

Nazareth Parish Bulletin

A vibrant community, journeying with Jesus.

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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025
WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH



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 Liturgy of the Word

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

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



Saint Carlo Acutis and Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati

Presiding over Mass in Saint Peter's Square on Sunday, 7 September, Pope Leo XIV declared two young Italians—Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati—saints of the Catholic Church. Beneath the bright skies of a late summer day, he praised their “extraordinary witness to faith, hope, and trust in God,” holding them up as reminders of the Lord's great plan for eternal joy.

In his homily, the Pope reflected on words from the Book of Wisdom, noting how both Carlo and Pier Giorgio sought to understand God's designs and to follow them faithfully. Like Solomon, they asked for wisdom, and in their short lives they used their gifts to bring others to God through example, word, and action.

Carlo Acutis, who died in 2006 at just 15 years old from leukemia, embodied this wisdom in a way uniquely suited to his time. A computer-savvy teenager, he designed a multilingual website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles across the centuries, a digital treasury that continues to inspire believers worldwide. Nicknamed “God's Influencer,” Carlo showed how even technology could become a bridge of faith. Today, his wax likeness lies in a glass coffin in Assisi, dressed in jeans and sneakers—a vivid sign that holiness can be lived in ordinary, modern ways.

Pier Giorgio Frassati, who died in 1925 at age 24 after contracting polio, left behind a different yet equally powerful legacy. A student, mountaineer, and tireless volunteer, he poured his energy into Catholic Action, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, and countless quiet acts of charity for Turin's poor. Friends joked that he was like a one-man delivery service—“Frassati Impresa Trasporti”—because he so often carried food and supplies to those in need. His life motto, *Verso l'alto* (“to the heights”), captured both his love of climbing and his vision of faith.

Pilgrims from around the world packed the streets around the Vatican, many of them young Catholics drawn by the message that holiness is not confined to the past but speaks directly to our own time. One visitor from Australia described the atmosphere as “incredible,” calling Carlo and Pier Giorgio “perfect examples for our modern age.”

As the Church welcomed these two new saints—one from the early twentieth century, another from the dawn of the digital age—their stories converged in a single message: holiness is not distant, unattainable, or reserved for the few. It is alive, relatable, and ever-relevant, calling each of us upward, toward the heights.

To read more head to [Vatican News](#) or [Melbourne Catholic](#)

Safeguarding Sunday ~ 14th September

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.



Congratulations, Fr Joel – 10 Years of Priesthood

This Friday, 12 September, marks the 10th anniversary of Fr Joel's ordination to the priesthood. We give thanks for his faithful service, dedication, and care for our parish community. To celebrate this milestone, a small gathering will follow each Mass this weekend. All are warmly invited to join in offering our prayers, gratitude, and best wishes to Fr Joel on this special occasion.

Fr Joel's Absence – Thursday 18 September

Please note that there will be no morning Mass at Nazareth Church on Thursday, 18 September. Fr Joel will be celebrating Mass at Iona College in honour of their patron saint, St Columba.

St Columba (521–597) was an Irish monk, missionary, and scholar who is remembered for bringing Christianity to Scotland. He founded the famous monastery on the island of Iona, which became a center of faith, learning, and missionary outreach for centuries. St Columba is honoured as a man of deep prayer, wisdom, and courage, who shared the Gospel with great zeal.

Safeguarding Handbook

The Nazareth Parish Safeguarding Team has prepared a *Policies and Procedures Handbook*, now available on our parish website (or via the link [here](#)). This handbook is designed to give current and prospective members a clear understanding of the role of Safeguarding, and to highlight its importance in the life of our parish community.

ACACIA family group—Grovedale

September gathering— Thursday 25/9/2025

QUEENSLIFFE CHURCH VISIT & LUNCH

All welcome to join us to visit the historic 1867 Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Stevens Street, the only Church in the Geelong area dedicated for Jubilee.

Meeting there at 12 noon, we will have a time of prayer, followed by light lunch in the Parish Hall.

Dietary needs catered for RSVP by Sunday 14th Sept.

Enquiries: Tricia O'Keeffe 0414 672 267 [Holy Trinity Church Queenscliff welcomes... | Melbourne Catholic](#)

First Reading:

Numbers 21:4-9

Responsorial Psalm:

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 3:13-17

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: John McElligott

Anniversaries who are at this time: Hec Dickie, Cynthia Bowker

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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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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Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR) and Garratt Publishing present
A Conversation with Chris Sidoti on Gaza, the Westback, and Israel

Thursday 25 September 2025

EVENT DETAILS

When: Thursday 25 September 2025

Time: 7:00 pm (AEST)

