

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 6, 2024

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Regular Weekly Mass

Dear parishioners,

I'd like to say a big thank you to all for the very warm and friendly welcome I have received and felt this past week. It's been wonderful! I've met so many great people and look forward to meeting more. I'm truly excited at the chance to work together with you to help everyone here know the love and mercy of God.

In Christ,

Fr Joel

GREETINGS FROM THE PARISH OF ST ALBANS AND SYDENHAM!

It was wonderful to sit down with your messages, memories and stories, remembering the great farewell Mass and celebrations we shared two weeks ago. All of my family and friends commented on how beautiful the whole day was! Thank you all for the efforts you put in and the love you gave me. These and your expressions shown in your very generous gifts are very humbling, for which I thank you. My early days in the new Parish continues to go well. I look forward to getting to know my new parish community better. Please be assured of my prayers.

Fr Linh Tran

RE NAMING OUR PARISH

There are 3 weeks left to select your preferred name in the renaming of our parish, closing 14th October. This can be done 1 of 2 ways, by [clicking the link](#) which takes you to the online preference form or by filling in a hard copy of the proposed names form which can be found in the foyer of the Church. Please take the time to read through the 5 proposed suggestions and the rationale for each before casting your preference.

ACACIA PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP GROVEDALE

Morning Tea on Thursday 10th October at Spong's 37 Reserve Rd Grovedale at 10:30am. Join us for a cuppa and a good chat anybody wishing to join our group are most welcome. Please contact Gail 0407 438 163 for catering purposes.

REACH VIETNAM

As you are aware, it has been nearly two months since we launched this year's appeal. We've received a fantastic response, allowing us to secure funding for next year's contributions to support our girls' feeding program (2025/26). This demonstrates that the project is still progressing. We hope to maintain this momentum, but it depends on your continued generous support similar to what we saw this year. Thank you, Joe and Cheryl Annetts.

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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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.

SVDP Volunteer Needed

St. Vincent de Paul is seeking a volunteer to manage their Food Pantry located at 141 Fyans St, Geelong. This pantry distributes food to various SVDP Conferences. The current incumbent will be retiring at Christmas 2024 after several years in the role but is willing to provide training before the Christmas period. The role includes responsibilities such as ordering, receiving, stacking, and packing food parcels, and requires availability of 2-3 partial days each week. If you're interested in this opportunity, please reach out to Martin Butler at 0418572967, Brian O'Kane at 5261 5200, or your local SVDP member.

GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 23/24 FINANCIAL YEAR

In order to save on printing, postage, paper costs as well as time it has been decided that this year giving statements will be made available to parishioners online. Instructions on how to produce giving statements are as follows:

Click on the link or scan QR code

Scroll down to 'Request payment report'

Enter email address recorded with parish

Enter start date: July 1, 2023

Enter end date: June 30, 2024

Click 'Send verification code'

A verification code will be sent to your email, enter this code and 'Submit'.

The giving statement will then be sent to your email. If you have difficulty generating an online report or would prefer a paper version to be produced please contact Brian McMahon at the parish office on a Tuesday or Wednesday. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED MAKING A BEQUEST TO NAZARETH PARISH?

A Bequest in your Will can make a difference towards providing ongoing pastoral services to the parishioners and wider community of Grovedale, Torquay and Anglesea as well as assisting with maintaining the Parish buildings. A Bequest links the kindness of one person to the well being of many. Bequest information brochures are available at the front of the church or further information can be obtained through the parish office, Ph. 9412 8444 or grovedale@cam.org.au The Parish needs your help & support! [Bequest Form Online](#)

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

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

2025
- THE BOOK FOR READERS

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 FRANCS 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 Theres 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 Genesis 2:18-24

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127. R. v.5

(R.) May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord

and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation cf 1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:2-16

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.



REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'They were testing him.' This sentence is key to understanding this Gospel passage. The Pharisees, having firm ideas about what the rules were, deliberately put a tricky question to Jesus.

Unfazed, Jesus questions his questioners: 'What did Moses command you?' After they give a legalistic reply, which he probably expected, Jesus speaks not of commands but of creation. As Pope Francis says, 'Jesus firstly, with the wisdom and authority that come to him from the Father, puts the Mosaic prescription into perspective.' Rules should always serve a higher purpose.

Crucial to Jesus' teaching on marriage is its mutual nature, where lives are joined. It has purpose and meaning. As the Pope puts it, 'the man and woman are called to recognise each other, to complement each other, to help each other.'

Jesus was evidently keen to encourage people to focus on the sacred attributes of marriage more than the issue of divorce itself. Interestingly, he did not even use the word translated for us as 'divorce' until later pressed to do so by the apostles. Even then, he used it in the sense of something done by one party to another. Recognising this, Pope Francis suggests that the Church should always strive 'to make her maternal closeness tangibly felt by those who experience relationships that are broken or that continue in a difficult and trying way.'

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PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Frank Busuttli*

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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Rosa Rebula	—Grovedale
Rosemary Malone	—Torquay
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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.

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Iona College

242 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Charlemont 3217

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Home Visits / Communion at Home

Anglesea: Liz Clark 5263 1812

Grovedale: Jill Healy 5241 4070

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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

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