

HOLY TRINITY PARISH QUEENSCLIFF

HOLY TRINITY PARISH INCORPORATING THE MASS CENTRES AND COMMUNITIES OF



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

**OUR LADY STAR OF
THE SEA**
68 John Dory Drive
Ocean Grove

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
QUEENSCLIFF**
**A PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE
FOR JUBILEE
YEAR 2025**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

Sunday 11th May 2025

PARISH TEAM

Fr Linh Pham PP
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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
Sunday: 9:00am — OCEAN GROVE
Sunday: 11:00am — QUEENSCLIFF

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday: 9:15am — Ocean Grove
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 13th May — 4th week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Mass with anointing at Sea View Manor,
Ocean Grove
1:00pm Requiem Funeral Mass for Mrs Beryl Elliott
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 14th May — St Matthias

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

Thursday 15th May — 4th week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Requiem Funeral Mass for Mrs Mary Rose Attard
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 16th May — 4th week of Easter

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

Saturday 17th May — 4th week of Easter

Sunday 18th May — FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
12:30pm Baptism Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea,
Ocean Grove

REFLECTION

by Greg Sunter

Shepherds in the first century did not have a particularly good reputation. Whilst the task itself was a responsible one, it was usually undertaken by hired help – usually young men or even boys. Being hired help, they had little allegiance to the flock and were generally regarded as basically untrustworthy and often accused of illicitly selling off the sheep's milk and even the occasional lamb. They lived for months at a time out in the hills with the sheep; often risking their lives in defence of their flock, yet still regarded with suspicion. Shepherds were held in such low regard that they could not appear in court as a witness. Yet, despite this grim picture of shepherds, Jesus described himself as the *Good Shepherd*. With that one word, he acknowledged the reputation of shepherds but utterly dismissed it by describing himself as a shepherd – but a good shepherd. He chose to describe himself as the worst of all occupations but raised the status to unimpeachable heights. In describing himself as the good shepherd, Jesus joined a distinguished list of biblical shepherds: Abraham, his son Isaac, and grandson Jacob were all shepherds; Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, when God appeared to him in the burning bush and revealed God's name; and the great King, David, began life as a humble shepherd-boy. So, despite the poor reputation of shepherds in Jewish society, some of the greatest leaders of the Jews began life as shepherds. Today's gospel passage follows the famous 'good shepherd' passage in the gospel of John and continues on the image. The passage portrays Jesus as 'claiming' his flock; guaranteeing them not only safety but also eternal life. This oath of loyalty and commitment is all the stronger and more remarkable in light of Jesus' rehabilitation of the status of shepherds.

We acknowledge the Wathaurong people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which our three churches stand

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading Revelation 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than
anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Recently Deceased: Mary Rose Attard and Beryl Elliott.

Anniversaries 11th May to 17th May: Emidia Buhagiar, Arthur Richards, Wayne Francis Hopley, Tony Micallef, Russell Healy, Patrick Magennis and Simon Millie.

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 18th May at 9:00am:

(C) Luci Quinn (L) Anthony Dowling (SM) Jenny Cole, Dan O'Meara (W) Jo Ballard, Brenda Bissinella.

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 18th May at 11:00am:

(C) Bob Merriman (L) John Hanan (SM) Eva Millie (W) Rosemary Vaughan.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 13th May at 10:00am:

Judy Compton and Fay Neville.



Image Credit: Australian Catholics

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

Thank you to those who regularly support our parish each week. If you are a visitor today, we thank you for your support. There will be the usual two collections at Mass.

The first is for the support of parish expenses and administration such as wages, maintenance, utilities, insurance, etc

The second is for the support of the parish priest, retired and sick priests, priests in needy parishes and the Archbishop .

Direct credits can also be made:

Parish church account (First Collection):

BSB: 083-347

Acct No.: 530 502 075

Parish presbytery account (Second Collection):

BSB: 083-347

Acct No.: 931 706 909

There is a tap and go terminal in the foyer of the church. The parish deeply appreciates your support.

CATHOLICCARE SUNDAY APPEAL

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria!

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. The generosity of our parish community means that CatholicCare Victoria can continue the mission; to create transformational personal impact and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need! For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au. The parish raised an amazing \$562.15 for CatholicCare. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY (11 MAY)

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis told us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

A STEP BACK IN TIME...

September, 1955: "The Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr J.D. Simonds, officially opened St Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church... erected on an excellent site in The Terrace, Ocean Grove."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you don't like the road you're walking,
start paving another one.
- Dolly Parton.

LOCAL EVENTS

TCL AGED CARE HOMESTEAD VACANCIES

TLC Aged Care would like to inform you that we have vacancies for respite and permanent care at TLC Aged Care - Homestead Estate. We also have a respite offer available. Stay 14 days, pay for 7 days. Please feel free to contact Janelle Dunse for more information on the details below.

TLC Homestead Estate, 1499A Bellarine Hwy Wallington VIC 3222.

M: 0456 589 174 | E: janelle.dunse@tlcagedcare.com.au

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.

Registration is now open:

<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

queenscliff@cam.org.au



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

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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.