

# Nazareth Parish Bulletin

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10th August 2025

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.

Dear Parishioners,

On Friday August 8, the church in Australia celebrated the solemnity of our heavenly patron, St Mary of the Cross. Mass celebrated here on Friday morning was beautiful. It's hard to summarise the life of Mary because her enterprises were so vast, over so many states and in so many domains. Establishing convents, schools, orphanages, women's refuges, to say nothing of the countless individuals she helped and counselled. Her well-known quote of "Never see a need without doing something about it" really does epitomise the life of St Mary MacKillop. One of Mary's great inspirations was to found a new religious order of teaching nuns, in direct response to a pressing need. They would be known as the Sister of St Joseph. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Catholics had few opportunities to receive a Catholic education and our Victorian Government has a particular long history of anti-Catholic policymaking. In 1872 it issued the Stephens Act. The author of this act declared: *"In a couple of generations, through the missionary influence of the State schools, a new body of State doctrine and theology will grow up, and the cultured and intellectual Victorians of the future will directly worship in common at the shrines of one neutral-tinted deity, sanctioned by the State department."* One judge described the Stephens Act as "an endeavour to crush Catholicism under the heel of Authority." The Catholics of the colonial era were accustomed to prejudice and discrimination, but they were not about to roll over on this one. Mary MacKillop was one of the champions who rose to the occasion, ready to roll up her sleeves and set about establishing schools for those that the State considered unworthy of educating.

Throughout her entire life Mary MacKillop fought tooth and nail to ensure that their order *never* received a cent of government money. This may seem strange to modern-day Catholics who are used to fighting *for* government funding. Mary understood with prophetic insight that the moment the government starts funding Catholic schools is the moment that Catholics lose autonomy over what they can teach. Currently, over two thirds of funding for Catholic schools comes from the government.

One wonders what St Mary of the Cross would make of Catholic education in Australia today.

In Christ,  
Fr Joel.



### Welcome to our Enrolment Mass

This weekend we warmly welcome the families who are joining us for their child's Rite of Enrolment Mass as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming weeks. This is a significant step in their journey of faith, and we hold them in our prayers as they continue to grow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May this time of preparation be one of grace, learning, and deepening relationship with God for all involved.

### REACH Vietnam Appeal - 2025

The appeal is this weekend. 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 this weekend. Please see the attached flyer. Thank You.



### Anglesea Combined Churches

St Christopher's Catholic Church, on behalf of the Anglesea Association of Christian Churches, is hosting the Anglican, Baptist and Uniting congregations at our Saturday evening mass on 30th August 2025 at 6pm. Please come along and share our common faith and belief at our Eucharistic celebration. A light meal will be available to share afterwards in our church community room. We look forward to seeing you.

### 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

### 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](mailto:grovedale@cam.org.au). Applications close Fri 15th August.



### An invitation to come home

As part of the Year of Jubilee, the Parish Leadership Team are launching an appeal to reach out to anyone who might be considering coming back to the Church.

Do you know someone who has been away from the Church for a short or a long while, and is thinking of returning? You might like to extend an invitation to join our community. Tell them we have missed them and that our church is just not the same without them. Regardless of why they left, they can always come home, the invitation is there and everyone is welcome at our table.

If they left because they have been wounded by the Church, remind them of the words of Pope Francis, that the Church is like a field hospital. It is called to heal, to cure.

*"The mission of the Church is to heal the wounds of the heart, to open doors, to free people, to say that God is good."*

Please feel welcome to come home.



### A Reflection Morning

The Nazareth Parish Special Ministry team warmly invites all parishioners and visitors to a Parish Reflection Morning on Wednesday 27th August at St Therese Church, Torquay. The morning will begin with the recital of the Rosary at 9am, followed by morning Mass at 9:30am. Afterwards, all are welcome to stay for morning tea and a reflection led by Fr Joel. For more information, please contact Annie on 0409 516 907.

### 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.



### Reflection—Leo's Lens

'All creation', Pope Leo affirms, 'exists solely in the form of coexistence ... always interconnected.' While we might be lonely at times, none of us exists alone. We are all, always, part of something bigger. Focused on encouraging unity, the pope repeatedly calls for the Church to become ever more synodal – more conscious that we travel together. He wants us to 'recognise our own poverty and our riches,' allowing ourselves the grace to 'feel part of a greater whole.' None of us is saved alone. As the pope points out, 'even the most original and unique of charisms' – or gifts – will 'wither' if it is directed away from the community it is called to serve. The pope calls us to follow 'the way of the Beatitudes, a path that we tread together, between the "already" and the "not yet," hungering and thirsting for justice.' He calls us to be 'poor in spirit, merciful, meek, pure of heart, men and women of peace.' In this context, the pope shows us what spreading the Gospel really means. 'Evangelisation,' he says, 'is not our attempt to conquer the world, but the infinite grace that radiates from lives transformed by the Kingdom of God.' It is not you or me who evangelises, but the Spirit – taking each of us in our seeming ordinariness and changing the world.

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### First Reading:

Wisdom 18:6-9

### Responsorial Psalm:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

### Second Reading:

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming

Alleluia!

### Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

*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

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.*



### Parish Priest

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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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## REACH VIETNAM APPEAL 2025

The Divine Provident Nuns, a French order, work in Vietnam with ethnic minority communities who, like many indigenous peoples worldwide, face cultural oppression and poverty. Education is their key to breaking the cycle. The Nuns we support serve the Kon Tum region, helping in many areas of life.

Our specific partnership funds food for 50 girls during the school term, allowing them to live with the Nuns as long as they continue their studies. Each extra year of education makes a significant difference. Through REACH Vietnam, many girls have completed Year 12, and some have gone on to tertiary education. This year, four more will take that step. These Nuns live out their Christian faith with deep love and hands-on service, offering hope—especially to these young women. Thanks to the long-term generosity of Nazareth Parish and others, this vital support continues. Our current donation is \$18,000 per year to support 50 girls. Please pray for the Nuns and the girls, and keep giving as you're able. Your support makes education, and a brighter future, possible.

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**BSB: 083 347**  
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Reach Vietnam



2021 - Present  
Sr Nhung

2013 - 2017  
Sr Phuong

2017 - 2021  
Sr Simone