



NAZARETH CATHOLIC PARISH

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Parish Name Change Announcement Schools

Dear Parish families,

I am very pleased to announce to you that after much planning and discernment, our parish has a new name! As per the decree published by Archbishop Peter Comensoli, the parish formerly known as Nazareth Catholic Parish will be re-named as Damascus Parish. The change will take effect as of 22nd of February 2026. It is an exciting time for our community.

The name has great biblical significance, as it was on the road to Damascus that the apostle Saint Paul had his conversion. He saw the light and heard the voice of Jesus. That event transformed him from being a staunch persecutor of Christians to being the greatest missionary of the early church. The name Damascus is also special as it is the only parish in the country to have this name. I pray we do it proud.

It's important to note that each of our church communities will keep their own names: Nazareth Church in Grovedale, St Therese Church in Torquay and St Christopher's Church in Anglesea. The name Damascus Parish will encompass all our communities under the one banner.

Do look out for further announcements and special events celebrating this significant moment in the life of our parish.

Faithfully in Christ,

Fr Joel Peart PP

Parish Leadership Team