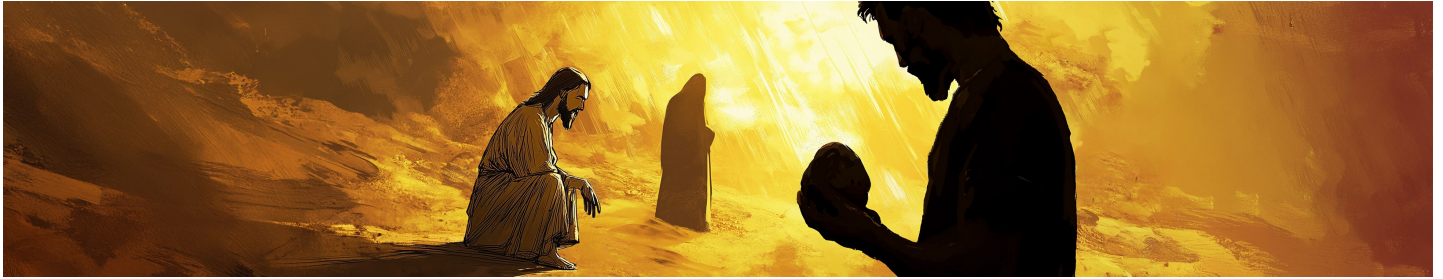


Nazareth Parish Bulletin

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.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**St Christopher's Church,
Bingley Pde, Anglesea**
Saturday 6pm
Tuesday 9.30am

**St Therese Church,
Surfcoast Hwy, Torquay**
Sunday 9am
Sunday 5pm
Wednesday *Rosary* 9am
Wednesday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am *followed by
Benediction*

**Nazareth Church,
Griffith St, Grovedale**
Sunday 11am
Thursday 9.30am

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 use of the new technologies
Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Choir Practice

Once again we are welcoming singers and musicians from all parish communities to join the Combined Nazareth Parish Choir to help make the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil) a sacred and special time.

Choir Practices will be as follows.

All at St. Therese Church Torquay

Wednesday April 9th 3:30PM (for Holy Thursday)

Wednesday April 16th 3:30PM (for Good Friday)

Friday April 18th 5PM (for the Easter Vigil)

Any queries please contact Sherry Watson Ph: 0417 259 735

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Olive branches

As we prepare for Palm Sunday weekend Masses on April 12th and 13th, we kindly ask you to bring small olive branches to share with our community. These branches are a beautiful symbol of peace and will enhance our celebration.



St Christopher's Community

There will be a working bee at St Christopher's on Wednesday 9th April from 9.30am to clean up around and inside the church in preparation for Easter. The very dry weather has created a large amount of leaves, weeds, fallen sticks and bark that leave our church very untidy. Please bring rakes etc for the garden and dusters for inside the church. If you can help out we would love to see you for an hour or two. Inquiries: Simon 0419355703. Thank you in advance.

Nazareth Parish Year of Jubilee 2025

Thank you so much for all your generous donations. More bags of clothes were left at the Church here in Torquay ready to be sorted and taken to Vinnies and to Food Aid Torquay. More vouchers were collected and will be given to St Vincent de Paul's. We are certainly living out our mission of a vibrant community, journeying with Jesus, and heeding the call of the Catholic Social Teachings. This Appeal will continue till Easter, and then we will revisit the appeal during Advent. Thankyou.



Unpacking Catholic Social Teaching – Week 11 - Principle 10: Global Solidarity and Development

Sunday's Gospel of John, 11:1-45. He tells the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, which highlights themes of faith, compassion, and divine intervention. The Catholic Social Teaching of Global Solidarity and Development emphasises the interconnectedness of all people and the responsibility to support one another, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Jesus shows deep compassion for Lazarus, Martha, and Mary and weeps with them and acts to restore life. Global Solidarity calls for the same compassionate response to those who suffer, by working toward social and economic justice.

