

# 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

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## 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

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## POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

### For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## Statement from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli on proposed VAD law reforms.

The Victorian Government's announcement of reforms to euthanasia and assisted suicide laws is deeply distressing, with the protection and care of vulnerable and dying people further marginalised.

The Government went into this review insisting it was 'not considering changes to the legislation itself'. Until Thursday, those words were on the Department of Health's website.

Instead, the Government is proposing numerous changes to the law, including to force medical practitioners who conscientiously object to VAD to provide information about it to patients.

Many hard-working doctors and nurses tell me that they did not go into these important caring professions to help their patients end their own life. Rather, they want to care for patients with love and compassion and support them right to the end. Providing patients with lethal chemicals to end their life is not health care.

The proposed changes will send a chill down the spines of the many hard-working healthcare professionals who want no part in causing death, as well as many vulnerable patients who fear being pushed down a path that they do not wish to take.

I call on the Government to instead provide proper support for palliative care throughout the state to ensure that all Victorians who require it can access appropriate care close to home and family so that they can die with real dignity.

Every human life is created and loved by God, and worthy of protection from the moment of conception until natural death.



### Ash Wednesday

This week, 5th March, there will be 3 Masses held in our parish.

9.30am at St Therese Church, Torquay,

11.30am at Nazareth Church, Grovedale

and then 7pm at Nazareth Church, Grovedale.

The earlier Masses may have students joining us from our Catholic schools.



### Nazareth Parish Leadership Team Nominations

The Parish Leadership Team has been in place for 3 years having commenced in February of 2022. The original team consisted of:

Fr Linh, Rosemary Malone, Rosemary Featherston, Greg Carty, Natalie Egerton, Josh McElgunn, Paul Egan, Paul Daffey, Tracy Ford, Brian Keane, Fran Belleville.

During this time, Fran moved out of the Parish and was replaced by Nnamdi Elege, and Fr Linh has been replaced by Fr Joel.

In more recent times, both Josh and Natalie, who initially committed for 2 years and have now been part of the team for 3 years, have indicated that they will be handing over to other school-based leaders. Rosemary Malone has stepped down after 3 years of service.

A process has been established to seek nominations for the Leadership Team for the next 3 years.

Existing members may make themselves available for renomination for a further 3 years. There is an opportunity to appoint or reappoint 5 nominations to the Team. There is also a need to appoint a new parent representative from one of the Parish Schools.

#### Nominations close Monday, 2nd March.

For details of the requirements of members of the Leadership Team and the process refer to the link below:

- [Information Sheet](#)
- [Leadership Charter](#)
- [Nomination form](#)

If you require a printed copy of the information sheet and application form, you can either pick up at the Parish Office or from the welcome table at Mass.

Greg Carty and Brian Keane, Co-Chairs Parish Leadership Team

### Unpacking Catholic Social Teaching – Week 6 - Principle 5: Role of Governance and Subsidiarity

This Sunday's Gospel from Luke (6:39-45) focuses on themes of leadership, moral integrity, and the fruitfulness of one's actions. Jesus uses parables like the blind leading the blind, the speck and the log, and the tree and its fruit to emphasise self-awareness, personal virtue, and accountability.

Catholic Social Teaching, particularly on the **Role of Governance and Subsidiarity**, provides principles for organising society, ensuring justice, and protecting human dignity. Subsidiarity states that higher levels of authority (like the government) should not take over responsibilities that individuals or smaller communities can manage themselves but should support them when necessary.

Jesus warns against blind leaders guiding others without wisdom. Similarly, subsidiarity suggests that governance should be entrusted to the most competent level, whether local, regional, or national, to avoid ineffective or overreaching control.

Just as Jesus calls for self-awareness in leadership, subsidiarity insists that higher authorities should serve rather than dominate.

The speck-and-log analogy highlights the need for personal moral integrity before correcting others. Governments must also practice justice, transparency, and ethical leadership before enforcing laws on society.

Jesus teaches that good trees produce good fruit, symbolising that actions reflect one's true nature. A just governance, aligned with CST, should promote the common good and human dignity. Corrupt governance, like a bad tree, harms society.

