

# 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

**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.



Dear parishioners,

Happy Easter! I pray this is a most blessed time and season for you and your families. Easter is the high point of the church year and our greatest solemnity. It's the celebration of the event that breaks the power of sin and death once and for all over humanity and leads us to the freedom, the peace and the joy of the divine life. It's the power of the love of God which reigns over all, a love that never ends. What a blessing and privilege it is to be a part of a faith and a church that holds these truths for us to embrace and be eternally grateful for.

In Australia, Good Friday and Easter Monday are federal public holidays. I remember being surprised a few years back when I heard that this wasn't the case in other countries, including the US. Regardless of how people spend their Easter, marking it with time off work is a good start. First and foremost, it allows people to attend the liturgy and prayer offered by Christian communities. For those less devoted or even of no faith, it provides an opportunity for them to stop and reflect on why they're enjoying a long weekend at all and give some thanks to God and for Christianity.

One of the very powerful moments in the Good Friday liturgy is in the solemn intercessions when the church prays for those who do not believe in God, and for those who do not profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. The scriptures testify that God wills for "...all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). People will get up to all sorts of different things over this Easter weekend, and may God bless them all. All you or I can do is witness to the importance of God by honouring Him as best we can with our own prayer and devotion. And then go out and share that joy of the Risen Lord with everyone we meet.

In Christ,  
Fr Joel.

PS. Speaking of holidays, I will be heading away on Easter Monday for a little over two weeks. The parish will be looked after by various priests over the two weekends I'm away. Thank you to them for their support. Hopefully I come back in one piece ready and rejuvenated to tackle the rest of the year!



**Project Compassion**

Please return your Project Compassion boxes via the collections or direct to the office in the coming week. We greatly appreciate you support this Easter Season of hope and renewal.

**Fr Joel's Annual Leave**

In Fr Joel's absence the weekday Masses will be Liturgy of the Word with Communion for those who wish to continue attending. The weekend Masses will continue as scheduled.

**Parish Office Hours**

Next week due to the 2 public holidays the parish office will only be open Tues, Wed & Thurs from 9am—3pm.

**Nazareth Parish Year of Jubilee Appeal**

This appeal has been occurring throughout the Lenten season. All the donations of clothes, food, toiletries and vouchers that have been sorted and forwarded on to the respective groups within our community. We can't thank you enough .

**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.

**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.

**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. <https://service.vic.gov.au/>

**Weekly Bulletin**

Do you receive the parish bulletin via our weekly email? If not subscribe now so that you can have this bulletin delivered to your inbox on Friday afternoon prior to the weekend Masses. [Weekly bulletin subscribe here](#)

**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.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43**Responsorial Psalm:**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9

*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:****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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