Where: Via Zoom

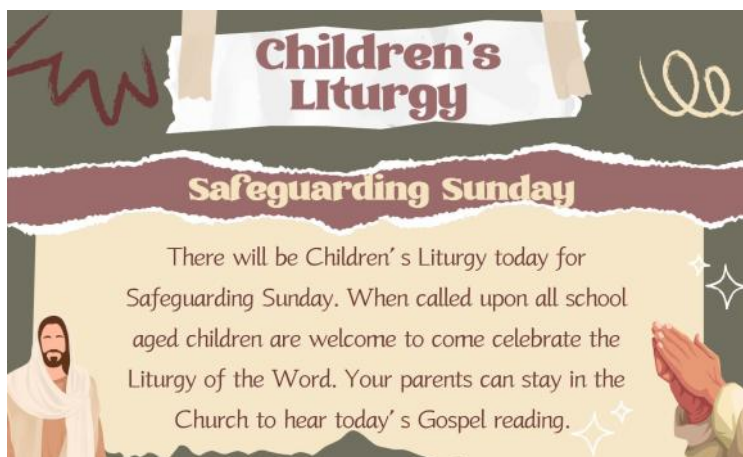
Cost: FREE

Registration: To register, please click [here](#), or on the button below.

REGISTER for A Conversation with Chris Sidoti

St Vincent de Paul Society

Become a helping hand for those in need in your local community by becoming a member to help make a difference. Please see the poster on the notice board or follow this link: www.vinnies.org.au/get-involved/become-a-member



**MEET OUR NAZARETH
PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM**



All parish volunteers are required to hold a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC). When obtaining or updating your WWCC, please remember to link your card to our parish using the organisation details below:

Organisation details for linking

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As the process can change from time to time, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our Safeguarding Team members if you are unsure or need any assistance. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and welcoming parish community. Online application via [Service Victoria](#) or in person [application for WWCC](#).

Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday

Loving God,
You created each one of us in your image, precious and worthy of care.
Today we pray for all children, young people, and vulnerable adults, that they may be safe, valued, and protected.

We give thanks for those who work to safeguard others. Strengthen them with wisdom, patience, and compassion.
May our community be a place of welcome, trust, and safety, where all can grow and flourish in your care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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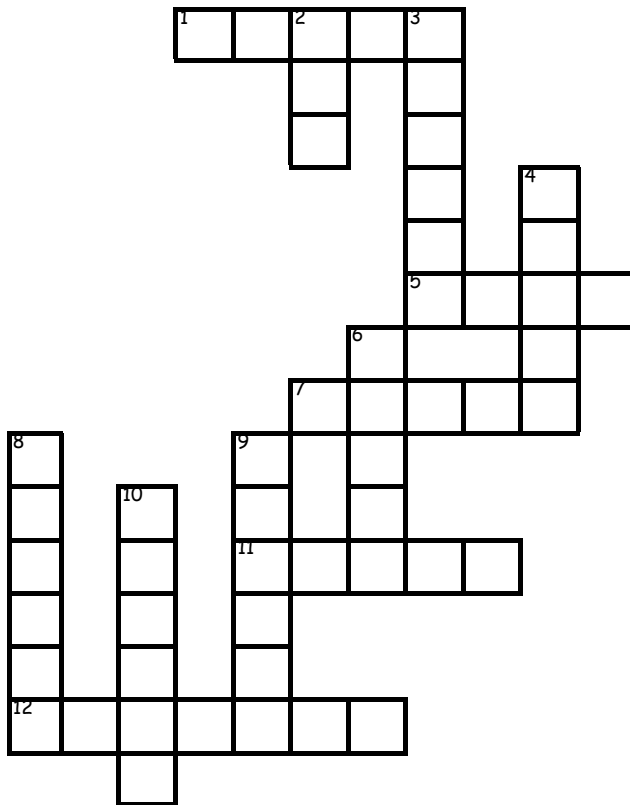
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CROSSWORD

Have faith and the Lord will keep you safe

Nm 21:4b-9
Ps 88:4-5. 14-15abc. R. v.7a
Jn 3:13-17



Across

- 1: this man lifted up the metal snake in the desert
5: God sent his Son to _____ people, not to condemn them
7: there was no _____ or water in the desert, and this made the people angry
11: the people of Israel started to feel this way about being in the desert
12: never ending

Down

- 2: the opposite of daughter
3: the Lord sent these to attack the people who had insulted him and Moses
4: everyone who looked at the bronze snake _____ after being bitten
6: the people realised they were _____ to insult Moses and the Lord and began to pray
8: the Lord told Moses to make a snake out of this and put it on a pole
9: the Son of Man came down from this place
10: Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'the Son of Man must be _____ up'

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

The Son of Man must be lifted up

Jn 3:13-17

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Try to find these words:

die
eternal
everyone
heaven
lifted
Man
Moses
Nicodemus
only
save
Son
world