

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 18, 2024

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION RITE OF ENROLMENT

This weekend, we warmly welcome the children and their families for the Rite of Enrolment Mass, where we will pray for them as they prepare for Confirmation. Following the Rite of Enrolment Mass, the children and their parents are invited to the Family Formation evenings, which will be held on September 3rd at St. Therese Church and September 4th at Nazareth Church. The Confirmation celebrations will take place over two nights, on September 11th and 17th. Families have already registered with the parish office to indicate their preferred Mass.



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 this week through to 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 price being a brand new Kia Picanto with subsequent prizes 2nd to 7th place receiving a Coles Myer gift vouchers with values ranging from \$5000 to \$500.

Regular Weekly Mass

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

Find us online

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.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC CHURCHES

2024 RAFFLE

\$2 TICKETS

PRIZES

- 1st prize – Kia Picanto car valued at \$21,690
- 2nd prize – Coles Myer gift voucher \$5000
- 3rd prize – Coles Myer gift voucher \$3000
- 4th & 5th prize – Coles Myer gift voucher \$1000
- 6th & 7th prize – Coles Myer gift voucher \$500

Raffle drawn 7th Dec 2024

VICTORIAN COMMISSION FOR GAMBLING REGULATION PERMIT NO - 10159/24

FR LINH FAREWELL RSVP

RSVPs for Fr. Linh's farewell event will close this Sunday. If you plan to attend the Mass and/or the lunch celebration afterward, please submit your response via this [invitation link](#) or drop the blue invitation into a collection plate. Next week, we will distribute the roster for the allocated food plates needed to accommodate all attendees. We hope that each family will be able to sign up for one of the food plates required. Additional information will be provided next week. Thank you.



REACH VIETNAM APPEAL

The REACH appeal took place last weekend, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed and continues to support the girls in Kon Tum. Your generous contributions allow us to maintain our ongoing support for these girls. Thank you for making a difference in their lives.



FR LINH FARWELL GIFT

Contributing to a gift for Fr Linh will be available up until the week of his farewell. There are multiple ways in which you can contribute if you wish. Via cash in an envelope located at each Church, through the online portal on our website by scanning the QR code or direct into the bank account.

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



GOSPEL FOCUS

Living Bread

There is an obvious connection between this week's reading and the sacramental celebration of Eucharist. Jesus describes himself as living bread and then says whoever eats this living bread will live forever. These words capture the essence of the Church teaching about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus is present in several ways at the celebration of Eucharist, particularly present in the bread and wine that become his body and blood. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus offers us his continuing, enduring presence.

SURFOCAST HIGHWAY

The Surfocast Highway at Grovedale has been re-opened today. The tracks and boom gate have been removed and the road resurfaced. Now that road has opened further closures from Monday 19th August will impact the intersection of Boundary rd and Horseshoebend rd. With our monthly Mass occurring at Iona College this will impact from September Mass onwards.



PRAISING 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 Proverbs 9:1-6

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,
she has laid her table.
She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'
To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. 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. Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing. (R.)
3. Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)
4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

Second Reading Ephesians 5:15-20

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead,
like intelligent and not like senseless people.
This may be a wicked age, but your lives should
redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but
recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not
drug yourselves with wine, this is simply
dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the
words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when
you are together, and go on singing and chanting
to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and
everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is
our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd:

'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.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one
another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to
eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of
Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink
my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my
blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from
me.
This is the bread come down from
heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live
for ever.'

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REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'The Eucharist', Pope Francis famously said, 'is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' Reflecting on today's Gospel passage, the Pope encourages us to avoid becoming 'arbiters of grace'. Rather, he says, we should be 'its facilitators'.

As the Pope points out, Jesus gives us the Eucharist 'with a specific purpose: that we may become one with him.'

'The Eucharist is Jesus himself who gives himself entirely to us', the Pope reminds us, which helps us to become a living 'gift to God and to our brothers and sisters.'

In one sense, we do this individually. Being nourished by the Eucharist, the Pope explains, 'means entering into harmony with the heart of Christ, assimilating his choices, his thoughts, his behaviour.' Each of us therefore seeks to become what we consume.

But we do not do so alone. Communion is a celebration of the Body of Christ – the Church – which means we are being transformed together as the pilgrim People of God. Communion, the Pope says, 'means entering into a dynamism of love and becoming people of peace, people of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of sharing in solidarity.'

What this all means is that we should approach the Eucharist with openness to being changed, individually and collectively, into the Bread of Life for all.

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths: *John Healy (Bob's brother)*

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Monica Meighan, Maria Carlo Vincini*

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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Nazareth Safeguarding Committee

Marg Mahoney	—Chair person
Rosa Rebula	—Grovedale
Rosemary Malone	—Torquay
Fran Findlay	—Anglesea

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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.

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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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
Nazareth Outreach
BSB: 083 347
Acc: 9470 66440



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