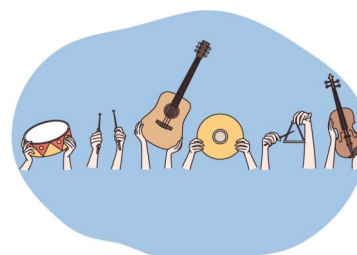
CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir Practice for Fr. Linh's Farewell Mass. Music for this Mass will be provided by a Nazareth parish combined choir. Practices are as follows:

- Saturday 14th September 10 AM at St. Therese Church Torquay
- Sunday 22nd September 9AM sharp at St. Therese before the Mass.

Content will be circulated soon. Any inquiries to Sherry Watson

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BRISTOL RD CLOSURE

COMBINED CATHOLIC RAFFLE 2024

The 2024 combined Church raffle is on again. With tickets available now until Melbourne Cup long weekend. Grab your tickets, \$2 for 1 or \$20 for the whole book. All money raised contributes to the parish as a major fundraiser. Good luck.

The intersection in front of St Therese Church, Surfcoast Hwy and Bristol Rd, is currently being turned into a traffic lighted intersection.

Please be aware that while the roadworks are happening the entrance to St Therese Church may vary. It may be a good practice to enter via the service road at the caravan park end when coming to the office.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC CHURCHES

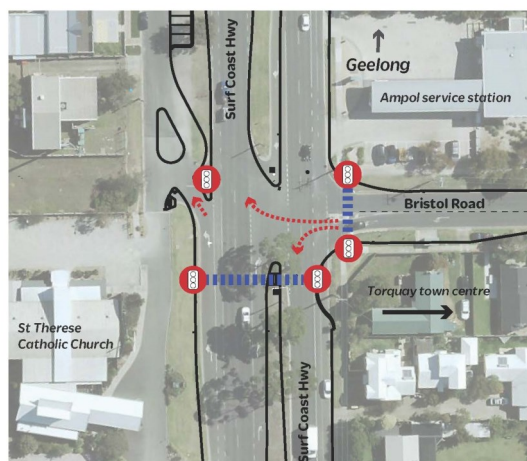
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3rd prize - Coles Myer gift voucher \$3000
4th & 5th prize - Coles Myer gift voucher \$1000
6th & 7th prize - Coles Myer gift voucher \$500



PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH

Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

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 Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and

widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’

He called the people to him again and said, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.’

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Holiness: Contagion not Quarantine

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with ‘unclean’, ‘defiling’ foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from any-thing or any-person.

On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them bodymindspirit, holistically, making *them* holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes ‘holiness’.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.

We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths: *Margaret Burmeister*

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Francisco Arias Senior*

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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Parish Presbytery

72 Marine Drive, Torquay Vic 3228
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.

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Iona College

242 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Charlemont 3217

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Anglesea: Liz Clark 5263 1812

Grovedale: Jill Healy 5241 4070

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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.**

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Re-Naming of our Parish

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Here are the names for you to consider:

Bethlehem Parish

“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, wise men came from the east to worship him.” Matt.2:1

Bethlehem is the birthplace of Jesus; it is also the birthplace of King David. It is a sacred place. The name Bethlehem means “House of Bread” and Jesus himself said, “I am the bread of Life.” All the stories we have of Jesus come from Israel, and he began his life in Bethlehem. We recall this great event every year at Christmas. The Eucharist is what links us people of God. The bread and wine are the most important aspect of our gathering as community, at every church in our parish the community gathers around the table to share the bread, the body of Jesus. It is the bread, the Eucharist that links our four parish communities.

Damascus Parish

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Jesus Christ”. Galatian 3: 28

Unity was the theme of St. Paul’s letter to the community of believers at Galatia, reminding them that through Baptism, they were all equal in the eyes of God. We are four different communities, but all seeking unity through our faith.

St Paul, travelling by sea and road over 10,000 miles, was the church’s greatest missionary, taking the small Jewish sect that Jesus left behind to become the largest Church in the world.

It was on the road to Damascus that Paul saw the light and turned from persecutor to missionary. Damascus would be a suitable name for the Parish, bringing together all our communities on the road from Angelsea through Torquay to Grovedale. Paul was a man who journeyed and our Parish motto is “A vibrant community journeying with Jesus”.

If we were to take on the name Damascus Parish, we would be unique in that there is no other in this Archdiocese.

Emmanuel Parish

“A virgin will become pregnant and have a son, and he will be called Emmanuel, which means “God is with Us”” Matt. 1:23

Emmanuel means “God is with us” In the first chapter of St Matthew’s Gospel, he begins his Gospel by telling us that Mary will have a baby and it will be called Emmanuel, which means God is with us. We often reminded of this at Christmas. We like to think that God is always with us, in each of our communities and on our bulletin each week you will see our Parish motto, it says we are a vibrant community, journeying with Jesus. We take the Good News with us and share it with the world, knowing that Emmanuel, our God is always with us.

Galilee Parish

“Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness of the people.” Matt. 4:23

Galilee is at the heart of so many of our Gospel stories about Jesus. It was at Galilee that Jesus walked on water, calmed the storm, called the fishermen, performed his first miracle, taught the crowds and healed the people. Galilee is mentioned 64 times in the New Testament. Jesus in fact lived in this area during his years of ministry. Galilee was where Jesus felt at home. It was so important to Jesus, and so it is so important to our story. Much of our Parish is by the water and we want our Parish to be a welcoming place, where everyone feels comfortable and wants to come to hear the stories of Jesus proclaiming the Kingdom.

St Joseph’s Family Parish

“When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child Jesus grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom and the grace of God was on him.” Luke 2: 39-40

Growing up, Jesus lived a very ordinary life in Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. Although we don’t know how old Jesus was when Joseph died, we believe that Joseph was a good father in Jesus’ early life and together they were a happy, loving family. Jesus’ love for the poor, his respect for all people, his sense of social justice, his honesty, forgiveness, compassion all came from the role models of Mary and Joseph and other family members they might have shared their home with. Family was very important to Jesus and many of his parables have families in them. Although we have four Church communities and five schools, we like to see ourselves as one Parish family.

Please submit your preference by clicking the below link:

[Parish re-name form](#)