

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**



18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Sunday 3rd August 2025

PARISH TEAM

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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. Kerry Sells, Tel: 5255 4308

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 5th August — Weekday, Ordinary Time 18
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
Wednesday 6th August — The Transfiguration of the Lord
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff, followed by
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (until 11:00am)
Thursday 7th August — Weekday, Ordinary Time 18
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
Friday 8th August — St MARY OF THE CROSS
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff followed by
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (until 11:00am)
Saturday 9th August — Weekday, Ordinary Time 18
Sunday 10th August — 19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
12:30pm Baptism Service at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) *In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

CHILDREN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST THIS WEEKEND

Together we pray for the St Aloysius School children receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend at Holy Trinity Church, Queenscliff. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Anniversaries 3rd August to 9th August:

Andrew Fraser, Tom Rossiter and Albert Reilly.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Naomi Bianco, Frances Blaine, Denise 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, Mavourneen Ray, Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, David Selva, Salvatore & Santa Sutera, Kevin Teasdale, Richard Vaughan, Deanne Warren and Cathy Williams.

ROSTERS

OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 10th August at 9:00am:

(C) Monica Meagher (L) Anne Bourke (SM) Jo Ballard, Rhonda Boyd (W) Marg Lucas, Sr Nola Morrissy.

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 10th August at 11:00am:

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

COUNTERS: Tuesday 5th August at 10:00am:

Des Harris and David Millie.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - NEWS

SAVE THE DATE - JUBILEE 2025, PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Peace Camino: "The Way to War becomes the Prayerful Path to Peace and Hope" from Sunday 9 November to Tuesday 11 November. Pilgrims follow the Bellarine Rail Trail, from South Geelong Railway Station to Drysdale, staying overnight before continuing on to Queenscliff with an opportunity to attend an 11am Remembrance Day Service, followed by a gathering and lunch at Holy Trinity Church Queenscliff.

JUBILEE AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WELCOMING BAPTISM FAMILIES

This weekend, we welcome families preparing for Baptism, and together, we pray a Prayer for Baptism Families:

Dear Parents, as you prepare for your child's Baptism, the people of Holy Trinity Parish rejoice that you have chosen to baptise your child, and we pray that in the coming years, you and your family will continue to know and grow in the love of God that is everlasting.

LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Lunch is at the Ocean Grove Bowling Club (18 The Terrace, Ocean Grove) on Wednesday August 6th, at 12pm. Please RSVP to Sandra 0423 047 862 All ladies in the parish most welcome.

HOSPITALITY AT HOLY FAMILY, BARWON HEADS

All parishioners are invited and welcome to:

- * Morning Tea at 10:30am on Thursday 7th August.
- * Soup Night following Mass on Saturday 9th August.

FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP

The feast day of Saint Mary MacKillop is celebrated annually on August 8, honouring her contributions to education and social reform in Australia. Celebrating the feast day of Saint Mary MacKillop is to recognize and reflect on her life and legacy, her dedication to education, and her unwavering support for the marginalized in society. As we are celebrating this Jubilee year of Hope, may her example inspire our actions, and her intercession brings us hope and draws us closer to God. Please join us to celebrate Mass at 9:15am following by Benediction at Holy Trinity Church in Queenscliff.



Image Credit: Blessed Mary MacKillop, The Catholic Leader

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

With the story of your life,
you don't get to write the whole book,
just your character.

- Olivia Munn.

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

Taizé PRAY | PEACE GATHERING

People in the Bellarine Peninsula and beyond are invited to gather to pray and worship at Santa Casa (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff) on **Saturday 9th August 2025 at 2:30pm** followed by afternoon tea at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 0418 194 261 or email santacasa@ismapng.org.au for catering and seating purposes. All welcome.

Switch or sign up for a VMCH Home Care Package and get \$500* in gift cards

Villa Maria Catholic Homes (VMCH) is one of



Victoria's largest not-for-profit home care providers, offering trusted support to older Australians living independently. To help make life a little easier, you'll receive \$500 in gift cards* when you switch or sign up for a VMCH Home Care Package. Visit vmch.com.au/reward or call our friendly team on **1300 698 624** to find out more. *Terms and conditions apply.

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



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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.

SPECIAL LEAGUE EVENT FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR
AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - A PILGRIM PLACE

Pilgrins of Hope

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA AND WAGGA WAGGA

A JOURNEY WITH THE LORD JESUS

WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2025
9am - 4pm
Led by Fr Nicholas Pearce

Holy Mass celebrated by
Archbishop Peter A Comensoli
St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
Talks, Adoration, Confession
Includes morning tea and lunch
Park Hyatt Melbourne

ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI
FR NICHOLAS PEARCE
SILVANA SCARFE
MUSIC BY AYLESA AGIUS

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people, as a central and fundamental responsibility, of our parish. The Parish Statement of Commitment and the Reporting Process, are on display in all churches, and all Parish Policies are available, on the website:

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au