

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.

OCTOBER 20, 2024

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Regular Weekly Mass

Dear brothers and sisters,

I write to you having just completed three weeks as my time here as parish priest. I have to say, so far so good! It has been wonderful getting to meet parishioners at Mass, in the parish office, around our schools and even down the shops. The interactions have been really positive and very encouraging.

Many people have asked how I'm settling in, and I can say that I'm settling in really well. I was able to move my things down from Melbourne in the one day with help from family and the presbytery itself and its location I'm finding great. Torquay really is a lovely place to be.

I am sure we will all get to know each other even more in time, but until then a little information about me:

One of six children, I grew up in Gladstone Park and attended Good Shepherd Primary School, before heading to St Bernard's College in Essendon. Off to university, I completed a Bachelor of Business at RMIT and later a Diploma in Education, which had me working both in industry and then as a school teacher at Penola Catholic College. I was constantly discerning my vocation during this time and after some months of prayer and spiritual direction I entered Corpus Christi College Seminary here in Melbourne, finally completing my studies in 2015. I was ordained a priest at St Patrick's Cathedral in September of that year. My ministry over the past 9 years has taken me all over Melbourne, and I can truly say that all parishes have been a source of much learning and many blessings.

I have a real love of sports with golf being my favourite. I barrack for North Melbourne in the AFL, which has given rise to much soul searching and petitionary prayer in recent years! Looks like we've topped up with some senior players in the draft so hopefully that will help our less experienced but talented youngsters develop.

I want to thank Fr Linh for his very gracious and supportive handover to me in the lead up to my start here. And for his faithful service over 14 years as your parish priest. He's clearly done great work here, which I hope to continue.

Please pray for me as I begin my ministry here. Know that I will be praying for you.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Joel.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM MEMBER

At Nazareth Parish, we have a dedicated group of volunteers who make up our Safeguarding team. This team is responsible for ensuring the safety and well-being of all members of our community. We currently need a representative from Torquay community. If you would be interested in joining us and contributing to this important work, please get in touch.

Rosary:

Wednesday 9am

St Therese Church, Torquay

Wednesday 9.30am

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Thursday 9.30am

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 20th October 9am

Iona College, Charlemont

3rd Sunday of each month

Reconciliation:

After Mass during the week or by appointment

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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.

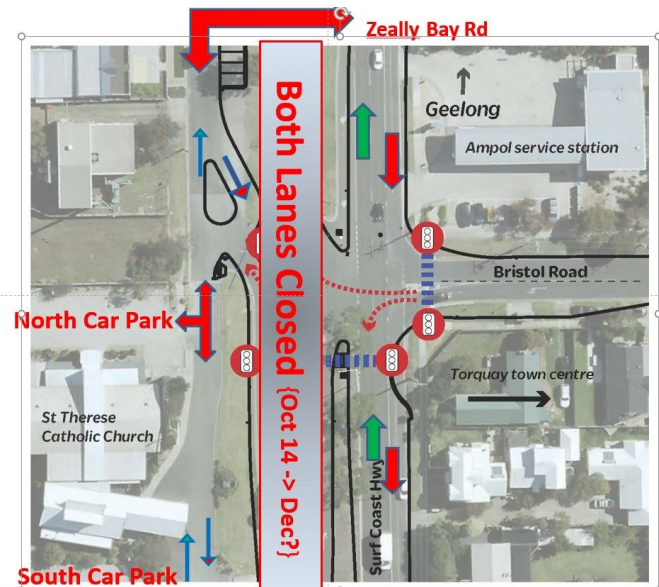
FLOWER ROSTER

Do you have a talent for creating beautiful flower arrangements? We are looking for volunteers to help with the floral displays at St. Therese Church. In the past, we maintained a roster, but due to various circumstances, some people are no longer available. We would like to relaunch the monthly flower arrangement schedule. If you are interested in helping out, please reach out to Chris Carty or the Parish Office so we can set up a roster for the remainder of this year and into 2025.

