HOLY TRINITY PARISH QUEENSCLIFF

HOLY TRINITY PARISH INCORPORATING THE MASS CENTRES AND COMMUNITIES OF



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH 101 Hitchcock Av **Barwon Heads**

THE SEA Ocean Grove

QUEENSCLIFF 68 John Dory Drive A PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE **FOR JUBILEE YEAR 2025**

OUR LADY STAR OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

Sunday 18th May 2025

PARISH TEAM

Fr Linh Pham PP Mrs Daniella Sutera Parish Secretary Sr Nola Morrissy RSM Pastoral Care Coordinator Miss Josephine Barnes Parish Mission Ambassador

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday from 10:00am to 1:00pm (closed public holidays)

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm — BARWON HEADS 9:00am — OCEAN GROVE Sunday: Sunday: 11:00am — QUEENSCLIFF

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

9:15am — Ocean Grove Tuesday: Wednesday: 9:15am — Queenscliff Thursday: 9:15am — Ocean Grove Friday: 9:15am — Queenscliff

Please see: Liturgy in our Parish This Week

for others events and activities

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass, and before or after weekday Masses if needed.

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St. Aloysius, Queenscliff Principal: Ms. Miriam Leahy, Tel: 5258 1736

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove Principal: Ms. Kerryn Sells, Tel: 5255 4308

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 20th May — 5th week of Easter 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

11:00am Mass with anointing at TLC Homestead, Wallington

Wednesday 21st May — 5th week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (until 11:00am)

Thursday 22nd May — 5th week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove 11:00am Jubilee Pilgrimage Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff with guests from St Michael's Parish (Bell Park)

Friday 23rd May — 5th week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (until 11:00am)

Saturday 24th May — OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS

Sunday 25th May — SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER World Children's Day

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'Jesus loved us first', Pope Francis reminded us. This is the key to the newness of Jesus' commandment.

As Francis pointed out, it was already an established principle that you should love your neighbour. What Jesus does is extend this, going beyond formal concern to a really deep love - 'as I have loved you'.

Jesus' love, Francis elaborates, 'is God's universal love, without any conditions or limits.'

Which is why it is important to start by knowing that Jesus already loves us, irrespective of who we are or what we have done. He loves us, Francis explains, 'despite our frailties, our limitations and our human weaknesses.'

In fact, as Francis adds, it was Jesus himself 'who ensured we become worthy of his boundless and never-ending love.' There is nothing we can do to make him love us more or less than he already does. God's love, by definition, is boundless.

So, aided by the Holy Spirit, we are called to experience and express the love of Christ. As the late Pope said, if we are truly open to this, then 'we can spread everywhere the seed of love that renews relationships between people and opens horizons of hope.'

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 14: 21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

- (R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
- The Lord is kind and full of compassion, Slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
- 2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
- 3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Please pray for those who are Sick: Naomi Bianco, Frances Blaine, Jacqueline Blake, Matthew Blake, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Sue Casey, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Mary Gladwin, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Jeanette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Melissa Keogh, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Michelle Mahoney, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Kevin Teasdale, Richard Vaughan, Deanne Warren and Cathy Williams.

ROSTERS

OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 25th May at 9:00am:

(C) Jenny Cole (L) Catherine Hayes (SM) Jenny Jo Ballard, Sr Nola Morrissy (W) Dawn Dalton, Marg Lucas.

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 25th May at 11:00am:

(C) Adrian Scott (L) Diana Scott (SM) Terry Philp (W) TBC.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 20th May at 10:00am:

Dan Donovan and Des Harris.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - NEWS & EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE - PILGRIMS OF HOPE THE PEACE CAMINO

From Sunday 9 November to Tuesday 11 November 2025. The Peace Camino: "The Way to War becomes the Prayerful Path to Peace and Hope", following the Bellarine Rail Trail, from South Geelong Railway Station to Drysdale, staying overnight before continuing on to Queenscliff. On Tuesday 11 Pilgrims can attend 11am Remembrance Day Service at the Queenscliff Fort conducted by the RSL, followed by a gathering and lunch at Holy Trinity Church Queenscliff. Registration of interest will open via the website (in development). An example of what we have in mind can be seen in what is organised by Cygnet parish, Tasmania, The Pilgrimage: The Way to St James Cygnet inspired by and modelled on the famous El Camino del Santiago. Their website https:// www.waytostjames.com.au/pilgrimage.

Some of our parish may be interested in visiting other pilgrim places during the year. That's in firm consideration at the moment.

If you won't be doing the walk, there may be other ways of supporting the pilgrimage, such as accommodation, transport . Again, more news soon.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - NEWS & EVENTS

JUBILEE 2025 AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, QUEENSCLIFF

During Jubilee Year Holy Trinity Church, Queenscliff, will be open for private/group prayer during the week: **Tuesdays to Fridays and Sundays from 9am to 3pm**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow 9:15am Mass until 11:00am on Wednesdays and Fridays.