Today's gospel and Catholic Social teaching on governance and subsidiarity align in their call for responsible, ethical leadership. Both emphasise that governance should be competent, just, and ordered toward human flourishing rather than control.

The state has a positive moral function. It is an instrument to promote human dignity, protect human rights and build the common good. All people have a right and a responsibility to participate in political institutions so that government can achieve its proper goals.

The principle of subsidiarity holds that the functions of governance should be performed at the lowest level possible if they can be performed adequately. When the needs in question cannot adequately be met at the lower level, then it is not only necessary, but imperative that higher levels of governance intervene.

#### Further References

*There is no true solidarity without social participation.*

*Everyone needs to contribute (Pope Francis 2020)*

*Implementing the principle of subsidiarity gives hope, it gives hope in a healthier and more just future, and we build this future together ..... (Pope Francis 2020)*

**How will I participate in the mission to prevent poverty, promote justice, and uphold dignity?**

**Could I join Vinnies or work with our Social Justice team to create a more humane and equal society?**

~ Parish Leadership Team





**World Day of Prayer  
2025 ~ Cook Islands**

'I made you wonderful'  
World Day of Prayer is an international Christian event that takes place of the first Friday of March each year. Last year, St Therese Church hosted this event. This year it is at Torquay Christian Fellowship. All are welcome.

Date and Time: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm  
Location: Torquay Christian Fellowship  
2 Pimelea Way, Torquay  
Contact: Mel 0412 419 099



Our deepest condolences to the family of Doris Cini. Doris was a parishioner of the Torquay community for many years who has recently passed. Her funeral will be held Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm at St Therese Church, Torquay.

The parish office has a couple of small administrative tasks that are in need of some attention. If anybody has a little bit of time to spare in the next week or so and would like to come and lend a hand I would be so grateful for your help.  
~ Tracy

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Tea**

In the spirit of the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year, where we seek inclusion and unity, join our Anglican friends for a night of pre-Lenten festivities.

The details are as follows:

**ST. LUKE'S SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE TEA  
19 PRIDE STREET TORQUAY**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 – 6.00 PM FOR 6.30 PM**

\$20 per person, BYO Drinks and a raffle and lucky door prize to be won.



Tables of 6 are available, and you are invited to order your ticket with Helen Clement (Mobile 0409 488 526).

**First Reading:** Sirach 27:4-7  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**Second Reading:**  
1 Corinthians 15:54-58

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 6:39-45

*Click the link to be directed to the readings*

**DAILY READINGS**

**PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**Recent deaths:** *Doris Cinci*

**Anniversaries who are at this time:** *Jean McMeel*

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY**

*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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**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

## Project Compassion Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



**UNITE  
AGAINST  
POVERTY**

**this Lent**

**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

**Or online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

# NAZARETH PARISH YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025



In this Year of Jubilee, Pope Francis asks us to “find suitable ways for the Holy Year to be planned and celebrated with deep **faith**, lively **hope** and active **charity**.”

Over the past few weeks, we have been reflecting on the Catholic Social Teachings and the Scripture Readings, asking us to consider how we can actively seek justice and equality, locally and globally.

Here are two small ways, we as a Parish can contribute to those in our community who might need some assistance at this time.



Gift vouchers. Over the next few weeks, when you go shopping, you might pop a small gift voucher in with your groceries and then add it to the collection when you come to Mass. These will be given to St. Vincent de Paul's to distribute to families who are in need. Or maybe you have a voucher sitting in your purse? Or in a drawer at home? All vouchers accepted, just add them to any collection.

This might look like a rubbish bag, but it is in fact a gift bag, ready to be filled with donations! In the foyer of each church, you will find a box of gift bags. Please take one home and over the next few weeks, fill your bag with items you may not need in your life any more, but would be useful for someone else. Good quality items. Clothing, non-perishable food items, books, for example. Or some nice toiletries. When your gift bag is full, return it to the foyer of the church and your items will be distributed to a family who will appreciate your gifts.

