

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 8, 2024

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Regular Weekly Mass



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This weekend marks Safeguarding Sunday, a time when we as a Parish renew our commitment to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. The safeguarding committee of Nazareth Parish works to create and maintain safe spaces within our three church communities.

The Nazareth Parish safeguarding committee is a small team of volunteers who work closely with the parish priest and Nazareth parish staff. We are looking to grow and welcome new ideas into the Safeguarding Committee and are asking for members of our community to join this committee. If you are able to become involved please contact the parish office on 9412 8444.

You can find out more about Safeguarding through the following article: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

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.

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.

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

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Website: tagparish.com.au

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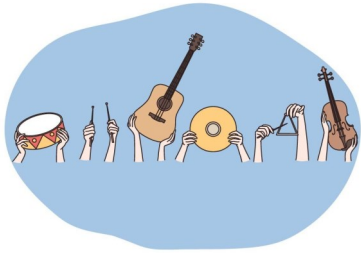
Stewardship *Thank you*

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.



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
Mob: 0417 259 735 Email: shezzawatto@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED FOR FAREWELL 22ND SEPTEMBER

In two weeks, we will hold a farewell Mass for Fr. Linh at our parish. We want to express our gratitude to everyone who has volunteered thus far. We now need to reach out for a few specific roles. If you're available, please speak with Maree Smart or Rose Francombe after Mass at Torquay or Grovedale this weekend. If you are from Anglesea or are currently away but can assist on the day of the celebrations, please get in touch with the parish office during the week so we can include you on our list.

WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS!



CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS

Over the coming 2 weeks we will be welcoming 127 students and their families as they celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. These celebrations will occur on Wednesday 11th September, 6pm at Nazareth Church and Tuesday 17th September 5pm & 7pm at St Therese Church.

PARISH MASS AT IONA NEXT SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

Next weekend there will be a Parish Mass at Iona, 240 Horseshoebend Rd, Charlemont at 9am.

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.

BRISTOL RD CLOSURE

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

2024 RAFFLE

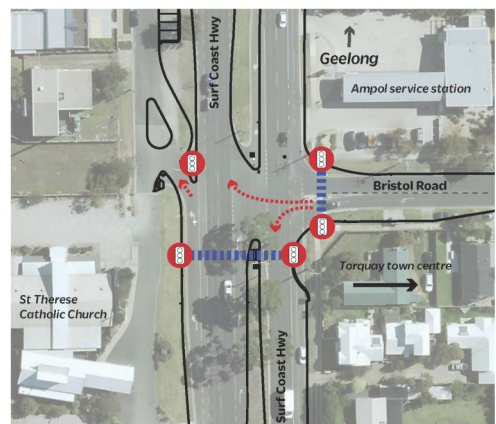
\$2 TICKETS

Raffle drawn 7th Dec 2024

VICTORIAN COMMISSION FOR GAMBLING REGULATION PERMIT NO - 10159/24

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



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 Isaiah 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading James 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to

be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



REFLECTION REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Ephphatha

As we began to welcome the Gospel, we made the sign of the Cross on our foreheads, on our lips and over our hearts. It is meant to be accompanied by the thought: 'May the Gospel be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.' It wouldn't be enough to mentally recite that little prayer. We have to do something physical.

Jesus could not have been more physical than in the story of today's Gospel. He stuck his fingers in the man's ears and touched the man's tongue with spittle, saying the Aramaic word 'Ephphatha', 'Be opened'.

Our Lord could have healed this man with a simple prayer. But he acknowledged the sheer physicality of the person to be cured. We are not angels, but ensouled bodies and that is how our Lord particularly related to this man in need of healing.

It is in the sacrament of Baptism that we imitate the Ephphatha incident in today's Gospel. At one stage, the priest lightly touches the ears and then lightly touches the mouth of the person being baptised. This brings the baptised person into a community formed by hearing and speaking the Word in faith.

We could take a moment to recall the Ephphatha dimension of our baptism. Take your thumb and lightly touch your ears (a parent could do this for an infant) making a prayer along the lines of our baptism: 'The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He again touch my ears to receive His Word and my mouth to proclaim His faith to the glory and praise of God the Father. Amen.'

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PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Brian Carty, Maria Scarrabelotti*

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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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: 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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