

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 office: 9412 8444

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings to you from front page of the bulletin for the final time in 2025. I enjoy the opportunity to share my reflections with you on this forum. I hope they are enjoyed by you too - even if there is the odd opinion that you disagree with! It's not intended to a place where Catholic theology and dogma are espoused, but more a commentary on culture and life through the lens of our Catholic faith.

The year has been a year of great change and learning for me. From the location of this parish to the challenge of ministering to three churches and multiple schools, to getting to know new people and see what opportunities are available to best nourish their Catholic faith. It could easily be overwhelming, but there is a lot of great people supporting me and the parish, and the reassurance that it's not my church but that of Jesus Christ.

The past week has seen terrible events unfold. A statement was put out by our Archbishop on behalf of us all, which the parish has shared and made available. I echo those sentiments, especially the encouragement to pray for the victims and their families.

For such violence to unfold at a place known for sunshine and surf, good times the greatest of outdoors our country has to offer is jarring. I spent a week at St Annes Church in Bondi late last year with the parish priest Fr Anthony Robbie and it was a wonderful time. Crossing over that now infamous bridge and walking through that park on my way to the sand...it doesn't seem possible that it could be a place of terror. But here we are. There is a lot of conversations about how this was able to take place and what the response to such an event is. I'm not naïve to the ways of the world, but it's still disappointing that politics took all of 5 minutes to insert itself and take centre stage in all this. To unite together at such a time in solidarity and allow there to be a fitting mourning and farewell for those who died seems far more appropriate. But alas.

Times like this remind us how much we need someone to save us from our wickedness and redeem our fallen world; how precious is the gift of peace and that mercy and love are the only way for healing and strength. This is what we celebrate at Christmas. God entered our world as a light in the darkness to show us the way to goodness and truth. Sin and death would have the final answer, except that the love of God - made manifest in the person of Jesus - has visited us with salvation and life.

Merry Christmas to all of you and your family, and every blessing for the new year.

In Christ,
Fr Joel.



Tues 23rd Dec	9.30am Mass	St Christopher's, Angelsea
Wed 24th Dec	No 9.30am Mass	
	5pm & 9pm Mass	St Therese, Torquay
	7pm Mass	Nazareth, Grovedale
Thur 25th Dec	9am Mass	St Therese, Torquay
	10.30am Mass	St Christopher's, Angelsea
	11am Mass	Nazareth, Grovedale
Fri 26th Dec	9.30am Mass	St Therese, Torquay

All regular Mass times will continue following the Christmas period. Please refer to the front of the bulletin for the weekly Mass schedule.

Exciting news indeed with the announcement of a Melbourne Archdiocesan Synod. Make sure you read the letter from the Archbishop found [linked here](#).

Our parish is well placed for this next step, having journeyed from the early days of the Plenary Council through to our Synod submission and, most recently, our weekly updates and reflection on the Final Document and Implementation Phase. Keep informed and involved: Read the key Synod documents on our Parish website tagparish.com.au/Leadership/Documents And share them with others.

Early in the New Year, the Parish will invite everyone to take part in formation opportunities to help us prepare together for the Melbourne Synod.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you to all who contributed especially the 2 later amounts of \$200 & \$500 received last Sunday. Bob Healy

Sunday 18th January 2026 at 1:30pm
TORQUAY
St. Therese Church

Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 7:30pm
ANGLESEA
St. Christopher's Church

VIVALDI
THE FOUR SEASONS
4 Concertos for Violin, Strings and basso continuo

MOZART
Divertimento B-flat major KV 137 »Salzburg Symphony«

HANDEL
»For Obehold« - Aria for baritone from the oratorio »Messiah«

BOCCHERINI
Concerto no. 6 in D major for Violoncello and Orchestra

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE
(Germany)

Sergey Didorenko * Violin Jaime Roda Segrelles * Baritone Dmitriy Gornowski * Violoncello



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Tickets available at
St. Christopher's Church, Angelsea
St. Therese's Church, Torquay
one hour prior to the concert (cash sales only)

First Reading:

Isaiah 7:10-14

Responsorial Psalm:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Second Reading:

Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel:
God is with us.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

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: Michael Carmody,
Duby Wilson, Christine Crook, Ina Slater, Bill Slater

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

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Office Hours

The parish office will be closed from Wed 24th and re-open Tue 13th Jan where usual office hours will resume:
Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 3pm.

Bulletin Notices

Please submit them by Thursday mornings—the next edition will be published Fri 16th Jan.

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