

Nazareth Parish Bulletin

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 *Liturgy of the Word with Communion*

St Therese Church

Sunday 9am Mass
Sunday 5pm Mass
Wednesday 9am *Rosary*
Wednesday 9.30am *Liturgy of the Word with Communion*
Friday 9am *Rosary*
Friday 9.30am *Liturgy of the Word with Communion*

Nazareth Church

Sunday 11am Mass
Thursday 9.30am *Liturgy of the Word with Communion*

Fr Joel is on leave until 7th Nov

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,

Synods are not unusual in the history of the Catholic Church, the first being the Council of Jerusalem in the 1st century. We can read about it in the Acts of the Apostles. In the early Church, bishops and popes met to discern important matters and make decisions for the Church.

So, what made the Synod on Synodality different?

This Synod was different in several key ways. Unlike previous Synods, this synod was characterized by an unprecedented level of broad participation and consultation involving not only bishops, but the entire People of God worldwide, including women and men who for the first time were given a voice and then allowed to vote in a synod. And at the conclusion of the Synod, Pope Francis accepted the decisions of the delegates in the Final Document without making any changes. He embraced it in full, without any alterations, as Bishop of Rome- a document written by the People of God. Each week in our bulletin, we are exploring this Final Document and how to implement it in a Synodal Parish. The theme this week is the Church and the poor.

A synodal Church places the poor at its centre.

"The poor are at the heart of the Church... The Church...needs to recognize them as agents of evangelization." (FD Par. 19)

"The Church is called to be poor with those who are poor, who often constitute the majority of the faithful, to listen to them, learning together how to recognize the charisms they receive from the Spirit." (FD Par. 19)

Following this, Pope Leo signed his first Exhortation "Dilexi Tei" (I Have Loved You) on the feast of St Francis of Assisi, addressing all Christians on love for the poor. Synodality and Social Justice are closely linked. You can get an idea of the thrust of the Exhortation document by reading the first few pages.

https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-tei.html

Last week, we suggested you engage in conversation with someone after you had read and reflected on the bulletin article. We would encourage you to do that again this weekend. But you might also want to take some action when reflecting on our responsibility to the poor. If you attend Mass at Torquay, you will notice a tub at the front door, collecting groceries for Food Aid Torquay. Supermarkets in all areas collect food for local families in need. What can you give this week?

Later this year, as we enter into the Advent season we will again support the Vinnies program, assisting families facing a difficult time at Christmas. This could be us, living



out as a Synodal Church in this Jubilee Year of Hope. Think what you could contribute or how you could assist.

Read- Reflect- Act

Denise Arnel

On behalf of the Leadership Team

Stewardship envelopes for November 2025 to February 2026 are now available for collection in the church foyer. Thank you to everyone for your continued and generous support of our parish. For any enquiries, please contact Brian McMahon in the parish office.

Acacia Passionist Family Group Grovedale

Next activity Luncheon on Wednesday 29 October at Noon at the Yardz Hotel 77 Church St West Geelong.

Hosts Gail & Mick Spong 0407438163 please advise attendance by 26/10 as numbers are essential.

Mary Glowrey Museum Open Day

Wednesday 29 October 2025 | 10.00am–3.00pm

The Mary Glowrey Museum in Fitzroy documents the life and legacy of Dr Sr Mary Glowrey MJM (1887–1957), Australian-born and educated medical missionary. In 1920, Mary Glowrey left her medical career in Melbourne to serve in India, where she became Sr Mary of the Sacred Heart MJM and devoted 37 years to caring for the most marginalised. Declared a Servant of God in 2013, she is one of only two Australians officially being considered for canonisation. Find out more at: www.maryglowreymuseum.info

Friends of Faith and Light—Geelong Community

You are warmly invited to join us for our next Friends of Faith and Light Gathering, a time of friendship, faith, music, and celebration — especially for people with disabilities, their families, and friends.

Date: Tuesday, October 28th, 2025

Venue: St Mary's Hibernian Hall, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong
Time: 2:00 – 4:30 PM Join us for an afternoon of sharing, music, birthdays, and afternoon tea! RSVP Tricia O'Keeffe 0414 672 267 by Mon 27th Oct.



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE MASS

The parish of Nazareth is extending a special invitation to our school families to celebrate this Jubilee Year of Hope. You are warmly invited to attend this special Sunday Mass, which will be assisted by our parish students, and gather with our community in prayer.

Sunday 9th Nov 9am at St Therese Church, Torquay
Sunday 16th Nov 11am at Nazareth Church, Grovedale

Everyone is welcome as we come together in faith, hope and love.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C 26th October 2025

First Reading:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

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: *Luke Ford*

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Janko Bartakovic, Margaret Sheehan, Patrick Rogers, Mary Carmody*

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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