

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, Angelsea

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.

Dear parishioners,

It was my pleasure last Saturday to attend the Episcopal Consecration of two new auxiliary bishops of Melbourne, Most Rev Think Nguyen and Most Rev Rene Ramirez. The word auxiliary is something you might typically see on the back of a Hi-Fi unit. It comes from the Latin word *auxiliaris*, which means "helpful, aiding, supporting". So these new bishops will do just that: help our Archbishop in his role as chief shepherd of the diocese. Bishop Think will be assisting in the Eastern Region and Bishop Rene in the North. As we are in the west it won't affect us so directly; we're blessed to have Bishop Martin Ashe continue to come out to administer the sacrament of Confirmation for our candidates and cut ribbons and cakes at special events.

The following is taken from the booklet that was handed out at the ceremony last Saturday, in which Bishop Think and Rene provided some details from their life and journey to the episcopate.

Most Rev Think Xuan Ngyuen was born in 1973 in Saigon, Vietnam. He is the third youngest of nine brothers and four sisters. Bishop Think (pronounced 'Tin') arrived in Australia at the age of 13, taking up secondary studies at Redden Catholic College in Preston. He went on to study electrical engineering before entering Corpus Christi College regional seminary in 1999. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2006 at St Patrick's Cathedral. Bishop Think has been parish priest at Deer Park, Fitzroy and Bennetswood. He has been chaplain of the Archdiocesan Office for Youth, University of Melbourne and was a formator at Corpus Christi College while being assistant vocations director. Since 2022, Bishop Think has served the Archdiocese of Co-ordinator of Clergy, Life and Ministry helping to support more than 200 active priests in the archdiocese and more than 100 retired clergy. The motto chosen for his Coat of Arms is '*Confide, Vocat Te*' meaning "Take Courage, He is Calling You" (Mark 10:49)

Most Rev Rene Ramirez RJC DD was born in 1969 in Gapan, Nueva Ecija, Philippines. Bishop Rene was ordained priest in 1998 as a member of the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus. He has served as vocation director for his religious order and Vice Rector at Rogationist College from 1999 to 2003. Bishop Rene arrived in Melbourne in 2015, serving as parish priest of Holy Family Parish of West Footscray, Maidstone and Braybrook. Bishop Rene moved to the Diocese of Sandhurst, serving at St Mel's Parish in Shepparton South and St Malachy's Parish in Nagambie. His motto is '*Zelus at Misericordia*' (Zeal and Mercy), drawing on the verse from Matthew 9:35-38.

Pray for them both as they help shepherd the faithful of our Melbourne Archdiocese.

In Christ,
Fr Joel.



Unpacking Catholic Social Teaching

Principle 2: Common Good and Community

We continue our journey on exploring Catholic Social Teaching. In this Sunday's gospel from Luke, he recounts Jesus calling Simon Peter, James, and John to be His disciples after performing a miraculous catch of fish. Jesus tells Simon Peter to cast his nets again, leading to an overwhelming catch of fish. The miraculous catch is so abundant that the disciples call for help from others to share the load. Jesus tells Peter: "From now on, you will be catching men" (Luke 5:10). This highlights the call to serve others and bring them into God's Kingdom.

The reading reflects the idea that discipleship is not an isolated journey but one that requires community and cooperation—core aspects of Catholic social teaching. It mirrors the Catholic principle of the common good, where blessings and resources should be shared rather than hoarded. We are called to support one another rather than live selfishly.

In Catholic teaching, working for the common good requires trust in God's plan rather than excessive individualism or materialism. Our second principle then is common good and community.

Principle 2 - Common Good and Community

The human person is both sacred and social. We realise our dignity and rights in relationship with others, in community. Human beings grow and achieve fulfilment in community. Human dignity can only be realized and protected in the context of relationships with the wider society.

How we organize our society — in economics and politics, in law and policy — directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. The obligation to "love our neighbour" has an individual dimension, but it also requires a broader social commitment. Everyone has a responsibility to contribute to the good of the whole society, to the common good.

"The notion of the common good also extends to future generations... Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realise that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others..... Intergenerational solidarity is not optional, but rather a basic question of justice, since the world we have received also belongs to those who follow us" (Pope Francis, 159)

Can you recall a time when you thought of others beyond your own personal interests?

Can you think of a time when you decided to do something to protect or care for the most vulnerable in our community?

How can I work for the common good at home and in our society?

