

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.

DECEMBER 1, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Weekly Mass Schedule

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to the beginning of the new church year! As we embark on this season of Advent, I hope that the stirrings of the approaching Christmas season are forming in your heart.

This new beginning reminds us of one of the best ways to understand our life and faith: that it's a journey. An adventure. It is something our Holy Father wants to rekindle in us for the jubilee year ahead. He rightly uses the term "pilgrims" for us faithful, and that is good because I think the word pilgrimage gets closer to the mark of what us Christians are on about when it comes to walking our path in life. It is why actual pilgrimages are a big part of our faith tradition and continue to be something people take on to deepen their faith and trust in God. I've been blessed to be part of a few over the years and have always found myself growing from the experience, and for a few reasons.

Simplicity is the hallmark of the pilgrim. You travel using your own two feet and carry everything you have on your back. It's a great way to practice detachment. You are taught one of life's great lessons: the less things you carry around, the easier the journey.

Fraternity is celebrated. Most pilgrims these days set out in a group. But even if you go it alone, you always meet and befriend others on your way. All the pilgrim groups I have set out with only grew by the end through the bonds that were forged on the path. It shows that having likeminded and supportive friends in our faith are such great blessings to us.

Finally, there is clear destination and purpose in mind. Not any destination either, but a holy place where a great gathering of souls takes place to pray. It's foretaste of heaven, which is our true home that all of us are being called to and the place where we can finally take our rest, our life's journey complete.

May God always be your shelter and your guide.

With blessings,

Fr Joel

NEW PARISH MASS TIMES

From this Sunday, 1st December, the parish will begin a new Parish Mass schedule, which includes the addition of a Sunday evening Mass. The new weekend Mass times will be as follows:

- Saturday 6pm at St Christopher's Church, Anglesea
- Sunday 9am at St Therese Church, Torquay
- Sunday 11am at Nazareth Church, Grovedale
- Sunday 5pm at St Therese Church, Torquay.



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St Christopher's Church, Anglesea

Sunday 9am

St Therese Church, Torquay

Sunday 11am

Nazareth Church, Grovedale

Sunday 5pm

St Therese Church, Torquay

Rosary Wednesday 9am

St Therese Church, Torquay

Wednesday 9.30am

St Therese Church, Torquay

Thursday 9.30am

Nazareth Church, Grovedale

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.

Tap n Go

Now available in the entrance of each Church, contributions go towards the first collection.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROVEDALE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Grovedale St Vincent de Paul will be giving some client families food vouchers for Christmas. Due to COVID and dietary requirements, the vouchers are more suitable than food items. There will be a leaving collection after Mass next Sunday 8th December. Thank you for your continued support. Bob Healy 5241 4070



ANGLESEA FOODLINK

Each year at this time we put together a food hamper with a small gift for some families, couples and singles in our community. These are folk who have gone beyond doing it tough and are struggling to get by day to day. Our giving tree is loaded with tags. Please take one, read on the back what is requested and return your gifts either next Saturday 7th or 14th December with the tag attached. We are packing on the 19th December. This is a great opportunity to spread the hope and joy of the Christmas season.

SHARE THE DIGNITY

On behalf of Torquay Share the Dignity, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone in the Baringbah and Manna Gum Passionist family groups who generously contributed funds and donated items to the 'Share the Dignity' appeal during their recent luncheon. Thank you for your support.

ACACIA PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Christmas luncheon is taking place next Sunday 8th December, commencing at 12.30pm at Sim & Dick's home, 7 Nikita Crt, Grovedale. Please bring your own drinks and a choice of a salad or a sweet to share. Meat will be supplied. Contact Jenny 0447 280 067 regarding attendance to assist with catering.

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

This year we are streamlining our approach to fundraising in parishes across the Archdiocese. The Archbishop encourages you to think about what the future of a vital and vibrant faith community means for you and your family, and to consider making a personal and recurring monthly gift to support the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese. Please collect a brochure and envelope to learn more about the campaign. Return any envelopes into a collection during this weekends Mass. You can find a link to the [brochure](#) here.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The purpose of Children's Liturgy is to celebrate the liturgy of the word that is more appropriate to the level of the children's understanding.

This is inline with the Congregation for Divine Worship for *Directory for Masses with Children*.

The Directory States:

'Sometimes.... It will be appropriate to celebrate the liturgy of the word with the children in a separate space. Then, before the eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own liturgy of the word.'

School-aged children will have the opportunity to participate in Children's Liturgy at St. Therese Church on the first Sunday of each month. Unfortunately Torquay will start next month. Additionally, Grovedale continues to offer Children's Liturgy on the first and third Sundays of the month. We welcome any volunteers who are interested in assisting with this ministry. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office or reach out directly to one of the leaders at your church.



PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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 communion and home visits. Please contact the Parish Office 9412 8444

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for
David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity
in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be
called:

The Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach
me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**
3. His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and
will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who
revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
The Coming of our Saviour

Sometimes our own lives, the life of the Church, the life of societies and nations cry out for Our Lord Jesus Christ to come again right now and rescue us right now.

In some instances we can become conscious of Jesus’ saving, transforming power in a particular situation. But, for the whole of humanity across the millennia, we do not know the day or the hour when death and all its warriors such as disease and violence, will be absolutely vanquished by Christ in glory.

This can lead to a type of pain which finds solace in all those things which dull the spirit. Our Lord gives examples: debauchery, drunkenness. Today he might have added ‘living in the virtual world’. Rather, Our Lord wants us to live in the real world on high alert.

In the meantime each one of us can be a signal of what is to come. Each time we exhaust ourselves heroically loving someone whom others might abandon, each time we take a risk because we cry out against injustice, and in a myriad other ways, we signal that the Kingdom is already being established on earth.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the strength to be on high alert for the opportunities to translate the legacy of Jesus into our own time and place, thus giving reasons to each other for our faith and hope that Christ *has* come, Christ *is* risen, Christ *will* come again.

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Mark Wallmeyer, Michael Meagher, Jocelyn Molina, Kerry Costelloe*

PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY *Maureen Murphy (Kevin Hunt sister), Rob Schofield*

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:

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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

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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

Torquay: Annie Byrne-Phillips 0409 516 907

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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