

Nazareth Parish Bulletin

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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

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday 9.30am Mass

St Therese Church

Sunday 9am Mass

Sunday 5pm Mass

Wednesday 9am Rosary

Wednesday 9.30am Mass

Friday 9am Rosary

9.30am Mass

followed by prayers of adoration

Nazareth Church

Sunday 11am Mass

Thursday 9.30am Mass

Reconciliation

30 minutes prior to

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 11am Mass

Sunday 5pm Mass

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 mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

The church celebrates the Feast of St John Vianney – patron saint of parish priests – on Monday 4th August. On the back of this, the invitation has been put forward by local parishes and prayer groups to pray for the priests in our Geelong deanery. Not to garner your pity, but the truth is that much is expected of our Parish Priests, who can often find themselves feeling isolated or overwhelmed. There are a number of studies conducted in the area, but overall the morale and wellbeing of priests is not in a great place. Despite what many might think, it's not because of the bad press and public pressure on the church from without, but from people and structures within. Priests report feeling burned out, frustrated with the diocese leadership and not feeling supported in their work, which for younger priests is compounded by the generational gap between the younger and older clergy.

Rest assured it's not all doom and gloom! The vast majority of priests still report being happy in their vocation and if they had their time over, they would do it again. This priest included, praise God!

So here is a little opportunity to call on St John Vianney as their patron and pray for Parish Priests everywhere, that they may discharge their duties and serve their people with faithfulness and joy.

Saint John Vianney, you were blessed with a loving and devout family who supported your desire to increase your faith and devote yourself fully towards imitating the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. In pursuit of your holy vocation, you were not deterred by the many obstacles that came your way. Your strong faith carried you through life's trials to your place in God's kingdom.

Believing in the power of your kind intercession, we humbly ask God to hear our prayers for priests. May they remain close to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and be ever guarded from the snares of the enemy.

May they increase in wisdom, strength, faith, and joy, so that by their witness, and aided by the Holy Spirit, they may lead the flock to Heaven.

St. John Vianney, Priest of Ars, pray for all our priests in Geelong and Victoria, especially:

- Fr Marcus Goulding, (St Francis Xavier Corio and St Anthony of Padua Lara)
- Fr James Clarke, Fr Jude Johnson, (St Mary of the Angels Basilica, Geelong)
- Fr Joel Peart (Nazareth Catholic Parish Grovedale, Anglesea, Torquay Parish)
- Fr Joseph Panackal (St Joseph's, Meredith)
- Fr Tho Van Tran, (St Bernards, Belmont)
- Fr Linh Pham (Holy Trinity, Queenscliff)
- Fr Minh Tran, (Holy Family Bell Park, Holy Spirit Manifold)
- Fr Raymond Bugeja, (St Thomas, Drysdale)
- Fr Raymond Zammit, (St Thomas Aquinas, Norlane)

Fr Joel.



Position Vacant: Parish School Sacramental Coordinator

Nazareth Parish is seeking a motivated Parish School Sacramental Coordinator to support our pastoral mission. This permanent, part-time role (10 hours/week) involves coordinating sacramental programs for our school-aged children, connecting with our parish schools, and working closely with the Parish Priest and volunteers.



Key qualities:

- Strong commitment to Catholic values
- Sound organizational skills and ability to multitask
- Strong interpersonal skills to build connections between schools and the parish

Requirements:

- Working with Children and Police Checks
 - Annual safeguarding training compliance
- For a full position description or to apply, please email a cover letter and resume to grovedale@cam.org.au. Applications close Fri 15th August.

Nomination for Parish Leadership Team

Nnamdi Elege has resigned from the Leadership Team after moving away. We are seeking a new member, preferably from the northern area of our Parish. If you are interested and meet the criteria, please submit a nomination form to the Parish Office by 10 August. Access the nomination form and Parish Leadership Team Charter through the links below.

[Nomination form](#)

[Leadership Charter](#)

Brian Keane and Greg Carty
Co-chairs, Parish Leadership Team

REACH Vietnam Appeal - 2025 will be held on the weekend of 10th August. In early August we shall send \$18,000 to Sr Nhung ready for the new school year which commences in September. The flyer to be available on that weekend, focuses on the three **Head Nuns** (alongside the other nuns that accompany each) whose great love and wisdom for the boarding girls has, and continues, to provide much life and faith education in addition to their ongoing school education. As always your generous contributions underpin the project. You can contribute using the QR code (select the OUTREACH option) or via BSB: 083 347 Acc: 9470 66440, or give cash to the special collections at the Masses that weekend. Thank You.



First Reading:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Responsorial Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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: Jozef Sowulewski

PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Gerard Nairn

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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Parish Presbytery

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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