During this time leading up to Lent, what can I commit to do that will enhance common good and community?

If you have some views on how we as a Parish might respond, we would be interested in your thoughts. Best contact is via email at

Leadershipteam.grovedale@cam.org.au for Leadership Team consideration. ~ Parish Leadership Team

REACH Vietnam - Following is the reply from Sr Nhung in response to my greetings sent to her, the girls and their families before Christmas "Hello Joe, on behalf of the Parish, I was very happy to receive your greetings. We, the Sisters and children at Phuong Quy would like to wish Father, yourself, Dao and everyone in the Parish a peaceful Christmas and a peaceful new year." Let us keep them all in our prayers. Our project continues and we plan to have our annual appeal in late July or August, around the time we next send our contribution that feeds the 50 girls who stay with nuns during their school year.



The Official Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the *blessed hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen



The Jubilee 2025 logo
For this reason, the most striking part
of the logo for this jubilee is the cross:
bending towards humanity and
forming an anchor, it depicts the cross
as something to cling to, especially in
rough seas. It is a contemporary 'riff'

on an old biblical image. The epistle to the Hebrews
describes the hope we have in Christ as 'an anchor of
the soul, as sure as it is firm' (6:19). The cross is not a
dead symbol from the past. It is a living sign of God's
unfathomable love, and one that carries us together in
pilgrimage towards heaven.

TAP N GO

Each of our 3 Churches has a permanent Tap n Go
terminal set up in the foyer of the Church. These have
helped increase the financial support for our Parish.
They are easy to use and
provide an alternative
method when one doesn't
carry cash or contribute
already.



Meet Luce, the mascot of the Jubilee 2025

The Jubilee 2025 has its
face: it is called Luce and it
is the official mascot of the
event. Presented by Mons.
Fisichella during the press
conference on October 28,
Luce is an original creation
by the illustrator Simone
Legno, designed to capture
the attention of the youngest
and communicate a
universal message of hope
and brotherhood.



Who is Luce? Luce is a modern pilgrim, an explorer of
worlds and of herself. Her look, inspired by pop culture,
makes her immediately familiar to young people: a
colorful k-way, dirty boots, a cross around her neck and
a walking stick are the elements that distinguish her. But
it is Luce's gaze that strikes the most: two large bright
eyes that reflect hope and the desire to discover the
world.

A symbol of hope and inclusion The choice of such a
young and dynamic mascot is not accidental. Luce
represents all the people who set out in search of a
deeper meaning in life, regardless of age or origin. Her
message is clear: hope is a universal feeling that can
unite people of different cultures and generations.

Why Luce?

- **A bridge between generations:** Luce speaks to
young people in their own language, bringing them closer
to the themes of spirituality and faith.
- **A symbol of unity:** The mascot becomes a point of
reference for all those who want to participate in the
Jubilee, creating a sense of community and belonging.
- **An invitation to dialogue:** Luce promotes an
intergenerational dialogue, inviting everyone to share
their values and experiences.

Luce is much more than a simple mascot: she is a
symbol of rebirth, of openness towards others and of
trust in the future. Her presence at the Jubilee 2025 will
be an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of life and
the beauty of diversity.

The Mannagum family group are meeting next Sunday
16th February at 2pm at 58 Centreside Drive. Please
contact Rosemary Featherston if you require more
information.



WEBINAR INVITATION

The Synod and the Australian Church: Where to now?

Sense of the Faithful invite you to

The Synod and the Australian Church: Where to now?

Wednesday 19th February 2025 7.30pm

You are invited to participate in a webinar that will discuss the global *Synod 2021-2024* and its implications for the Australian Church.

Presenting are two Synod participants: Bishop Shane Mackinlay and Dr Sandie Cornish. Their presentations will focus on the final session of the universal Synod in October 2024 and its report *For a Synodal Church*. They will also highlight issues such as the role of women in the Church, the diversity of opinions across the global Church, and the scope of local autonomy. A key question is how the Australian Church will implement the results of the Synod and address the unresolved issues. There will be ample time for discussion.

Event Details

When: Wed 19th Feb

Time: 7.30pm

Where: Via Zoom

Cost: Free

Registration: To register, please [click here](#)

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Fish in the Sea of Divine Life

Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch.

Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them?

Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Responsorial Psalm:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Click the link to be directed to the readings

DAILY READINGS

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths: *Jill Bell, Anthony Casey*

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 is Closed on Public Holidays

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