

Nazareth Parish Bulletin

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A vibrant community, journeying with Jesus.

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Safeguarding

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

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 collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Dear Parishioners,

The Catholic Church has designated the month of October as the “Month of the Rosary” as the month includes the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. It’s a reminder to us of the importance that this devotion has in the life and tradition of our faith.

The feast was instituted by Pope Pius the V in honour and in thanksgiving for the victory in the Battle of Lepanto. On October 7, 1571, a patchwork fleet of Catholic ships primarily from Spain, Venice and Genoa came up against the much larger fleet of the Ottoman Empire as they extended toward Europe. St. Pope Pius V, realizing that the Muslim Turks had a decided material advantage, called upon all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory. And victorious they were. It testifies to the power of the rosary and the trust we should have in Mary to intercede for us in times of need.

The history of the rosary is an interesting one. Tradition holds that the Rosary was given to Saint Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers, in an apparition by the Blessed Virgin Mary to him in the year 1214. Its origins certainly begin here, but the rosary as we know it now has truly been developed over centuries.

Throughout the life of the church, priests and religious would pray the Liturgy of the Hours, which over a weeklong period, includes the reciting of all 150 psalms from the bible. Reflecting that practice, there developed not long after the turn of the millennia, the “Psalter of Our Lady”, which was the praying of 150 Hail Marys. (Though the Hail Mary then was essentially only the first half of the prayer as we know it now. Pope Pius the V added “Holy Mary, Mother of God...” etc) A Carthusian monk in the 14th Century added 15 Our Fathers, wedged in between each decade. In the early 16th Century, Blessed Alanus de Rupe, a spiritual son of Saint Dominic, received an inspiration to reinstate and encourage devotion to Our Lady through the Rosary. From then on, with help from the Dominican order especially, the practice of praying the rosary only grew.

In addition to this inspiration, Brother Alanus also received from our Blessed Mother 15 Promises for those who faithfully pray the rosary. They include the assurance of Our Lady’s protection throughout life, the gift of abundant graces and growth in virtue, the destruction of sin and vice and finally of God’s mercy at the hour of death.

Sounds like a pretty good deal to me!

In Christ,

Fr Joel.



Annual Leave

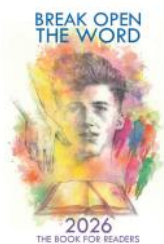
Fr Joel will soon be taking a well-deserved break, beginning next Friday, as he heads away for three weeks of annual leave. Please note that there will be no Mass on Friday morning next week as he begins his time away. During his absence, we are fortunate to have supply clergy who will celebrate the weekend Masses, ensuring that our parish community continues to gather in prayer and worship as usual. On weekdays, our devoted parishioners will lead Liturgy of the Word with Communion, allowing us to maintain our regular rhythm of faith and reflection even while Fr Joel is away. We wish him a restful and refreshing break and look forward to welcoming him back renewed and rejuvenated.

Funeral Notice – Maureen Purcell

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Maureen Purcell. Family and friends are warmly invited to attend a Funeral Mass to celebrate Maureen's life. Tuesday, 14th October, 11:00am at St Christopher's Church, Anglesea. Please keep Maureen and her loved ones in your prayers during this time.

Annual Lectionary

The new 2026 *Break Open the Word* books are now in stock and will be distributed in the coming weeks. Due to a significant price increase this year, they cost \$35 each. A small number of spare copies will be available to purchase from the parish office until sold out.



God's Word—Daily Reflections 2026 has also arrived and is available again this year for \$22. These can be obtained through the book nook at St Therese Church, from Jill Healy at Nazareth Church, or via the parish office.



The 2026 *Columban Art Calendar* is likewise on sale for \$10 through the book nook at St Therese.



If you are interested in any of these items and unable to get to the book nook or office please reach out and we can arrange to get them to you.

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:

2 Kings 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord as revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

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: *Maureen Purcell*

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Mill Dickie, Michael Morgan*

PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Maureen Murphy

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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Dear Parishioners,

What is the Synod on Synodality 2021-2024?

Pope Francis called the Synod on Synodality to give Catholics worldwide a voice in the future of the Church. After three years of dialogue, discernment, prayer and discussion, the Final Document was approved in October, 2024. The Synod focused on:

- Inclusivity
- Shared decision-making
- Structural reform
- Women's leadership and lay participation
- Accountability and transparency

Now, it is up to local parishes to bring these ideals to life during the **Implementation Phase** (2025-2028)

Our Parish's Journey

We have proudly been active throughout the Synodal process. Highlights include:

- Participating in discussion groups exploring the present and future challenges of the Church
- Submitting a Parish paper with suggestions for the future of the Australian Catholic Church
- Being one of only three parishes in our Archdiocese involved at this level.

Our commitment to Synodality remains unwavering.

The Implementation Stage 2025-2028

The church is known for moving slowly- **but this is our time for action**. This three year phase asks us to embed Synodality into the culture and life of the Church through:

- Inclusion
- Listening
- Formation
- Exchange of Gifts

What does this mean for Nazareth Parish?

- How do we function as a Synodal Parish?
- What could Synodality look like here?

In the coming months, the bulletin will feature explanations of a Synodal Parish- referencing specifics from the final Document.

Example Principle:

Synodality works out of a vision of co-responsibility of ordained and lay

"The lay faithful, both women and men, should be given greater opportunities for participation...in Church discernment processes and all phases of decision-making (drafting, making and confirming decisions)" (Final Document par. 77)

The Journey Ahead

By next year, everyone will be invited to join formation and discussion sessions- so all can feel a genuine part of the Synodal journey.

Want to read the Final Document? Visit this page for the complete text: www.synod.va

Together, let's bring true Synodality to life in our Parish.