

# 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**



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A**

**Sunday 7th December 2025**

## PARISH TEAM

Fr Linh Pham PP  
Mrs Daniella Sutera  
*Parish Secretary*  
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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

Dear Friends,

As we enter the second week of Advent, we continue our journey of spiritual preparation, opening our hearts to welcome the Lord anew. This season is also a time of practical readiness as we look toward Christmas, the New Year, and all that lies ahead.

Advent invites us to rediscover the deeper meaning of hope, joy, peace, and love. Throughout this Jubilee year, hope has remained central to our parish life. In a special way, Holy Trinity Church in Queenscliff has welcomed thousands of pilgrims, whose presence has both reflected and renewed this hope within our community.

I am grateful to the Ocean Grove community volunteers who organised last week's working bee in preparation for this Sunday afternoon's gathering, when we welcome our parish guest speaker and share in hospitality.

I also wish to express my gratitude to our Parish Finance Committee, which held its final meeting for 2025 last Thursday, for their dedicated service throughout the year. In particular, I thank Mrs. Sutera, our parish secretary, and Mr. Philp, our parish accountant, for their valuable contributions. As her office responsibilities continue to expand, Mrs. Sutera will conclude her Finance Committee duties in the new year; likewise, in keeping with CAM statutes for the Parish Finance Committee, the parish accountant is not an official member.

Looking ahead, I am pleased to welcome two newly appointed members, Ms. Sidaway and Mr. McKinley, who will serve on the Parish Finance Committee for a three-year term. We are blessed to have them join this important ministry of stewardship and I trust that their gifts and wisdom will enrich our shared mission. The committee will now comprise five members: Mr. Gould and Mr. Merriman representing Queenscliff; Mr. McKinley representing Ocean Grove; and Mrs. Rossiter and Ms. Sidaway representing Barwon Heads. Another member is needed to represent the Ocean Grove community.

The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Advent brings us the call of John the Baptist: *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* In many ways, the work of the Finance Committee enables our parish to do just that, ensuring that our resources are responsibly managed, transparent, and directed toward the service of the Gospel.

May this Advent season inspire us all to prepare the way for Christ with renewed hope and dedication.

Fr Linh

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.  
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)  
He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.  
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,  
his sentences bring death to the wicked.  
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.  
The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together  
with a little boy to lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
into the viper's lair  
the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm,  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters swell the sea.  
That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7

**(R.)** *Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness  
of peace for ever.*

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**
4. May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures  
was meant to teach us something about hope from the  
examples scripture gives of how people who did not give  
up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when  
we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each  
other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that  
united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God  
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each  
other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The  
reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews  
was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the  
promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the  
pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture  
says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the  
pagans and sing your name.

### Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4. 6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in  
the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message:  
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This  
was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a  
leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and  
wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole  
Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were  
baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their  
sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and  
Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of  
vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is  
coming? But if you are repentant, produce the  
appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves,  
"We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you,  
God can raise children for Abraham from these stones.  
Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that  
any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut  
down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for  
repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful  
than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will  
baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-  
fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and  
gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn  
in a fire that will never go out.'

## PRAYERS OF INTENTION

**Recently Deceased:** Pauline Audley and Nick Perilli.

**Anniversaries 7th December to 13th December:**  
Peter Compton and Dorothea Dillon.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:**

Sr Helen Barnes, 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, Peter Harrington, Jeanette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Melissa Keogh, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Michelle Mahoney, Belinda Monterosso, Caryn Murphy, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Salvatore & Santa Sutura, Kevin Teasdale, Richard Vaughan, Deanne Warren and Cathy Williams.

## ROSTERS

**OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 14th December at 9:00am:**  
(C) Luci Quinn (L) Gerry Rainey (SM) Judy Considine, David O'Connor (W) Dawn Dalton, Elizabeth Curtain.

**QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 14th December at 11:00am:**  
(C) Bob Merriman (L) John Hanan (SM) Terry Philp (W) Shirley Hurley.

