

HOLY TRINITY PARISH QUEENSLIFF

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



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH, YR A

Sunday 28th 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 — QUEENSLIFF

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
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Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
Principal: Ms. Kerry Sells, Tel: 5255 4308

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Feast of the Holy Family invites us to reflect on God's plan for family life as a place of love, care, and faithful service.

The readings for this feast remind us that the family is not only the first school of human relationships but also the foundation of spiritual growth. The first reading calls us to honour our parents, showing patience, compassion, and respect even in their weakness. Such acts are sacred gestures that bring blessing, peace, and restoration to relationships. By embracing these virtues, we participate in God's plan and allow His grace to shape the ordinary patterns of family life.

Saint Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, deepens this vision by calling Christian families to be "clothed" in compassion, humility, forgiveness, and love, reminding us that these virtues are the source of peace within our homes. The Gospel of Matthew presents the Holy Family as a living example of these principles. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus show us how faith, courage, and mutual support can guide a family through uncertainty, and daily challenges.

In this light, the Church steadily affirms the central role of the family in both Church and society. *Gaudium et Spes* (1965) highlights the family's social responsibilities and its place in God's plan for human life. Saint John Paul II describes the family as the "domestic Church," where parents are the first teachers of faith and daily family life witnesses to God's love (*Familiaris Consortio* §21). Pope Francis likewise stresses the family's importance, calling it the fundamental cell of society, where love and faith are learned and lived, shaping both ecclesial and social life (*Amoris Laetitia* §66).

Our celebration today reminds us that holiness can be shared within families. Though Jesus, Mary, and Joseph faced trials, their faithfulness, love, and mutual support offer a model for every family. Reflecting on the Holy Family inspires us to nurture love, respect, and fidelity in our own homes, trusting that God's grace is at work in everyday joys and challenges. Through daily acts of sacrifice and faithful commitment, each household can become a living sign of God's saving love.

Fr Linh.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Sirach/Ecclesiasticus

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing
a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with
children of his own,
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.
Long life comes to him who honours his father,
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience
to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age,
do not grieve him during his life.
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,
do not despise him in your health and strength;
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) *Happy are those who fear the lord
and walk in his ways.*

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! **(R.)**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you
and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in
kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear
with one another; forgive each other as soon as a
quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you
must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them
together and complete them, put on love.

And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts,
because it is for this that you were called together as
parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a
home with you. Teach each other, and advise each
other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing
psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and
never say or do anything except in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through
him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the
Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with
gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents
always, because that is what will please the Lord.
Parents, never drive your children to resentment or
you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:15.16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord
appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take
the child and his mother with you, and escape into
Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod
intends to search for the child and do away with him.'
So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother
with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed
until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord
had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a
dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the
child and his mother with you and go back to the land
of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are
dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his
mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But
when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father
Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and
being warned in a dream he left for the region of
Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In
this way the words spoken through the prophets were
to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Recently Deceased: June Cochrane.

Anniversaries 28th December to 3rd January:

Wendy O'Sullivan, Patricia Ellen Kane, Michelangelo Gatt, Edith Mary Reilly and Ray Leschke.

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 Sutera, Kevin Teasdale, Richard Vaughan, Deanne Warren and Cathy Williams.

ROSTERS

OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 4th January at 9:00am:

(C) Peter Dickinson (L) Monica Meagher (SM) Dan O'Meara, Fiorentina Romeo (W) Brenda Bissinella, Judy Considine.

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 4th January at 11:00am:

(C) Ian D'Cruz (L) Maria D'Cruz (SM) Mary Clare Hoare (W) Sandra Gould.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 30th December at 10:00am:

Ken Caffyn, Maria and Sam Sammut.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 30th December

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 31st December

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff, followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 1st January—New Year Mass

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Friday 2nd January

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 3rd January

5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Sunday 4th January

9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE DURING CHRISTMAS – JANUARY 2026

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.

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. You are always welcome to contact us at 5258 1673 or via email at queenscliff@cam.org.au. In case of an emergency, please call 0450 885 537. 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.

SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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:

The first collection is for Parish Expenses and Administration. Donations for first collection can be made via EFT:

Queenscliff Holy Trinity Parish Church Account
BSB: 083-347
Acct No.: 530 502 075

The second collection is for support of the Parish Priest, Retired and Sick Priests. Donations for second collection can be made via EFT:

Holy Trinity Parish Presbytery Account
BSB: 083-347
Acct No.: 931 706 909

Additionally, a Tap & Go terminal is available in the church foyer for your convenience.

The parish deeply appreciates your generosity and support.

NO HOSPITALITY SERVICE DURING JANUARY

Dear Parish friends, the Hospitality groups wish to let you know that there will be no hospitality after Sunday Masses during the month of January. This brief pause allows our devoted volunteers a time of rest after a busy year and gives them space to prepare for a warm and joyful return in the months ahead. We are grateful for your understanding and patience, and we look forward to gathering together again with renewed energy and fellowship. May God's peace and abundant blessings be with you and your families throughout this joyful season.

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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 6 January 2026.

REFLECTION

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All of the major themes found in today's readings highlight the relational character of family life. In Sirach some of the dynamics of family living and responsibility as exercised in the ancient world unfold before our eyes. The rewards of faithfully observing these family codes are showcased in the responsorial Psalm. Paul directs our attention to the manner of relational living to which we are summoned as members of the family of God, a manner of living that flows from the bond of perfection that unites us. The gospel narrative paints a picture of a family that follows the directives of God.

So much has been said recently about family values. But what exactly are they? The specifics of family customs and roles played within the family may be culture-bound, but it seems that the values out of which they emerge and that inform them are not. They include mutuality, respect and service between wives and husbands, between parents and children, and between the young and the old.

Mutuality, respect and service become characteristics of the Church or the ecclesial family as well. What binds the family of God together are virtues that are as relational as are the ties that bind the members of the natural family together. It may be more challenging to live out these values within the church, for those who are called to put on Christ, bearing with one another in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience must relate in this way with people who may be strangers.

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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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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