

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.

AUGUST 11, 2024

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Regular Weekly Mass

REACH VIETNAM APPEAL

The REACH Vietnam appeal is taking place this weekend. We kindly ask that if you are able, please contribute to support these girls, either online or during the special collection this is being taken up this weekend. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Here's a link to our online [donation](#) page.



VISIT FROM FR TOM CHRISTIE

Fr Tom will be visiting us this week and will celebrate the Wednesday morning Mass at St Therese Church at 9.30am. He will then also join us for the Thursday morning at Nazareth Church at 9.30am for the *Mass for the Feast of the Assumption*.

COMBINED CATHOLIC RAFFLE 2024

We are excited to announce that our Parish will once again be participating in the 2024 Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle. This annual event is not only a wonderful chance for you to win fantastic prizes, but it also serves as a crucial fundraising opportunity for our Parish community.

Tickets for the raffle will be available for purchase from next week, August 17 through November 3. Each ticket costs just \$2, or \$20 for the whole book making it an affordable way to contribute and have a chance at winning. The raffle features an incredible array of prizes, 1st prize being a brand new Kia Picanto with subsequent prizes 2nd to 7th place receiving a Coles Myers gift vouchers with values ranging from \$5000 to \$500.

GREETINGS FROM THE CAMINO TRAIL—FINAL UPDATE FROM FR LINH

This is my 5th and last Camino update before returning to Australia. As I pen these words, we are just 30 km out of Santiago de Compostela, the Camino destination. Now the mental focus has shifted from embracing the daily endurance of distance and heat to reaching for the final destination.

There were days when I felt like I was in an unending marathon, but now I am beginning to wish that the whole Camino could be extended a bit longer, a kind of 'let us build three tents' feeling that we find in disciples of the Transfiguration story.

As the Camino destination is within reach, some pilgrims we have met are prepared to walk up to 50 km a day to meet the deadline, while others take their time and settle for a distance of 15 km per day. These pilgrims then return to continue or complete their journey at another time.

Rosary:

Wednesday 9am

St Therese Church, Torquay

Wednesday 9.30am Fr Tom

St Therese Church, Torquay

Thursday 9.30am Fr Tom

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 this

Sunday 18th August 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.

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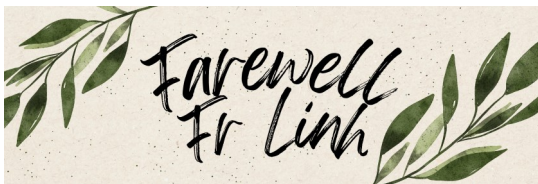
Now available in the entrance of each Church, contributions go towards the first collection.

The last 100 km of the Camino has been full of pilgrims. The Camino rule is that one only has to walk the last 100 km to receive a Camino de Compostela certificate. So, gone are the days when we were able to walk in quiet and relative solitude. But solitude can always be found in the midst of a large number of pilgrims, usually in a lively surrounding.

Part of my day today was spent walking with a Spanish pilgrim. He could not speak a word of English, nor could I speak Spanish. But we managed to walk together side by side in peaceful silence, like two friends for a big part of the day. Only later did I find out (through Google Translate) that his name was Antonio. He was about my age, married with one adult son, and a grandfather who likes to walk the last 100 km of the Camino while his wife drives along the route and meets up with him at the end of each day.

It has been a wonderful and blessed experience. I am so grateful to have Paul as a Camino companion, later joined by his wife, Lynda. Our long walks each day often end with a beer or two to celebrate, and they have made this special time even more special.

I am now beginning to imagine the final day of our Camino journey: for many pilgrims, there will be a rucksack on their backs, legs limping, and lips singing songs of joy as we all head for the same destination. For those who are too weary to sing, at least our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude for the God who comes into our lives at different times during the journey and for the people we have met along the way.



INVITATION

With Fr. Linh returning from his walk next week, we hope to finalize the attendance numbers for his farewell Mass which is to be held on Sunday 22nd September at St Therese Church. If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please do so by Sunday, August 18th.

You can submit a blue tear-off form located in the Church foyer, or the easiest way is to RSVP online using the [invitation link](#) provided here.

During the weekend of August 24th/25th, we will have a list of food items required for the celebration, and we encourage you to sign up to contribute. Thank you

FR LINH FARWELL GIFT

Thank you for the generosity that everyone has shown in contributing to Fr Linh's gift. Contributions will remain open up until the weekend of his farewell. The QR code provided here is the [link](#) to our online donation point on our parish website. Please use reason for payment as 'Fr Linh Gift', select and make your contribution. Alternatively use the bank details provided below or an envelope provided in each Church.

Nazareth Parish
BSB: 083 347
Acc: 65387 6245
Ref: Fr Linh Gift



**3rd Sunday of the Month
Parish Mass at Iona College
next week 18th Aug 9am**

PRAVING WITH POPE FRANICIS FOR POLITICAL LEADERS

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking caring of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

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 1 Kings 19:4-8

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue
them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Second Reading Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the
Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:41-51

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent
me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.
It is written in the prophets:
They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,
is to come to me.
Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.
I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.
Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;
but this is the bread that comes down
from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.
I am the living bread which has come
down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for
ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Enwombed in the Maternal Christ**

Your mother and my mother, carrying her baby in the womb for nine months, effectively said: 'Take, eat, this is my body.' A mother able to breastfeed continues this communion as she offers her body to give life to her child.

Our Lord Jesus Christ adopts maternal language to express his deepest desire for us! He gives us his risen and glorified Humanity: 'Take, eat, this is my body', and a sort of life-giving mutual indwelling occurs: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' This is as intimate as a baby dwelling in the womb of its mother. As St Paul put it in a different context, 'In Him we live and move and have our being.'

The Saviour of the World, the Conqueror of Death, dwells in my body and I dwell in his glorified body. This gives us 'eternal life' which is not something which begins after death, but is simply a label for Our Lord's Divine human life which we can share right now. However, because it is the life of the Conqueror of Death it will certainly impel us beyond the grave: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could take a moment to pray to more fervently realise and take advantage of the fact that, at every Mass, we can respond to the invitation to come forward to Holy Communion so as to be enwombed in the maternal Christ.

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths: *Sr Frances Caine OPAM*

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Danny O'Keffee*

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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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.

Principal: Donna Bryce Phone: 5264 5934

Iona College

242 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Charlemont 3217

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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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Office Hours

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

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REACH Vietnam

2024 APPEAL

REACH Vietnam Appeal

Now in our 12th year of partnering with the nuns in Kon Tum, Vietnam, the contributions we have made have had a profound impact on the lives of these young girls from ethnic minorities.

Your donations provide essential support, ensuring these girls are fed while living with the nuns throughout the school year. This crucial assistance allows them to concentrate on their education and work towards a brighter future.

Ngil is a perfect example, her mother brought her to the nuns as she could no longer continue to feed her. Sr Phuong took her in. Ngil has just completed year 12 with plans to go to university to become a teacher.

Each year, we support 50 girls, with a cost of \$350 per girl. This funding allows the nuns to provide food for the girls throughout the entire school year.

How You Can Help

Donate: Every contribution makes a difference! You can donate online through our website or during the collection at Mass on the weekend of 10th/11th August 2024.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Bank details

Direct Deposit
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Acc: 9470 66440



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