

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

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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.

Torquay Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Aussie families are struggling to survive the increasing cost-of-living pressures this Christmas. The Torquay Vinnies group will be supporting as many families as possible to put food on tables this Christmas and to support folk to stay connected. Thanks so much for the contributions so far. Please continue to add vouchers for Supermarkets, department stores or petrol stations via the Sunday collections, or place cash in an envelope and address it to Vinnies and drop into Parish Office or School Offices. Our Appeal runs until December 6/7th. We will then distribute to those in need. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, this is another opportunity to share what we have and include everyone at the table. We value and appreciate your generosity at this time.

Thank you from Grovedale St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you to our parishioners who very kindly donated \$1100 to the appeal. Your generosity will make a number of families in our area very happy.
Bob Healy (President)

Anglesea Foodlink

Each year at this time we put together a food hamper with a small gift for some families, couples, and singles in our community.

These are folk who have gone beyond doing it tough & are struggling to get by day by day. Our giving tree is loaded with tags Please take one or two, read what is requested & return your gifts either next Sat. night or on Sat. Dec.13th. Any special Christmas foods would also be appreciated. A great opportunity to spread the hope & joy of Christmas.



Evangelisation is at the heart of Synodality. The Final Document repeatedly links synodality with a renewed, shared commitment to evangelization; every baptized person is called to be a missionary disciple.

This weekend at every Mass, Fr. Joel will be giving every family two Christmas cards. One to keep for your own family, and one to give to someone you might like to invite to share our Christmas ceremonies with us. This might be a neighbor in your street, a friend or a relative. The Mass and carols times are printed inside the cards. This is a simple yet practical way we can all answer our Baptismal call to be active disciples of the synodal church.





Leadership team [end of year report](#) is now available to read on our website with some hardcopies also available in the foyer this weekend.

Mass schedule for the coming week

Monday (8th Dec) is The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, therefore we will be holding a Mass at 9.30am at St Therese Church, Torquay. On Wednesday morning, we will be joined by St Therese Primary School as they celebrate their End-of-Year Mass with our parish community. On Thursday morning at Nazareth, there will be two Mass celebrations, with the junior grades attending the 9.30am Mass followed by the senior students at a later 11.30am Mass. On Friday, please note that there will be no Mass at St Therese Church; instead, we will gather for a Liturgy of the Word with Communion. Looking ahead to next week, St Catherine's and Lisieux Primary Schools will also be celebrating their End-of-Year liturgies at their respective school communities.

Choir Practice for the 9pm Mass on Christmas Eve at St Therese, Torquay will occur on Thursday Dec 18th at 5pm. New singers and musicians welcome. Contact Sherry Watson 0417 259 735 by Monday December 14th.

U3A Choir group gathered at Nazareth Church last Sunday afternoon for a lovely telling of the story of the Nativity.



NAZARETH PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2025

DECEMBER 24TH

5pm St Therese Church, Torquay

7pm Nazareth Church, Grovedale
carols begin at 6.45pm

9pm St Therese Church, Torquay
carols begin at 8.40pm

DECEMBER 25TH

9am St Therese Church, Torquay

10.30am St Christopher's Church, Anglesea

11am Nazareth Church, Grovedale

MERRY
Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

First Reading:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsorial Psalm:

Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading:

Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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: Annette Sturt, Marie Hurley, Pauline Audley

Anniversaries who are at this time: Danuta Sowulewski, Jocelyn Molina, Michael Meagher, Kerry Costelloe

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

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Please submit them by Thursday mornings.

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