

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 vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'To go beyond instinct, to go beyond hatred,' Pope Francis suggests, is fundamental. However bad it gets, Jesus calls on us to see those who wrong us as God sees them: as creatures loved into existence, still capable of good.

Understandably, we find this challenging. But, as the Pope points out, Jesus faced such situations himself and shows us what turning the cheek really means.

By not trading strike for strike, Jesus avoids becoming like those who struck him in the first place. Jesus does not give in to injustice. Rather, he reveals it.

During his Passion, as the Pope explains, Jesus 'asks for an account of the wrong done to him.' He calls it out, gently but firmly. 'With his question,' the Pope affirms, 'Jesus denounces what is unjust. But he does so without anger, without violence, indeed *with kindness*.'

In any conflict, whether personal or international, we are therefore called to unmask the absurdity of hatred by being the 'one who has a greater inner strength,' to use our voice rather than fists, or gestures rather than words.

Ultimately, as the Pope declares: 'Turning the other cheek does not have to mean suffering in silence, giving in to injustice.' It means transforming the moment to bring light to the darkness.

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Unpacking Catholic Social Teaching

Principle 4: Rights and Responsibilities

Today's Gospel from Luke (6:27-38) is deeply connected to the Catholic Social Teaching principle of **Rights and Responsibilities** through the themes of love, justice, and moral duty.

Key Themes in Luke 6:27-38

This passage includes Jesus' teachings on **love for enemies, mercy, generosity, and the Golden Rule**:

- **"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you" (v. 27)** – Jesus calls for a radical form of love that goes beyond personal interest.
- **"Give to everyone who asks of you" (v. 30)** – Encourages generosity and concern for others.
- **"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (v. 36)** – Shows that mercy is essential in Christian living.

"The measure with which you measure will be measured back to you" (v. 38) – A call for justice and fairness.

The Catholic principle of **Rights and Responsibilities** emphasises that every human being has **basic rights** (to life, food, shelter, dignity, etc.), but also **responsibilities** to ensure those rights for others.

Jesus' call to love our enemies and treat others with kindness reflects the Christian duty to uphold the dignity of all people, even those who wrong us. This aligns with the idea that we are responsible for ensuring justice and fairness for others in society.

Giving without expecting anything in return (v. 30, 38) mirrors the call to care for the poor and marginalised.

This supports the **right to basic needs** and the responsibility of individuals and society to help the less fortunate.

Jesus' emphasis on mercy (v. 36) reflects the responsibility to **forgive and work toward reconciliation** in families, communities, and even nations. A just society must balance individual rights with communal responsibilities.

The idea that "the measure you use will be measured back to you" (v. 38) ties to the **call for fairness in economic and social structures**. Societies must ensure that policies and systems uphold justice, dignity, and equity.

Luke challenges us to actively love, give, and show mercy—values that are at the heart of the **Rights and Responsibilities** principle. He reminds us that rights are not just personal privileges but come with a duty to care for others, especially the poor, vulnerable, and even those we may dislike.

Some other references:

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40)

"So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)

How can I help providing the vulnerable with the necessary food, shelter, clothing, employment, health care and education? ~ Parish Leadership Team

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 are open from 16 February to 2 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



This Ash Wednesday, 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.

The new stewardship envelopes for March to June are now available for collection in the foyer of each Church. Thank you everyone for your ongoing support of the parish. If you have any questions please reach out to our finance officer ~ Brian McMahon 9412 8444 Tues & Wed

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
7th March at 1pm
Location: Torquay
Christian Fellowship
2 Pimelea Way,
Torquay
Contact:
Mel 0412 419 099



Holy Trinity Church, Queenscliff. A place of pilgrimage for Jubilee Year 2025

Holy Trinity Church, in Queenscliff, has been nominated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as a Pilgrim Place for the need of faithful to visit and pray during the Jubilee Year 2025.

On Sunday 2 March, Bishop Martin Ashe, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, will celebrate Mass at Holy Trinity Church at 11am to launch the Jubilee Year for pilgrims to visit during Jubilee Year experience God's compassion and love through prayers and pilgrimage. All are welcome to join us for Mass and hospitality.

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: 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38



Click the link to be directed to the readings

DAILY READINGS

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries who are at this time: Kevin McMahon,
Dieter Krusic-Golub

**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
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Office is Closed on Public Holidays

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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.