

Nazareth Parish Bulletin

5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year A
8th 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 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.

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you're enjoying the beginning of the new year. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly January goes. It seems like you just finish watching the Boxing Day test, next thing you know school is back in. Well, school is most certainly back, and this past week has been a sure reminder with all our primary schools celebrating their beginning of year masses. Next week I'll say mass for our regional Catholic secondary school, Iona College. Busy days!

The new year has brought some new changes with it for our parish community. Of course, there is the new parish name that will formally change on February 22. Works have well and truly begun at Mount Duneed for the building of our new primary school, Mary Glowery, with a gathering for the 'turning of the sod' taking place later this month. Iona College has appointed a new leader of faith and culture, Mrs Kimberley Tedford, who I look forward to working closely with as college chaplain to help build up the faith among the young Catholics of our region. It's all very exciting.

There are also some staff changes closer to home. Melissa Gubic will take up a part time role this coming week to assist our parish secretary Tracy in the administration of the parish. Mel has three children, two of which are at Nazareth Primary school. She will look to help us here in a number of ways, most especially with the organising and documenting of the many baptisms and other sacraments celebrated in our churches. A number which is only growing as more families move into our area. A very warm welcome to you Mel!

The other change here is not a happy one. Our parish finance officer, Brian McMahon, has decided to move on from his role here after 3.5 years to take up other employment opportunities and tend to his family. Brian has been most diligent in looking over our accounts and finances and taking care of our banking and the management of our churches and properties. Nothing got by him. I'll miss the banter we share and our musings on the latest in the footy. He was always more upbeat about North's prospects than I was, likely saving me from utter despair. Thank you Brian for your great contribution to our parish and every blessing to you and your family in the future.

In Christ,

Fr Joel.





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.

Over 1,800 people registered for the webinar on Thursday night to hear Fr Orm Rush and Francis Sullivan discuss the Synod, THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD, AS ACTIVE SUBJECTS OF GOD'S MISSION.



Fr Rush reminded us that even in the earliest days of the Church, the people were already discerning how to interpret the Word of God in the light of their own customs, place and circumstances. In the same spirit, the Synod represents the global Church continuing this work of the Holy Spirit through worldwide dialogue. Sometimes the old answers no longer work, and new questions arise. A truly synodal Church must address the challenges of the present time under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We are all called to synodal conversion – a renewal and deeper turning towards Jesus. To walk this journey, we need to actively listen to every voice, to every baptised member of the Church.

Mannagum Family Group Reminder

A meeting to recap 2025 and make plans for 2026 is being held at 58 Centreside Drive Torquay on Sunday 22nd February at 2pm. Please bring your ideas and a small plate to share. Please confirm your attendance if you haven't yet done so. New members welcome. Contact Rosemary Featherston on 0400 044 387

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.

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/>



First Reading:

Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

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: Jane Pule, Bruno Zorzi

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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