

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 27, 2024

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Regular Weekly Mass

Dear parishioners,

The Italian political philosopher Machiavelli has said, "It should be borne in mind that there is nothing more difficult to arrange, more doubtful of success, and more dangerous to carry through than initiating changes". In clerical circles, this principle gets translated to something like: "Don't change Mass times in the first three months!" I don't disagree with that wisdom in principle, but here I am about to go against it. That said, the new Mass times are changing only slightly and a new Mass time is being introduced completely. So, from the **1st of December 2024**, which marks the beginning of Advent and the new liturgical year, the Mass times will be as follows:

Saturday 6pm – St Christopher's Church, Anglesea

Sunday 9am - St Therese Church, Torquay

Sunday 11am – Nazareth Church, Grovedale

Sunday 5pm – St Therese Church, Torquay

The rationale is that the extra 15 minutes in between the Sunday morning Masses will help me get to Grovedale in time after having a chat and a coffee at Torquay. The addition of the 5pm mass will help families and young adults, who either have commitments to sport on Sunday morning or find anything before midday on Sunday hard to muster, a chance to get to Church on the Lord's Day. Though I haven't conducted an in-depth study on the matter, I do think people (especially visitors) will find it easier to remember the Mass times if they are on the hour. 9 and 11 is more straightforward than 8:45 and 10:30, at least to my mind.

It's impossible to please everybody on this matter. I remember being out at Niddrie and asking Fr Joe Brown (of blessed memory) about his Mass times. He quipped, "You could say a mass at 2 o'clock in the morning and somebody will turn up". Rest assured I won't be putting a Mass on anywhere near that time. I do hope the changes I have made will be graciously accepted.

Faithfully in Christ,

Fr Joel.

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY

Friday 1st November at Nazareth Church, Grovedale 9.30am there will be a Mass for All Saints day.

Saturday 2nd November at St Therese Church, Torquay 9.30am there will be a Mass for All Souls day, everybody is welcome to attend.

PETER KEARNEY CONCERT SERIES

Peter Kearney concert reflection Saturday 23rd November at 3pm St Therese Church, Torquay. Songs and stories about people who faithful lives have brought hope and compassion into the world. Subjects include St Joseph, Mary Mother of Jesus, St Francis of Assisi and many more. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10 per person or \$20 for a family. All welcome.

Rosary:

Wednesday 9am

St Therese Church, Torquay

Wednesday 9.30am

St Therese Church, Torquay

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 17th November 9am

Iona College, Charlemont

3rd Sunday of each month

Reconciliation:

After Mass during the week or by appointment

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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.



ALL SAINTS & SOULS DAY

ROADWORK AT TORQUAY

The roadwork continues out the front of St Therese Church. The road is 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.

ACACIA PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP GROVEDALE

Melbourne Cup Day luncheon is on Tuesday 5th November at Fletchers 50 Meadowvale Dr, Grovedale commencing at 12 noon. Lunch is provided at \$5 per head, bring your own drinks and money for sweeps. Prizes for best dressed male & female Reply by 3rd Nov for catering purposes. Come and enjoy, contact Jenny 0447 280 067.



PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP CLUSTER MEETING

On Monday evening the Parish coordinators from parishes within the Surf Coast, Bellarine Peninsular and Colac/Otway met with Frances and Michael Sullivan, Coordinators of Southern Team (Victoria & Tasmania) for a meal at Mt Moriac Hotel. This annual gathering is an opportunity to get together to share ideas and experiences. All groups reported strong interest in their groups, with numbers consistent. Everyone agreed that the groups play an important role in the parish, providing pastoral care and support as well as social interaction with fellow parishioners and their families. New members are always welcome. Rosemary Featherston Nazareth Parish Coordinator.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Our annual combined Catholic Churches raffle is almost over. Please ensure all raffle ticket books, including any unsold, are returned by next weekend, 3rd November. Raffle is drawn 5th December.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The envelopes are available for the period November 3 2024 to February 23 2025 are now available for collection at our 3 churches. Fr Joel and myself thank you for your ongoing support, please contact me at parish office if you have any queries ~ Brian McMahon.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Baringbah and Mannagum Family groups will be celebrating Christmas together this year. Thank you to all those who have responded to the invitation.

DATE: Sunday 17th November

TIME: 12 noon

VENUE: Fyansford Hotel, 67 Hyland St. Fyansford - in the "Hyland Room"

In lieu of a KK please consider a donation of toiletries, sanitary products or pop a cash donation in an envelope for "Share the Dignity" a support group for disadvantaged girls and women in the region. RSVP Monday 28th October Rosemary Featherston 0400044387

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.

NAZARETH CATHOLIC PARISH

WEEKEND PARISH MASS TIMES
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effective from 1st December

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY JOURNEYING WITH JESUS

PRAISING 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 Jeremiah 31:7-9

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not
stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What
marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage

as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,

carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of
song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-6

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with
death,
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:46-52

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jumped up Bartimaeus

Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective.

Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity).

You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision.

This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. He knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. We believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death could do.

We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

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PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Patrick Rogers, Mary Carmody*

PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY *Marg Sheehan, 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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Marg Mahoney	—Chair person
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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

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.**

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