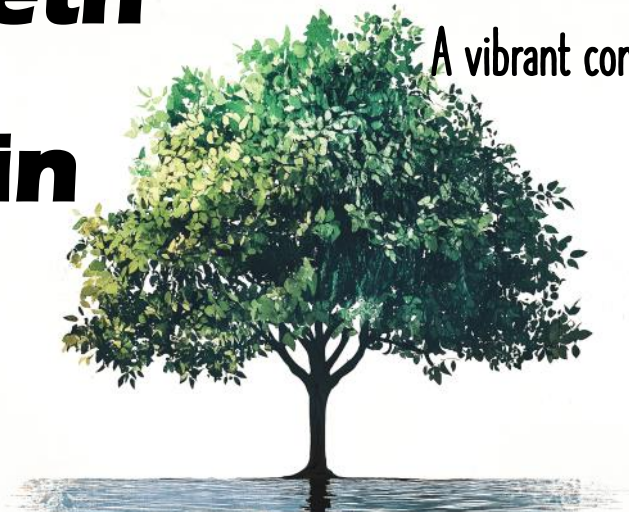


# Nazareth Parish Bulletin



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 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,

Once a month, our parish runs baptism preparation sessions for parents wanting to baptise their child. When I lead these sessions, I like to refer to a quote by then Cardinal Albino Luciani, who went on to become Pope John Paul I: *"In reality, the first book of religion that children read is the parents themselves..."*

St Therese of Lisieux, whose feast we celebrated on Wednesday, would be first to say that her first book on religion could not have been better. Her parents, Louise and Zelig Martin, were models of holiness and heroic virtue. So much so that they too were declared saints by Pope Francis on October 18, 2015.

Their life is a testament to the beautiful plan that God has in store for those that love Him. A plan that often differs from our own! As a young man, Louis felt called to be an Augustinian Monk but was rejected because he failed Latin. Azelie-Marie "Zelig" wanted to become a nun with the Sisters of St Vincent de Paul but was turned away due to poor health. The dejected Louis moved from Bordeaux to Normandy and worked as a watchmaker. Zelig became a highly skilled lacemaker. It was there in Normandy that the two met and three months later they married. They went on to have nine children, though only five were to survive childhood. Marie Therese was the youngest and was given the beautiful pet name by her father of "Little Queen ... to whom all treasures belonged".

This week our parish has had the honour of hosting the relics of Sts Louis and Zelig. Monica Bautista, a friend who works for the Archdiocese of Sydney, recently ran a Catholic conference for women which had 1,000 participants. The Office for Marriage and Family were supposed to provide her with the relics for a prayer vigil the night before, but they left them behind. Feeling bad about it, they told her she could keep the relics for a month! That month for Monica included a road trip along the surf coast of Victoria, so she bought the relics of Sts Louis and Zelig along for the ride.

Monica is a keen surfer, being raised in Maroubra and up until recently living near Coogee. The photos here have pictures of the relics overlooking a sunset at Bondi, and the other at Bells just up the road from us. I can't imagine Louis and Zelig ever imagined that part of them would end up gracing these iconic Australian beaches. Or a church in Torquay would ever be named in honour of their "Little Queen".

Our God is so great.

In Christ,  
Fr Joel.



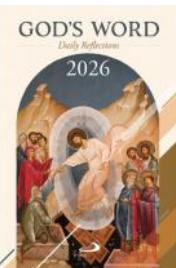
### Relics of St Louis and St Zelig Martin

We are grateful to have the relics of St Louis and St Zelig Martin - the parents of our patron St Therese of Lisieux - here in our parish this week. If you would like to see and even venerate the relics, they will be present at the 5pm mass on Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> at St Therese Catholic Church. Bless,  
Fr Joel.



### 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.

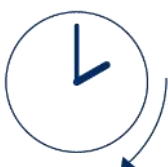
The 2026 *Columban Art Calendar* is likewise on sale for \$10 through the book nook at St Therese.



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.

### 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](http://www.vinnies.org.au/get-involved/become-a-member)



Daylight savings begins this weekend, come Sunday morning your clocks will need to move forward 1 hour.

### First Reading:

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

### Responsorial Psalm:

If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

### Second Reading:

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever:

it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

### Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

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:** Frank Busuttil, Geoff Baker

### PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sr Pattie McKinnon, 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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### 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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