

HOLY TRINITY PARISH QUEENSCLIFF

HOLY TRINITY PARISH INCORPORATING THE MASS CENTRES AND COMMUNITIES OF



**HOLY FAMILY
CHURCH**
101 Hitchcock Av
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**OUR LADY STAR OF
THE SEA**
68 John Dory Drive
Ocean Grove

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



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

25th December 2025

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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

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WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord during the Jubilee Year of Hope, we are reminded that life is a journey filled with change, challenges, and unexpected blessings. This joyful season invites us once again to contemplate the great mystery of God made man, who dwells among us, and to walk together as a community of faith, carrying forward His message of peace, goodwill, hope, and compassion for all creation.

In a world moving faster than ever, where information and technology are always within reach, Christmas gently calls us to slow down, to breathe, and to be present with one another. This season invites us to reflect on the simple and sacred moments of life: the gift of connection, the joy of family gathering, and the peaceful grace that springs from hope. Through every high and low, each day offers us the opportunity to walk together and rediscover our purpose in the light of God's love.

In a spirit of gratitude, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all our parishioners who have contributed so generously to the life of our parish through your active participation and your financial and spiritual support. We are deeply thankful for the many volunteers who serve across a wide range of ministries, including the liturgy team, organists, choir, lectors, sacristans, florists, gardeners, collectors, safeguarding, opening and closing the church, hospitality, sacramental programs, baptism preparation, pastoral care, RCIA, finance, the pastoral council, office support, maintenance, and the countless other unseen acts of service offered throughout the year. Your commitment and generosity are a true witness to the Gospel and a continuing source of hope and inspiration for our parish community.

We also extend my thanks to our visitors for your ongoing support. Throughout the year, our parish is blessed to welcome many who come to worship with us, and we are delighted to have you join us as part of our parish family.

As we welcome Christ anew this Christmas, may the peace and joy of His presence fill your hearts and homes. May this holy season strengthen and unite us as a parish family, renewing us in hope as we continue our pilgrimage together as a people of faith. May the hope we receive during this Jubilee Year, and at the manger, inspire us to be signs of hope in our families, our parish, and our wider community.

I am truly grateful for the journey we share and filled with hope for what lies ahead. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Christmas, and every grace and hope in the New Year.

Fr Linh

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.
For all the footgear of battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
is burnt
and consumed by fire.
For there is a child born for us,
a son given to us
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;
and this is the name they give him:
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.
Wide is his dominion
in a peace that has no end,
for the throne of David
and for his royal power,
which he establishes and makes secure
in justice and integrity.
From this time onwards and for ever,
the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 11-13 R. Lk 2:11

(R.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord;

