

# Nazareth Parish Bulletin

4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year A  
1st February 2026

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 prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



## William (Bill) Rebula OAM

Bill Rebula of Grovedale received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2026 Australia Day Honours for his dedicated community service. His work includes supporting the Geelong Prostate Support Group, volunteering with the L2P Learner Driver Program, and active involvement in Nazareth Catholic Parish. Drawing on his own experience as a prostate cancer survivor, Bill has helped raise awareness and support others, and says he was humbled by the recognition.



## Brian Keane OAM

Brian Keane of Torquay was also awarded an OAM for his long-standing service to community organisations. His leadership includes nearly a decade with MacKillop Family Services, eight years as chair, involvement with the Lions Club of Torquay, Nazareth Catholic Parish, and Surf Coast Shire Council. Brian said he was surprised and honoured, noting volunteering has always been part of his life.



Both Bill and Brian exemplify grassroots leadership and service. On behalf of Nazareth Catholic Parish, we congratulate them on their outstanding contributions to the community.

## SVDP News

Some parishioners may be wondering how to contribute to support those affected by bushfires.

At this time St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria is not running a specific bushfire appeal, however money can be specifically directed if this is something you wish. Two ways to make a financial donation:

- \* Call our Victorian Fundraising Donation Line on **03 9895 5959** or
- \* Donate in-store at any Vinnies retail shop.
- \* Staff will be able to allocate the donation to bushfires via the **Special Purpose Appeals** option at the register

All donations received will help St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria respond where need is greatest for communities affected by the recent bushfires.

If anyone would like to join our SVDP groups, please feel free to contact Beth Humphries: [beth.hum@hotmail.com](mailto:beth.hum@hotmail.com) m: 0408 508 115 [Torquay] or Bob Healy: [healyjill@hotmail.com](mailto:healyjill@hotmail.com) m: 0427 414 070 [Grovedale]. You will be welcomed with open arms!

**Presentation of the Lord Mass** will be celebrated at St Therese Church, Torquay 9.30am this coming Monday 2nd February.



**Parish Sacramental Program 2026**

This program is for children who attend non-Catholic primary schools within our parish area. Enrolments are now open—please register as soon as possible via > <https://tagparish.com.au/sacramental-preparation-program/> The first Sacrament we prepare for is Reconciliation, which will begin in term 1, March. First Eucharist will be celebrated in term 2 and Confirmation term 3.

**Torquay Church Gardens:** if anyone has any spare council vouchers for mulch and/or green waste we would appreciate them. Please drop into the piety stall after Mass. Also, if anyone has a small trailer who could pick up a load of mulch from Anglesea tip or lend it to us we would love to hear from you. Please contact Steve ph. 0422 287 011.

**Baringbah Family Group:** please join us after Mass on Sunday, 1 February in Lisieux Place as we reflect on the outings we enjoyed last year and plan ahead for 2026. Your presence would be appreciated along with any ideas for future activities.



“In today’s Church, theological competence is not reserved to priests and bishops. Lay faithful everywhere hunger for participation, equal access, and agency. The pope, bishops and priests on their own cannot fully awaken or actualize the vision of Jesus— all Catholics have roles to play. Synodality is offered as a way to make this a reality.”

Last year we discussed the importance of Formation in the Synodal process. There is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to participate in a free webinar on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00p.m. Fr Ormond Rush, PP from Townsville, and Francis Sullivan, Chair of Jesuit Social Services, will discuss this in a webinar THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD, open to all. To register, go to [garrattpublishing.com.au](http://garrattpublishing.com.au)



**First Reading:**

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

**Responsorial Psalm:**

The remnant of Israel will take refuge in the Lord.

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

*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:** *Glenis Leddin*

**Anniversaries who are at this time:**

**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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For any urgent pastoral need outside of office hours please call the presbytery on 03 9412 8443

**Office Hours**

Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 3pm.

**Office is Closed on Public Holidays**

**Bulletin Notices**

Please submit them by Thursday mornings

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