

Nazareth Parish Bulletin

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24th August 2025

A vibrant community, journeying with Jesus.

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THE
ARCHBISHOP'S
CAMPAIGN
2025



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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

CONFESSION

St Christophers Church

Saturday 5.30pm—6pm

Nazareth Church

Sunday 10.30am—11am

St Therese Church

Sunday 4.30 pm—5pm

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.

Archbishop's Campaign 2025

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, the University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

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.

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.



Nazareth Church Grovedale

Missing Statue of our Lady of Fatima in a wooden case

Last seen the Statue & case were in the Booknook at Nazareth Church. Some people would like to have a turn with the statue in their home.

If you know of its location please contact Jill & Bob Healy 0427414070

Thank you to all our dear friends in the Nazareth Parish and School Community for the very thoughtful and generous way you celebrated my 90th birthday last week. ~ Jill Healy

Acacia Passionist family group Grovedale

Luncheon—The Fork & Flower Café, 392 Bellarine Highway Moolap. Thursday 28th August at 12 Noon.

Please reply to Host Pam Fletcher on or before 22/8 most important for booking. Pam 0409 380 785

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our parish is preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with this year's candidates in just a few weeks. These special celebrations will take place on Wednesday 3rd September at Nazareth Church, with two Masses at 5pm and 7pm, and again on Friday 12th September at St Therese Church, also at 5pm and 7pm. As part of their preparation, next Saturday 30th August we will host a retreat day at Nazareth Church for candidates who do not attend one of our Catholic Primary Schools. This retreat will be an important opportunity for them to reflect and deepen their understanding of this beautiful sacrament. Please keep these young people of in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

In his address for the ninth World Day of the Poor Pope Leo pulls no punches: 'Poverty has structural causes that must be addressed and eliminated.'

Christ calls us to follow a path of service to others, not self. 'All of us need charity, here and now', the pope reminds us. 'Charity is not just a promise; it is a present reality to be embraced with joy and responsibility.'

Reflecting that 'all this earth's goods, material realities, worldly pleasures, economic prosperity, however important, cannot bring happiness to our hearts', the pope wants us to consider our 'duty to shoulder our responsibilities in history, without hesitation.'

It is not enough for us to seek our own paths of personal wealth or even holiness without regard for others. We must look beyond ourselves and keep in mind, as the pope recollects, that 'tradition has constantly insisted on the circular relationship between the three theological virtues of faith, hope and charity.' We should therefore be supporters 'of policies aimed at combatting forms of poverty both old and new.'

'The city of God,' the pope points out, 'impels us to improve the cities of men and women. Our own cities must begin to resemble his.'

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First Reading:

Isaiah 66:18-21

Responsorial Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

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: *Roman English*

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Jack Baker, Maria Vintgene*

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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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

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Please submit them by Thursday mornings.

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