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R.)**
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth. **(R.)**
4. With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made
salvation possible for the whole human race and taught
us that what we have to do is to give up everything that
does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we
must be self-restrained and live good and religious
lives here in this present world, while we are waiting
in hope for the blessing which will come with the
Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour
Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set
us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so
that it could be his very own and would have no
ambition except to do good.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the
whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took
place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and
everyone went to his own town to be registered. So
Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and
travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called
Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in
order to be registered together with Mary, his
betrothed, who was with child. While they were there
the time came for her to have her child, and she gave
birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in
swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because
there was no room for them at the inn. In the
countryside close by there were shepherds who lived
in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks
during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to
them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They
were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid.
Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared
by the whole people. Today in the town of David a
saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.
And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby
wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.'
And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng
of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:
'Glory to God in the highest heaven
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK	PARISH NEWS & EVENTS
<p>Wednesday 24th December <i>No morning Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff</i> 4:00pm Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads 6:00pm Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove (with Carols before 6pm) 8:00pm Mass at Holy Trinity , Queenscliff</p> <p>Thursday 25th December 9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove 11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff</p> <p>Friday 26th December 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff followed by Benediction</p> <p>Saturday 27th December 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads</p> <p>Sunday 28th December 9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove 11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff</p>	<p>PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE DURING CHRISTMAS – JANUARY 2026</p> <p>The Parish Office will be closed from 12:00 pm, Wednesday 24 December 2025, until 6 January 2026. Daniella will be on annual leave until 20 January 2026.</p> <p>During this time, the office will be open Tuesday to Friday, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Parish phone line will be monitored daily, and if you leave a message, we will return your call as soon as possible.</p> <p>You are always welcome to contact us at 5258 1673 or via email at queenscliff@cam.org.au.</p> <p>In case of an emergency, please call 0450 885 537.</p> <p>We look forward to welcoming you back when normal office hours resume from 20 January 2026, and we wish you a blessed and joyful Christmas season.</p>
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<p>POPE LEO XVI PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER</p> <p>Each month, the Pope entrusts prayer intentions to express his deep concern for humanity and the Church’s mission.</p> <p><i>God of peace, who through the blood of Your Son has reconciled the world to Yourself, today we pray for Christians living amidst wars and violence. Even surrounded by pain, may they never cease to feel the gentle kindness of your presence and the prayers of their brothers and sisters in faith. For only through You, and strengthened by fraternal bonds, can they become the seeds of reconciliation, builders of hope in ways both small and great, capable of forgiving and moving forward, of bridging divides, and of seeking justice with mercy.</i></p> <p>Text of Pope Leo’s prayer intention</p>	<p>SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP</p> <p>We sincerely thank all who regularly support our parish each week. If you are visiting today, we are grateful for your support. There will be the usual two collections during Mass:</p> <p>The first collection is for Parish Expenses and Administration. Donations for first collection can be made via EFT: <i>Queenscliff Holy Trinity Parish Church Account</i> <i>BSB: 083-347</i> <i>Acct No.: 530 502 075</i></p> <p>The second collection is for support of the Parish Priest, Retired and Sick Priests. Donations for second collection can be made via EFT: <i>Holy Trinity Parish Presbytery Account</i> <i>BSB: 083-347</i> <i>Acct No.: 931 706 909</i></p> <p>Additionally, a Tap & Go terminal is available in the church foyer for your convenience.</p> <p>The parish deeply appreciates your generosity and support.</p> <p>CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES</p> <p>The Christmas Offering envelopes are available in the church and may be placed in either collection during Mass. These offerings provide essential support for the parish priest, as well as for sick and retired priests in Melbourne. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.</p>

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JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE AT HOLY TRINITY, QUEENSCLIFF

The Jubilee Year of Hope, 2025, is a time of renewal, joy, and grace for the Church worldwide and for our parish community at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff. Proclaimed by the late Pope Francis, this Jubilee invites us to rediscover the message of hope, grounded not in feelings but in the enduring promise of the Resurrection. Following Pope Francis' passing in April 2024, the Jubilee continues under Pope Leo XIV, emphasizing the continuity of the Church's mission and the universal reach of Christian hope.

At Holy Trinity Church, this Jubilee Year has provided abundant opportunities for individuals and groups to encounter Christ through prayer and reflection. Pilgrims are warmly welcomed with extended opening hours for private and group prayer, opportunities for Reconciliation, and periods of Eucharistic exposition. The church is open Tuesdays to Fridays and Sundays from 9:00am to 3:00pm, with Eucharistic exposition following the 9:15am Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays until 11:00am. The Jubilee Year will conclude on 6th January 2026.

REFLECTION BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

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Today the Christmas celebration gains a new depth of theological meaning. At midnight, the birth in history was proclaimed. At dawn, the initiative of God's gift was declared and the community's joyful gratitude was announced. In this third celebration, the identity of Christ and the new way of life that he brings is announced.

If our eyes are open and alert, we can see that God has won a victory for us, one that is tangible and realised in our midst. It is an overwhelming victory, one that permanently conquers the enemy. This victory has a profound impact on every place, every time and every people. The birth of the infant, the king in David's line, promises salvation to all who long for it. This salvation is a new vision of wisdom, one that has been realised in Christ, God's agent of grace in the world. It is a new world, one of inclusivity and of righteous honour. It is a new age, one that is ushered in by the child who is leading a victory procession.

Ultimately, only eyes of faith allow us to see the fullness of God's revelation. The glory of the infant king is the very presence of God made flesh. Jesus is the eternal incarnate Word who has pitched his tent among us. Ours is not a distant God; the incarnate wisdom of God is among us, and we are called to a change of heart that will allow us to see this wonder.

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BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Visit our website for all information:

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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)

The RCIA journey is an opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith, ask questions, and grow in relationship with God within a supportive parish community. If you or someone you know is searching for deeper meaning in life, or is interested in becoming Catholic, you are warmly encouraged contact the 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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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