

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**



23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Sunday 7th September 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 9th September — Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Mass with anointing at Sea Views, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 10th September — Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
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 11th September — Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with
Our Lady Star of the Sea Year 5 students attending

Friday 12th September — Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (until 11:00am)

Saturday 13th September — St John Chrysostom

Sunday 14th September — THE EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS
Safeguarding Sunday

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant

The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it,
had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been
straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Anniversaries 7th September to 13th September:

Michael Santo, Marie Alizzi and Frank Leahy.

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 Faigneux, 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 Sutura, Kevin Teasdale, Richard Vaughan, Deanne Warren and Cathy Williams.

ROSTERS

OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 14th September at 9:00am:

(C) Star of the Sea School (L) Star of the Sea School (SM) Judy Considine, Janine Fitzpatrick (W) Dawn Dalton, Elizabeth Curtain.

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 14th September at 11:00am:

(C) Sam Sammut (L) Maria Sammut (SM) Maria Sammut (W) Welcomer Required.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 9th September at 10:00am:

Ken Caffyn & Judy Compton.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

THE PEACE CAMINO QUEENSCLIFF

The webpage is now live. Please check it out!

<https://peacecamino.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au>

WHEN: Sunday 9th November, 12pm

WHERE: Meet at Holy Trinity Church Queenscliff. Bus to Mannerim Memorial Indigenous Gardens to begin pilgrimage to Holy Trinity Church.

DISTANCE: 10 kilometres.

WHO: For all people of faith and hope.

WHY: To give witness to the Year of Jubilee and prayerfully walk for peace and hope, not war and waste.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING GROUP SESSION—THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the volunteers who attended last Saturday's Safeguarding Training group session (30th August). Thank you to the Safeguarding Committee for hosting, and especially Kerry Sells and school community who offered their venue for this event. Well done everyone! We hope to host another group session in November.

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2025 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign. I encourage you to please give generously to the Campaign.

FATHER'S DAY

As we celebrate Father's Day this weekend, we offer our heartfelt gratitude to all the fathers, grandfathers, spiritual fathers, mentors, and father figures within our parish community for the many ways they shape our lives. We are thankful for their steady presence, their wisdom, and the love they so generously share.

We also hold in our prayers those fathers who have passed from this life. May our loving God welcome them into His eternal kingdom of light and peace.

WELCOMING BAPTISM FAMILIES

We warmly welcome families who are presenting their children for Baptism. It is a great joy for our parish community to walk with you on this sacred journey, as your children are welcomed into the family of God, marking the beginning of a lifelong relationship with Christ. We look forward to celebrating this joyful occasion with you. Together, we pray a Prayer for Baptism Families:

CHILDREN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Together we pray for the Our Lady Star of the Sea School children receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist around this time; this weekend and the following weekend, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the SVDP Conference will take place on Thursday 11th September after 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove. New members are most welcome to attend.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF)

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of young Catholics, established by the Australian Bishops over a decade ago. Held over three days, the festival invites young people from across the country to come together to connect with one another, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be inspired to live out their faith, and experience the diversity and richness of the Catholic Church in Australia.

The festival welcomes thousands of participants aged from Year 9 to 25 years old, offering opportunities to engage with peers, youth groups, schools, Bishops, musicians, and dynamic speakers.

Program Highlights:

- A pilgrimage walk
- Main stage plenaries
- Workshops
- Sacred Spaces

Expo and Justice Activity Centre

Program details: www.acyf.org.au/program

Featured Speakers: Sr Mary Grace S.V., Fr Rob Galea, Katie Prejean McGrady, Maggie Craig, and Augie Angrisano. More speaker information: www.acyf.org.au/speakers.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

- Will Rogers.

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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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.