

Nazareth Parish Bulletin

3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year A
25th January 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.



"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, 5th 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

REACH Kon Tum update We recently received a beautiful update from Sr Nhung about the girls in Kon Tum, Vietnam who are in her care. She shared how they are progressing well in their studies, enjoying life together, and being nurtured in a safe and loving environment despite busy school schedules. The Sisters expressed deep gratitude to Nazareth Parish for our ongoing support and prayers, and sent warm Christmas wishes to our whole community. To read the full letter please click this [link](#).



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 m: 0408 508 115 [Torquay] or Bob Healy: healyjill@hotmail.com m: 0427 414 070 [Grovedale]. You will be welcomed with open arms!

As many children and teachers return to the classroom this coming week, we wish all our school communities a safe, happy, and successful start to the new school year. May God's blessings be with you in your learning, friendships, and challenges, and may the year ahead be filled with growth, kindness, and joy.

Ministry to the sick & elderly—Nazareth Parish

The Ministry to the Sick and Elderly combined meeting will be held this **Wednesday 28 January 2026**, at St Therese, Torquay.

You are invited to gather together for Rosary Recital (9am) and Mass (9.30am) on Wednesday morning.

We will share morning tea following Mass at (10am) together. A small share plate for morning tea would be greatly appreciated. Our meeting will follow at 10.30am to 11.30am. Looking forward to seeing you and as always the people you help and Parish are grateful to you for the invaluable work you do as volunteers in this ministry.

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.



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

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.

First Reading:

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

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:

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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Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 3pm.

Office is Closed on Public Holidays

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Please submit them by Thursday mornings

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Begins again in February

Children's Liturgy

During Sunday Morning Mass

St Therese Church
1st Sunday of the month

Nazareth Church
1st & 3rd Sunday of the month