ROADWORK AT TORQUAY AND AT IONA COLLEGE

The roadwork has begun outside St Therese Church this week with the road completely blocked on our side of the road. This obviously requires extra thought when travelling to the Church as the only way to enter our carpark is via Zealy Bay Road/Service Road. Please ensure that the driveway in front of the Church remains clear at all times. You may drop off and pick up in the turnaround area, but parking in the driveway is not permitted. We need to keep this area clear for two-way traffic and for any potential emergency service access.

Charlemont/Armstrong Creek also has its own traffic woes, with **Parish Mass at Iona this Sunday 20th October**, parishioners are advised that the Boundary Road intersection remains closed in all directions. The best way to access Iona College car park is from Reserve Rd, and up Horseshoebend Rd or if coming from Warralilly/Armstrong Creek side, turn at Precinct Rd from Barwon Heads rd and again head up Horseshoebend Rd.



RAFFLE TICKETS

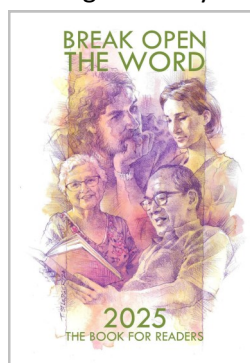
Our annual combined Catholic Churches raffle is concluding shortly, with the final ticket sales taking place during the Melbourne Cup weekend on November 3rd. If you have a book of tickets at home that has been sold, please return it to your ticket seller or drop it off at the parish office.

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL GEELONG. BARWON HEALTH.

On any given day, there is an average of 100 patients identifying as Catholic in the hospital. Around half of all patients identify with some religious tradition. St. Mary of the Angels parishioners provide for the services of a chaplain at the hospital as part of the Spiritual Care department.

Our chaplain provides Spiritual Care by supporting patients and families through access to the Sacraments, Holy Communion, coordinating a priest to visit, and End of Life care. The chaplain supports patients and families through prayer, and compassionate listening.

If you or someone you love is to be admitted to hospital, and would appreciate a visit and Spiritual Care from the chaplain, Peter can be contacted either on 4215 0627 or through St Mary's Parish office. 5222 1977.



BREAK OPEN THE WORD

The 2025 Break Open the Word book is now available for purchase through the office for \$25 each.

PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS FOR A SHARED MISSION

Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of coresponsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

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 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love. to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 4:14-16

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:35-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Three Hummock Island**

The sons of Zebedee expected Jesus to lead a Messianic revolt to throw off the yoke of imperial Rome. But they wanted to be part of a similar sort of power structure. They had not grasped that Jesus had come to turn that sort of society upside down.

However, over the centuries, the Church took on much of the trappings of power of imperial Rome. The popes governed much of Italy. Giuseppe Garibaldi was one of those generals who defeated the forces defending the Papal States, and in doing so actually liberated the papacy from its role as feudal overlord of much of Italy.

In the course of the campaign, when despondent, Garibaldi often reflected on the delightful time he spent on Three Hummock Island just off the coast of Tasmania. So we may say that the liberation of the papacy, enabling it to respond more clearly to today's Gospel, began in Tasmania!

Pope Francis embodies the spirit of today's Gospel. He rails against a Church exhibiting 'the leprosy of a feudal court'. Rather, he has said: 'I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.' And in his actions he has shown himself as a true 'Servant of the servants of God' as Jesus commands in today's Gospel.

We may pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis that he may have the strength and time to persevere in his responding to today's Gospel so that the papacy may be truly liberated so as to practise a radically different way of exercising leadership in the Church and for the world.

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Kath Harney, Janko Bartakovic*

PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY *Michael Douglas*

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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Our Parish Schools:

Nazareth Catholic Primary School

Griffith Street, Grovedale 3216

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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.

Acting Principal: Allison Wedding 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

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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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