

HOLY TRINITY PARISH QUEENSLIFF

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

**HOLY TRINITY
CHURCH**
**34 Stevens Street
Queenscliff**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR A

Sunday 11th January 2026

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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

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Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

With the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church brings the Christmas season to an end and begins Ordinary Time.

The baptism of Jesus marks the start of His public ministry and invites us to reflect on and renew our own baptismal calling. As Jesus steps into the waters of the Jordan, He fully shares in our humanity. Though He is without sin, He chooses to stand among us, embracing the weakness and struggles of the human condition.

At this moment, the mission of John the Baptist, who baptized with water, comes to completion. In Jesus, a new baptism begins, a baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire, bringing new life and renewal. In Him, God's ancient promises are fulfilled.

In the second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter proclaims that Jesus of Nazareth, anointed by the Holy Spirit, went about doing good and revealing God's loving presence among the people.

Today's celebration reminds us that faith is not about watching God's work from a distance. Rather, our faith is a gift passed on through others and rooted in Scripture and the living Tradition of the Church. It calls us to allow God to work within us.

Through baptism, God's divine life dwells in each of us. Let us embrace our baptism anew, recognize Christ's presence among us, and walk with confidence in the light of the Lord.

How we respond to hardship and suffering shows whether we truly live in the presence of Christ. In seeking God's will, we discover peace and true fulfillment.

Fr Linh

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.
I, the Lord,
have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people
and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R) *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **(R.)**
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **(R.)**
3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites,

but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation

See Mark 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened
and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him .

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, QUEENSLIFF

Although the Jubilee Year has now concluded, Holy Trinity Church, Queenscliff, 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.

PRAYERS OF INTENTION	PARISH NEWS & EVENTS
<p>Recently Deceased: Martin Grundy</p> <p>Anniversaries 11th January to 17th January: Alfred Dickinson, Beth Merriman, George Marshell, Robert Hurley and Anthony Iannetta.</p> <p>Please pray for those who are Sick:</p> <p>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, 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, Cathy Williams and Ray Quinlan.</p>	<p>PARISH OFFICE DURING JANUARY 2026</p> <p>While Daniella is on annual leave until 20 January 2026, 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.</p>
<p>ROSTERS</p> <p>OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 18th January at 9:00am: (C) Brenda Bissinella (L) Catherine Hayes (SM) Judy Considine, Janine Fitzpatrick (W) Dawn Dalton, Monica Meagher.</p> <p>QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 18th January at 11:00am: (C) Sam Sammut (L) Maria Sammut (SM) Maria Sammut (W) Rosemary Vaughan.</p>	<p>ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>- Shane McKinley.</p>
<p>LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK</p> <p>Tuesday 13th January 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove</p> <p>Wednesday 14th January 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff,</p> <p>Thursday 15th January 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove</p> <p>Friday 16th January 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff</p> <p>Saturday 17th January 11:00am Baptism Service at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads</p> <p>Sunday 18th January 9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove 11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff 12:30pm Baptism Service at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff</p>	<p>POPE LEO XIV FORMALLY CLOSED THE JUBILEE</p> <p>Last Tuesday, 6 January, Pope Leo XIV formally closed the <i>Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope</i> by sealing the basilica's Holy Door, marking the end of a year filled with special audiences, Masses, and meetings that shaped the opening months of his papacy. This Holy Year was unusual in that it was opened by one pope and concluded by another. As the Vatican declared the rare Jubilee a success, more than 33 million pilgrims from 185 countries came to Rome during the Holy Year, according to the Vatican website. Holy Years, held every 25 years, invite the faithful to Rome to seek renewal and spiritual blessings.</p> <p><i>Pope Leo XIV closes the Holy Door, concluding Jubilee Year of Hope on the Lord's Epiphany - Vatican News</i></p>

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<p>SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP We sincerely thank our parishioners and visitors who regularly support our parish. There will be the usual two collections during Mass:</p>	<p>BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS Visit our website for all information: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/</p>
<p>The first collection is for Parish Expenses and Administration. Donations for first collection can be made via EFT:</p>	<p>SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Visit our website for all information: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-1/</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:</p>	<p>COLUMBARIUM Visit our website for all information: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/</p>
<p>Holy Trinity Parish Presbytery Account BSB: 083-347—Acct No.: 931 706 909</p>	<p>THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)</p>
<p>Additionally, a Tap & Go terminal is available in the church foyer for your convenience.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>REFLECTION</p>	<p>REFLECTION</p>
<p>The baptism of Jesus inaugurates his ministry as the anointed one of God. The passage from Isaiah indicates the kind of messiah he will be. He will not exercise harsh justice, nor will he wield the sword of vengeance on the battlefield. He will be a servant, who, though mighty is gentle; one chosen by God, yet committed to the needy and the marginal; the Son of God who attends to the least within the community. The messiah of God may have come from an insignificant village like Nazareth, but he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. The messiah of God does not conform to the expectations of a proud and self-absorbed society. Filled with the Spirit of God, he acts out of a gentle, compassionate spirit. For whom did the messiah of God come? For those whom society discarded. He came for people who are broken and suffering, for those who are blind or imprisoned. He came for people who are so easily pushed to the margins – the homeless, the unemployed, the abandoned children, the helpless elderly, the mentally and chronically ill. He also came to people who, like Cornelius, do not belong to our inner circles, people who threaten us, people we might actually despise. He came for the strangers among us, those who have different cultural customs, those who worship in different ways. He came for people we have pushed out as well as for those we have refused to let in. The messiah of God came for all people without distinction.</p>	<p>Ocean Eyes OPTOMETRISTS Anthony & Letitia Dowling with the friendly team you know and trust. 2 Park Lane, Ocean Grove VIC 3226 Phone: 5255 5655 - Email: info@oceaneyes.com.au Visit: www.oceaneyes.com.au</p> <p>NPTS Nelson Property Transfer Services Geelong & Bellarine   Phone: 03 5221 7411 Email: bellarine@npts.com.au</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
<p>© Dianne Bergant CSA</p>	<p><i>We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people, as a central and fundamental responsibility, of our parish. The Parish Statement of Commitment and the Reporting Process, are on display in all churches, and all Parish Policies are available, on the website: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au</i></p>