

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

CONFESION

St Christopher's 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 children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a sacred season of prayer, fasting and generosity. As we receive ashes, we are reminded of our need for repentance and God's mercy, and we begin our forty-day journey preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter.

In our parish, Mass times for Ash Wednesday, 18th February are as follows:

St Therese Church—9.30am

Nazareth Church—11.30am

St Therese Church—7pm



Part-Time Bookkeeper / Finance Officer – Nazareth Parish

Nazareth Parish is looking for a part-time Bookkeeper/Finance Officer (10—12 hours per week) to manage day-to-day parish finances, including accounts, invoicing, and reporting. The ideal candidate will have experience with Xero and Excel, strong attention to detail, and a commitment to supporting the Parish community. A Working with Children Check and Police Check are required. For a copy of the job description or more information, contact Tracy in the parish office, grovedale@cam.org.au or 9412 8444. If interested in applying send through your resume and a cover letter, applications close Monday 23rd February.

Next weekend, our Parish will formally transition to our new name, Damascus Parish. It was on the road to Damascus that St Paul saw the light and turned from persecutor to missionary.

It was in his many letters that Paul spoke of Unity, reminding the believers that through Baptism, they were all equal in the eyes of God. The Final Document of the Synod echoes this when it calls for greater participation of women, younger people and those on the margin in decision-making structures, so that the church's Unity becomes visible and shared. We are all equal and called to mission through Baptism.



Celebrating Damascus Parish – Sunday, February 22

Join us as our Parish proudly becomes **Damascus Parish**.

Celebrate at **9am** at St Therese, Torquay (Fr Joel & Fr Linh) or

11am at Nazareth, Grovedale (Bishop Martin Ashe & Fr Joel). Morning tea follows each Mass, bring a small treat to share if you can. Let's celebrate this milestone together.



Project Compassion Sunday
14–15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, available for collection in the foyer, or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

Project Compassion Long Walk for Water

Join Caritas Australia's Project

Compassion Long Walk for Water and make a difference this Lent by walking, fundraising, and standing in solidarity with those most in need. Everyone can take part, sign up today and start raising money for life changing programs. Register here: <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/long-walk/>



Mannagum Family Group Planning Meeting Date Change

The planning meeting for the Mannagum Family group has been moved to Sunday 1st of March at 2 pm at 58 Centreside Drive Torquay. Please re-confirm your attendance. Contact Rosemary on 0400 044 387 for more information. New members Welcome.

Scam emails and phone calls

Please be aware that scam emails and text messages are currently circulating that appear to come from Fr Joel. These messages are not from him. They often ask for urgent assistance, gift cards, money transfers, or a quick reply. Fr Joel will never request money, gift cards, or personal information via email or text message in this way. If you receive a suspicious message claiming to be from him, please do not respond, click on any links, or provide any details. If you are ever unsure, please contact the Parish Office directly to verify the message. Thank you for remaining vigilant and helping us protect our parish community.

First Reading:

Sirach 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

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: *Anthony Darcy*

Anniversaries who are at this time: *Bernie & Marie Janes, Ray Wardle & Sr de Chantal RSM (Honnie Wardle)*



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

Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 3pm.

Office is Closed on Public Holidays

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