

# 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.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Lowly Prince of Peace

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to *non-violent* revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, Luke's Gospel recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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## Olive branches

As we prepare for Palm Sunday weekend Masses this weekend, 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.



### **Nazareth Parish Year of Jubilee 2025**

Thank you so much for all your generous donations. We have continued to receive bags of clothes, non-perishable food, vouchers and toiletry items. 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.



Accompanying this weeks bulletin is a complete collection of the Catholic Social Teaching and their relationship to our parish pillars. These have been printed in the parish bulletin for the last 11 weeks. We are also making them available to you as 1 complete booklet, available [online](#) or as a hard copy, available at each Church. This is now 'A Call to Action'.

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### **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 16th 3:30PM** (for Good Friday)

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

Any queries please contact Sherry Watson Ph: 0417 259 735 [shezzawatto@gmail.com](mailto:shezzawatto@gmail.com)

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### **Acacia Passionist family Group**

Activity for April is Morning Tea as follows:

Venue -- The Picker Union Café, 3 Mackey St North Geelong

When -- Tuesday 29th April

Time -- 10am

Hosts are Lyn & Jenny Cook please advise them of your attendance as bookings are essential. Reply 0404255041 by 26th April. The Cafe is near the Vintage Market which is worth a look.

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### **Mannagum Family Group**

Mannagum family group is having its first gathering of the year, lunch at Tempo Kitchen Bar (ground floor of Novotel Hotel, Geelong) at 12:30pm on Friday 2 May. Please send your RSVP to Mari-Lou Haynes.

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### **Office hours**

The parish office will be closed Tuesday 15th April, reopen Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th but closed for all public holidays over the Easter and ANZAC day week.

### **Working With Children Check**

This is a timely reminder to check your WWCC. A reminder that ALL volunteers within our parish must have a valid WWCC. When updating or renewing your check please ensure you have linked our organisation details.

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### **An Easter letter from the girls in Kon Tum**

Dear Mr. Joe,

*The children and I are still well, everything is ok, the children are docile and hardworking. This year, there will be 5 children completing Year 12, they all wish to continue Tertiary education. I'll contact the University to apply for fee exemption for the children if they were accepted. Only 2 months to the summer/end of school year holiday. A group of Vietnamese students studying abroad in Singapore gives 14 girls the opportunity to participate in a summer camp from 29 May to 1 June in Ho Chi Minh City as part of the university orientation in Saigon.*

*Thanks God for all the blessings and all the good things the girls here receive, they are happy, playful and healthy. It's the same question of concern you had for many years that I've also been trying to allay your concern several times. The amount of \$291,928,000VND for 50 girls for 10 month expenses between August 2024 and May 2025, equivalent to \$19,400VND for each girl will not be enough for 1 child per day for the total cost of rice, spices, food for breakfast, lunch and dinner. However, the Sisters and the children is able to grow vegetables almost sufficient without having to spend money on them. Besides, some benefactors have lend some support for rice, despite of not in full, so the amount of \$19,400VND per head is spent on purchasing meat, fish, spices, breakfast... this strategy continues to be maintained, despite everything has increased in price, as it only needs to be sufficient to remain healthy with simple dishes, not luxurious food.*

*I understand you and everyone in the Parish always care about the children even when Father Linh has been moved to another Parish, I'm very moved and assured by your continued support, this is a very large amount of money to us and we are wholeheartedly grateful, as we know that this is from the hard work by those who contributes to it, hence I'm very uncomfortable to receive more. Until now, for me, this amount of money is enough to care for the children. I just hope that Mr. Joe and the Parish will continue accompanying them, this way, it will be better in the long run.*

*Our regards from the Sisters and children to everyone in the Parish.*

*Sr Nhung*



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**Palm Sunday**  
12-13th of April 2025

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season.

This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity.

*But the work isn't done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.



**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](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

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

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:**

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel Acclamation:**

{raise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel:** Luke 22:14—23:56

*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:** *Mona Haley, Reg Morgan*

**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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For any urgent pastoral need outside of office hours please call the presbytery on 03 9412 8443

**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**

Please submit them by Thursday mornings.

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