

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 15, 2024

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Regular Weekly Mass

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

Sunday 15 September 2024 marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. We acknowledge with gratitude all of Catholic Social Services Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 7,000+ staff and 15,000+ volunteers and the important work that they do to serve over 300,000 people. At this challenging time of a cost of living and housing affordability crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. We can all play a role in building a more just and compassionate society.



RE NAMING OUR PARISH

As you are aware, all parishioners are invited to take part in this very important process, renaming our Parish. The ideal is to select a name that reflects our Parish as a whole, while each church will keep its own name.

Parishioners submitted 25 names with rationales to the Leadership Team and a group has met to shortlist. The group now has five names to present to the Parishioners for consideration.

We thank you all for your prayerful reflections during this process. Over the next five weeks, you will have the opportunity to read, reflect on and pray about which name would truly reflect our Parish community. When you are ready, you can use the voting slip provided or you can go [online link](#) (click the link or scan the QR code) to submit your preference by choosing one of the five suggestions.

Preference are required to be submitted by the end of September.

Rosary:

Wednesday 9am

St Therese Church, Torquay

Wednesday 9.30am LotW with Communion

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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

Find us online

Website: taqparish.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.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S ANGLESEA

A very big **THANK YOU** to the 11 parishioners who came for the working bee up last Wednesday at St Christopher's in Anglesea. Rakes, shovels, brooms and lots of enthusiasm helped to clean up our beautiful rural setting after the big storms 2 weeks ago. We even managed to burn off all the branches, sticks and leaves, while the grass out the back now looks more like a park. Some also did a clean inside the church, wiping down pews and disposing of unnecessary stuff. Following the hard work we enjoyed a community morning tea with cannoli and scones with jam and cream. Thank you again to all who helped.

ANGLESEA COMBINED CHURCHES SERVICE 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 10AM

On behalf of the Anglesea Association of Christian Churches, the Baptist Church is inviting the Anglicans, Catholic and Uniting congregations to join them at a combined Sunday service on 29th September 2024 at 10.00am. Please come along and share our common faith and belief. We look forward to seeing you at the Baptist/Uniting Church in Murch Crescent. Everyone is most welcome!

REACH VIETNAM

Thank you for all who have generously contributed to date. We have so far collected around \$10,200. If you still wish to donate the appeal remains open (can you insert payment options here). In August following our transfer of \$18,000, we received a "thank you" letter from Sr Nhung, written as the girls started a new school year {24/25}. In an excerpt she says "*Dear Father, Mr. Joe, Dao, and everyone in the Parish, I have mixed emotions of joy, happiness, and gratitude for the love everyone has for the children. As someone who's responsible for raising the children, I feel I am loved, protected, cared for, and taken care in everything by God through yourself and everyone. I have no word to express my gratitude, besides saying thanks and prayers to you and everyone every day.*" You can read the full letter by [clicking here](#).



TORQUAY FOOD AID

The Torquay Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society wishes to express its appreciation or the generous support given by parishioners in the past. The Society helps Torquay Food Aid in its collection of non-perishable food for issue to needy families and individuals in our local community. Any food donations are always welcome and can be left at Lisieux Place, the Parish Office the IGA supermarket box or the new Torquay North Woolworths supermarket checkout.

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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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.

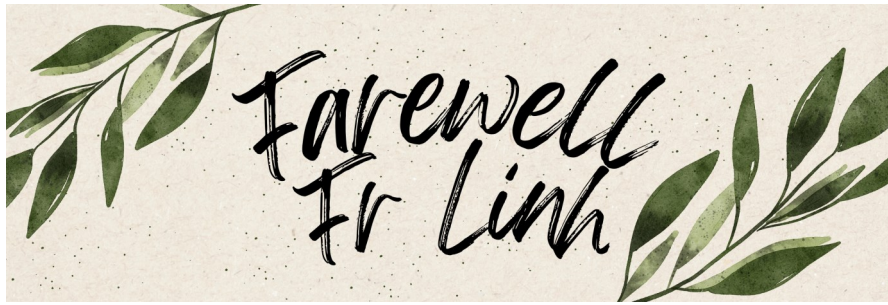
CHAPEL OPEN

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



SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

Order of events

9am—Choir will arrive to rehearse in the Church prior to Mass

From 9am onwards—Food can be dropped off at the marked area near the kitchen in Lisieux place,

10am—Parishioners may enter into the Church once the choir has finished

10.30am—Mass begins

Following Mass— a short presentation and speech will be held whilst everyone is still seated in the Church

WITH GRATITUDE BOOK

In lieu of a communal card there will be a 'gratitude book' available for everyone to leave a message for Fr Linh. This gratitude book will be available this weekend at St Christopher's Church and St Therese Church. The book will then be available in the office throughout the week and on the day for those that are unable to sign it this weekend from the Nazareth Church or the Mass at Iona communities.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS

Thank you to everyone who has kindly volunteered to help on the day. Most roles have been designed to allow for everyone to 'work' a shift and then enjoy some social time. With that in mind we have split the roster in 2 groups, first shift starting straight after presentations with a change of shift occurring around 12.45pm. Please see Maree Smart before the Mass to find out which shift you are 'working' or refer to the roster that will be posted on the door to the store room near the book nook.

CARPOOL WHERE POSSIBLE

Please consider carpooling as the car parking situation at the Church is very limited.

The smaller carpark on the right side of the Church is reserved for clergy and choir.

The larger carpark on the left hand side has approximately 80 car parks. The front nature strip of the Church is currently barricaded off due to the roadworks leaving only the service road from the Church up towards the caravan park as an overflow parking option.

FOOD DELIVERY

Thank you to everyone who has put their name down to bring a plate, these plates of food can be dropped off at St Therese Church from 9am on Sunday morning. Remember to use a disposable plate, label your item if it is gluten free or vegetarian. Remember your 'food item ticket', if not, spares will be available to fill in on the day.

ATTENDANCE

If you have not yet indicated that you will be in attendance please go online and do so immediately [attending Fr Linh's farewell](#)

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **(R.)**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **(R.)**

Second Reading James 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what

good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
My only glory is the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to
the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

*You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was
destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Peter: earthquaked and then upside down**

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'it/he/she is the cross I have to bear.'

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

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PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries who are at this time: Joe & Pat Briody, Margaret Morrissy, Cynthia Bowker, Kaz Kardel

PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY Glenis Leddin

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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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: 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

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Please have them to the Office by Wednesday evenings.

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