JUBILEE MASS AND LUNCH ON THURSDAY 22ND MAY

We welcome visitors from St Michael's Parish, Bell Park, for Jubilee Mass at 11:00am at Holy Trinity Church followed by lunch. If you wish to join us for Mass and lunch, please RSVP to Sr Nola on 0407 300 345 by Tuesday 20th May (for catering purposes).

GARDENS AT OCEAN GROVE AND QUEENSCLIFF CHURCHES

We would like to get some new faces to help maintain our church surrounds. If you could spare an hour a fortnight or month, we may be able to find a way for parishioners to continue the upkeep. Let your parish councillor know, or ring the Parish Office to register your name. If you have questions, we can return your calls. What we have is good, we need to keep caring for our space.

PARISH PASTORAL COUCIL REPORT

Parish Pastoral Council met this week and the following matters were among items:

- 1. Finance committee presented a report of our parish finances. The council will consider this and continue dialogue as needed.
- 2. Membership changeover is imminent. It seems there are sufficient nominees to cover vacancies.
- 3. Very positive reports were heard regarding Easter working bees in the church, each church organising their section of Easter liturgy so well. Liturgy reports indicate good things are happening and we look forward further development. Also, our schools reported on progress for sacramental involvement.
- 4. The presentation by mothers on Mother's Day was acclaimed as an outstanding success.
- 5. Jubilee meetings with volunteers from across the parish had enabled groups to be set up to consider hospitality for visitors, history, and the opening and shutting of our church. An observation was made that we parishioners are also invited to attend events such as Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, just as much as our pilgrim visitors.
- 6. Our Camino walk continues through planning.
- 7. Our meeting acknowledged the support of Fr Greg Bourke while Fr Linh was away.

Again, if you wish to have an item considered, please contact our parish office.

Frank Rice, PPC Chair

THANK YOU

I wish to extend my gratitude and thank you to everyone who has offered your sympathy, prayers and thoughts to me and my family during the last couple of weeks. Your expressions of love and support have been a great comfort to us during this time of loss. I am grateful for your kind gestures.

Fr Linh Pham PP

OCEAN GROVE ROSTER

A new Ministry Roster for Ocean Grove is scheduled to issue soon. It would be helpful if Ministry volunteers would inform Monica on email (meaghermonica@gmail.com) as to any Sundays you will not be available during the roster cycle June - August inclusive. Thank you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I wasn't afraid to fail.

Something good always comes out of failure.

- Anne Baxter.

LOCAL EVENTS

THE HEIDI FOOTE KIDS PRAYER ADVENTURE

Hosted by the Combined Churches and 'Pray Bellarine'. Our parish is warmly invited to The Wave Church's FREE event on Sunday 25th May from 12:30-2:30pm at the WG Playground, Portarlington Foreshore.

Matthew 5:16 – "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

The Kids' Prayer Adventure is an exciting, interactive event for all ages! Both kids and adults will have a blast, and we're inviting the entire church community of the Bellarine and Surf Coast to join us. It's a fun and meaningful way to grow in prayer, experience God's love, and share it with others. This year, we're flooding Portarlington with Christ's love! We'll kick off with a sausage sizzle from 12pm. Then families join together and follow clues around town, leading them to different organisations, businesses, and key locations to pray over. Along the way, there will be fun challenges where we learn how to chat with God in different ways. This year's event is dedicated to the memory of Heidi Foote, a joyful little light who loved Jesus and shone brightly. Heidi recently and tragically passed away in an accident at just 3½ years old. Come along for a faith-filled adventure, joining as ONE church across to pray, explore, and have fun together! See church noticeboard for flyer.

To register: https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/10041930

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Visit our website for all information: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Visit our website for all information:
www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/
sacramental-program-1/

COLUMBARIUM

Visit our website for all information: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

We are welcoming enquiries for new members to join the Catholic Church. RCIA workshops for 2025-2026 will start in October 2025. Enquiries to parish office via 5258 673 or queensclift@cam.org.au



Anthony & Letitia Dowling with the friendly team you know and trust.

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CHARLIE'S MAINTENANCE CO

General maintenance, handyman, gardening, and cleaning. Servicing the Bellarine and Geelong areas.

Contact Charlie on 0413 609 170

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BULLETIN NOTICES

If a loved one has recently died or if you would like a deceased loved one prayed for as their anniversary is occurring, please contact the parish office on 5258 1673 or queenscliff@cam.org.au by 1:00pm on Thursdays to have your loved one(s) remembered in the weekly bulletin.