

HOLY TRINITY PARISH QUEENSLIFF

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

34 Stevens Street
Queenscliff

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR A

Sunday 4th January 2026

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 — 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
Principal: Ms. Miriam Leahy, Tel: 5258 1736

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

*Happy New Year
2026*

As we begin the New Year 2026, we give thanks for the many blessings received during the Jubilee Year and pray for God's grace to help us bear faithful witness to the Gospel in the year ahead.

The year 2025 has been a time of grace and reflection, reminding us of the power of hope. Through prayer and acts of charity, we have learned that hope is a living gift, rooted in our relationship with God and with one another.

At the same time, 2025 also reminded us of sobering events. Cyclones and bushfires, cost-of-living pressures, abuse scandals in childcare centres, the triple zero crisis, and a devastating terrorist attack confronted us with human suffering and uncertainty.

As we enter 2026, we do so with hope and confidence in the Lord who walks with us into the future. We place before Him the joys and sorrows of our lives, especially those moments and wounds that call for healing, mercy, and forgiveness.

The Feast of the Epiphany expresses this spirit of hope. It celebrates Jesus Christ as the Light of the world, revealed to all nations and peoples. The prophet Isaiah urges us to "rise and shine," as God's glory breaks through the darkness. Saint Paul reminds us that in Christ, all are united as one body, sharing the same hope.

Like the star that guided the wise men, Christ's light continues to lead us through uncertainty today. Epiphany invites us not only to follow that light with faith and courage but also to reflect it to others through our words and actions.

May this new year be a time of grace as we journey together, becoming living signs of God's love in our community.

Fr Linh,

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:

all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

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 earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**
4. 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.)**

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of
Judah, for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries 4th January to 10th January:

Patricia Dickinson and Madge Topp.

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 11th January at 9:00am:

(C) Anne Bourke

(L) Anthony Dowling

(SM) Jo Ballard, Jenny Cole

(W) Catherine Hayes, Diane Gent.

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

(C) Diana Scott

(L) Adrian Scott

(SM) Lisa Piasente

(W) Terry Philp.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 6th January

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

Wednesday 7th January

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 8th January

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

Friday 9th January

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 10th January

3:00pm Wedding at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

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

Sunday 11th 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.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, QUEENSCLIFF

Although the Jubilee Year has now concluded, Holy Trinity Church will remain open throughout the Summer holidays and continues to warmly welcome visitors and pilgrims from Monday to Friday, as well as on weekends, between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. All are invited to visit the church for quiet prayer and reflection.

CHILDREN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

As we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend, we invite the parish community to pray for the children being baptised and for their families as they begin this journey of faith.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

TAR sincerely thanks everyone who generously donated to the Giving Tree.

A total of \$1,674.00 was raised in cash and vouchers, which will be donated to the Food Bank at Welcome Place Geelong to support the refugee community.

Your kindness and generosity are appreciated.

HOSPITALITY AND CUPPA AFTER SUNDAY MASSES – TAKING A BREAK IN JANUARY

Dear Parish Friends,

The Hospitality groups would like to let you know that there will be no hospitality after Sunday Masses during January. This pause allows our volunteers time to rest after a busy year and to prepare for a warm return in the months ahead. We look forward to gathering again soon. May God's peace and blessings be with you and your families.

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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.

REFLECTION BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

REFLECTION

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

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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)

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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CHARLIE'S MAINTENANCE CO

General maintenance, handyman, gardening, and cleaning. Servicing the Bellarine and Geelong areas.

Contact Charlie on 0413 609 170

or email charlie.sutera76@gmail.com.

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