The Gospel passage shows a community grieving together, supporting Martha and Mary in their time of loss. Similarly, the principle of Global Solidarity urges nations and individuals to recognise that humanity is one family, calling for support across borders through development initiatives and aid.

Martha and Mary express their faith in Jesus, and He responds by bringing Lazarus back to life. This demonstrates that faith should inspire action. Catholic Social Teaching explains that solidarity is not just a feeling but must be accompanied by concrete actions, such as helping the poor, promoting fair economic policies, and fostering global development. Jesus restores life to Lazarus, symbolising hope and renewal. The principle of Global Solidarity and Development encourages efforts to uplift struggling communities, ensuring access to resources like education, healthcare, and fair wages to create a more just world.

Overall, the emphasis is on compassion, communal responsibility, faith-driven action, and renewal. Just as Jesus intervened to bring life where there was death, Catholics are called to work for justice, development, and human dignity worldwide. We are one human family. Our responsibilities to each other cross national, racial, economic and ideological differences. We are called to work globally for justice. Authentic development must be full human development. It must respect and promote personal, social, economic, and political rights, including the rights of nations and of peoples. Accumulating material goods and technical resources will be unsatisfactory and debasing if there is no respect for the moral, cultural and spiritual dimensions of the person.

Other References:

Solidarity... means much more than an occasional gesture of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all take priority over the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means fighting against the structural causes of poverty and inequality; of the lack of work, land and

housing; and of the denial of social and labour rights. It means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money: forced dislocation, painful emigration, human trafficking, drugs, war, violence and all those realities that many of you suffer and that we are all called upon to transform. Solidarity, understood in its deepest sense, is a way of making history, and this is what the popular movements are doing. — Pope Francis, [World Meeting of Popular Movements, 2014](#)

While giving charitably is important, solidarity means building strong bonds of connection that can confront the root causes of injustice. To be in solidarity is to do things with others, rather than simply for others, taking on each other's struggles and working together in cooperation.

What can I DO by working with others to confront the root causes of injustice? ~ Parish Leadership Team

Parish Lenten Reconciliation

On Tuesday 8th April 7pm at St Therese Church, Torquay, we invite you to participate in our Lenten Reconciliation service. This is a special time for reflection, prayer and healing, All welcome.

Nazareth Catholic Parish **HOLY WEEK 2025**

APRIL 17 - 7.30PM

HOLY THURSDAY

The Lord's Supper
St Therese Church, Torquay

APRIL 18 - 10AM

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross
Nazareth Church, Grovedale

APRIL 18 - 3PM

GOOD FRIDAY

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
St Therese Church, Torquay

APRIL 19 - 8PM

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil
St Therese Church, Torquay

APRIL 20

EASTER SUNDAY

9am - St Therese Church, Torquay
10.30am - St Christopher's Church, Anglesea
11am - Nazareth Church, Grovedale





Fifth Sunday of Lent
5th and 6th of April 2025

The transformative work of Caritas Australia is only possible thanks to supporters like you and the dedication, passion, and resilience of our local partners, who tirelessly work to empower communities and create brighter futures. In Vietnam, Caritas Australia's partner programs, like I-SHINE, helped Lam, a young man with a disability, gain graphic design skills and start a successful freelance business, inspiring others to pursue their dreams. In Samoa, Caritas Australia works with Caritas Samoa to improve access to clean water and sanitation through initiatives like water tank installations, transforming health and well-being for families like Toefuata'iga's. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Kongolo on the Youth Capacity Strengthening Program. This initiative equipped Irene, a single mother, with sewing and farming skills, enabling her to support her family and empower others in her community. Through partnerships like these, Caritas Australia creates lasting change in communities across the globe.



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Don't forget to wind your clocks back an hour this Sunday 6th April at 3am (or before going to bed!) Its also a good reminder to check those smoke detectors and replace your batteries.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Click the link to be directed to the reading of the day, scroll down or on the right to select a different day

DAILY READINGS

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries who are at this time: *John Croft, Martin Sheehan, Pat Harney*

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.**

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Office is Closed on Public Holidays

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