**COUNTERS: Tuesday 9th December at 10:00am:**  
Sam & Maria Sammut.

## LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Tuesday 9th December

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
11:00am Mass with anointing at Sea View Manor, OG

### Wednesday 10th December

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 December

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
11:00am Mass with anointing at Ryman Village, OG

### Friday 12th December

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff followed by  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (until 11:00am)  
11:45am Our Lady Star of the Sea End of Year School  
Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

### Saturday 13th December

11:00am Baptism Service at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff  
5:00pm Vigil Mass with anointing at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

### Sunday 14th December

9:00am Mass with anointing at Our Lady Star of the Sea,  
Ocean Grove  
11:00am Mass with anointing at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff  
12:30pm Baptism Service at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING

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

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

Enrolments for the parish's 2026 Sacramental Program are open; for children of the parish who attend local non-Catholic schools. All information and enrolment form are found on the parish website: [Sacramental Program for School-Aged Children \(RCIC\) – Holy Trinity Parish Queenscliff](#). Enrolments close 15th December 2025.

### HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Taking place this Sunday, 7th December, following 9:00am Mass at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. All welcome!

### 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 UPDATE

During 2025, our members have visited Companions from Queenscliff, Point Lonsdale, Ocean Grove, Barwon Heads and Connewarre to provide assistance and advice. We anticipate that by the end of December we will have distributed over \$19,000 to help those who are struggling. Whilst much of the assistance is for food we provide help to Companions in other areas. The relief and gratefulness of those receiving assistance is most heart warming. The assistance does not come from the Conference alone. Star of the Sea Year 5 students use money raised at their fete to prepare hampers for companions. St Aloysius students similarly raise funds at their fete and distribute the funds to SVDP in Box Hill. It is hoped that the awareness created by the teachers and schools will lead students to become involved in the provision of help when they grow older. A hearty congratulations to the students involved in each school. Our Annual Christmas Fundraiser is scheduled for the weekend of Sunday January 18 (to be confirmed) so bring along some cash or alternatively your debit card /phone to use the QR code to make a donation. Last year we raised just shy of \$3000 so let's try to match or increase this amount.  
- Shane McKinley

### GUEST SPEAKER

#### A Journey of Hope:

#### Vatican II and the Path of Synodality

*An Afternoon of Faith, Fellowship, and Reflection*  
This Sunday afternoon, 7 December 2025, at 3:00 PM  
Our Lady Star of the sea, Ocean Grove



## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### 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:

*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.*

### COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2026

Available at each church (foyer). Cost is \$11.00 each.

### STICK MESSAGE

Thank you to all parishioners in the Ocean Grove community who shared their thoughts regarding the placement of the message stick in the Ocean Grove Church. The vote resulted in a majority in favour—75 to 46, with 6 votes left blank. Planning for its placement will take place in the new year.

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PARISH EVENTS

### 1. Mass of Anointing of the Sick

- Saturday, December 13 – 5:00pm at Barwon Heads
- Sunday, December 14 – 9:00am at Ocean Grove
- Sunday, December 14 – 11:00am at Queenscliff

### 2. Second Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 16 – 7:00pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

### 3. Christmas Mass Times

*Christmas Eve*

- 4:00pm – Barwon Heads
- 6:00pm – Ocean Grove
- 8:00pm – Queenscliff

*Christmas Day*

- 9:00am – Ocean Grove
- 11:00am – Queenscliff

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENTS

- Carols in the Park: Sunday 14th December at Ocean Grove Park. Carols being at 7:00pm. Entry by cash donation for 'Feed Me Bellarine'. Sausage sizzle and hot & cold drinks available.
- 9 Lessons and Christmas Carols—Uniting Church, Queenscliff: Sunday 21st December at 7:00pm.

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### RCIA UPDATE

Next gathering and meeting for RCIA is on Wednesday 10th December at 7:00pm in the parish hall.

### 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 13th December 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](mailto:santacasa@ismapng.org.au) for catering and seating purposes. All welcome.

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Visit our website for all information:

[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/)

### COLUMBARIUM

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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](mailto:queenscliff@cam.org.au) by 1:00pm on Thursdays to have your loved one(s) remembered in the weekly