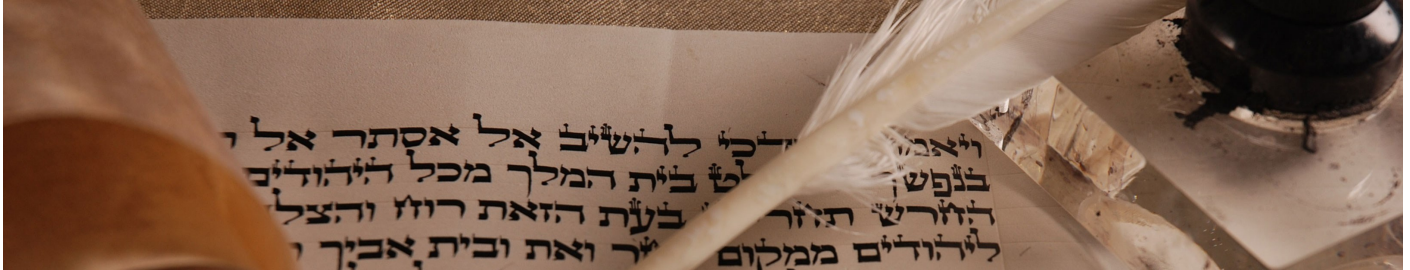


# Nazareth Parish Bulletin

A vibrant community, journeying with Jesus.

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*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.*

### Saturday 6pm

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

### HOME VISITS

If there are any parishioners who are sick or housebound and would like to receive communion or a home visit please make contact with the parish office: 9412 8444

### POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

#### For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



Heavenly Father, please help our nation of Australia to respond to the leading of your Holy Spirit, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May all of the Australian people give you a right place of honour - in our hearts, families and governments. Responding to your goodness and grace, may we turn from sin and walk in the righteous path.

We pray for a resolution of ethnic and related tensions, asking that you will continue to bless this great south land, so all of the people may enjoy your favour, giving thanks for every benefit you have bestowed.

May Australia respond as a vessel useful in your hands!

Hear our prayers we ask, in the name of Jesus. Amen.



This is the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit  
A land of red dust plains and summer rains  
To this sunburnt land we will see a flood  
And to this Great Southland  
His Spirit comes

We extend our best wishes to all the teachers, students and staff who are returning to start the new school year this coming week. We May their minds be open to learning, may they have the courage to ask meaningful questions and be confident to taking risks. We also express our gratitude to all the educators who have dedicated their careers to teaching, engaging and guiding our children.

Torquay Bowls Club are having a Community Day on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025 from 10am-2pm. There will be a free outdoor BBQ lunch, opportunity to try bowls for adults, children and all abilities, facepainting, a wild life show, activities area and Music. All welcome to come along.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate  
Relax: You are Accepted

The prophet Isaiah had drafted a manifesto for divine action in the world. Jesus of Nazareth *is* divine action in the world, and no doubt his fellow villagers in Nazara would have been thrilled that one of theirs would 'set the downtrodden free'.

But, in proclaiming 'the Lord's Year of *Acceptance*', Jesus inaugurated a revolutionary phase within the Jewish tradition. He invited people to *relax!!* Holiness is not a matter of our *striving*, but of *accepting* that we are *accepted* by the All Merciful God. Good works should follow in response, but good works don't gain our acceptance by God.

How does one best show acceptance of someone, forgiveness of someone, friendship with someone? One relaxes over a meal together. This was Jesus' characteristic way of embodying Divine Acceptance in our world. It still is.

We might pause for a moment to relax into the saving fact that we exist in 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', that this acceptance is signified and effected by our sharing in the Bread of Life and the Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion which gives us the energy to help make Divine Acceptance a reality for others.

As discussed in the bulletin prior to the Christmas break, Outreach is one of the five pillars that were established as a guide to the way in which the Parish operates.

The Parish Leadership Charter states the purpose of this pillar is to actively work to shape a more just and compassionate society irrespective of age, gender or religion. It also helps facilitate education on matters relating to refugees, asylum seekers and indigenous, develop projects and deliver outcomes and advocacy by giving a voice to the vulnerable.

In our Parish, Outreach is ministered through the work of St Vincent de Paul in both Torquay and Grovedale, school social justice programs operated within the 5 schools in our Parish and the Social Justice Group.

Our guide should be the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. These principles help guide us on how we respond to the needs of the less fortunate, be they local needs or across the world. Through these principles, we can understand the breadth of the local, regional and global issues and where we can influence.

Over the next 12 weeks, we will consider the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and how we as a Parish respond to these principles. Brian Keane & Greg Carty, Co-chairs Parish Leadership Team

**First Reading:**

Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21



**PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**Recent deaths:** *Gerald Healy (Bob's brother)*

**Anniversaries who are at this time:**

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY**

*Jim Carmody*

*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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**Office Hours**

Our hours are:- **Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 3pm.**

Outside of these hours, please leave a message and one of the staff will contact you when they are next in the office.

**Office is Closed on Public Holidays**

**Bulletin Notices**

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# Unpacking Catholic Social Teaching

## Leadership Model at Nazareth Parish

Nazareth Parish, like so many other parishes, faces the profoundly important challenge and opportunity, as we move into the next phase of living out our Christ-centred mission. Amidst a new landscape of complexity and diversity, the parish priest and lay people with their unique gifts, roles, and responsibility are called to work together. It is unsustainable, however, to expect the parish priest to lead alone. He is to avail himself with the best expertise available. An astute parish priest surrounds himself with a team of lay leaders who accept and share responsibility in leading the parish. Together, priest and laity are to work collaboratively as a united leadership team, to serve the parish mission to which they hold themselves accountable.

**Our Parish Vision is to be “a vibrant community, journeying with Jesus” and reflects the synodal Church we strive to be.**

Our mission is supported and upheld by the 5 pillars that underpin our vision. They are:

- Faith – the way we are formed in faith
- Liturgy – the way we offer praise and thanksgiving
- Community – the way we live and work together and with others
- Outreach – the way we serve the world
- Planning and administration – the way we steward our resources.

**We want to share with you the connection of one of our pillars; Outreach, through understanding the principles of Catholic Social teaching.**

In our Parish Bulletin before Christmas, we shared with you some initial thoughts. To recap:

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You were invited to reflect on these principles:

- Dignity of the Human Person;
- Common Good and Community;
- Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable;
- Rights and Responsibilities;
- Role of Government and Subsidiarity;
- Economic Justice;
- Stewardship of God's Creation;
- Promotion of Peace and Disarmament;
- Participation;
- Global Solidarity and Development.

We will unpack these principles over the next 10 weeks and challenge you to think how you might play an active role as part of our community.