

# HOLY TRINITY PARISH QUEENSLIFF

HOLY TRINITY PARISH INCORPORATING THE MASS CENTRES AND COMMUNITIES OF



**HOLY FAMILY  
CHURCH**  
**101 Hitchcock Avenue  
Barwon Heads**

**OUR LADY STAR OF THE  
SEA CHURCH**  
**68 John Dory Drive  
Ocean Grove**

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

**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A**

**Sunday 18th January 2026**

## **PARISH TEAM**

Fr Linh Pham PP  
Mrs Daniella Sutera  
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## **PARISH OFFICE & PRESBYTERY**

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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



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*This is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins  
of the world  
(John 1: 29)*

After the joy of Christmas, we return to Ordinary Time, a season far from "ordinary." It invites us to recognize God's presence in the daily rhythm of life, where faith is lived quietly and consistently.

Ordinary Time calls us to reflect on God's saving presence, especially amid suffering. We hold in our prayers all those affected by the recent bushfires in Victoria, offering sympathy to those who have lost loved ones, homes, livelihoods, and a sense of security. In such times, the fragility of life is laid bare, and our need for compassion and solidarity becomes ever more evident.

In moments like these, we naturally look for signs of God's presence and ask how His saving love is made real in the midst of hardship. Yet God does not usually intervene by dramatically changing circumstances or removing every hardship. More often, His providence is revealed through people, those who step forward with generosity, courage, and practical help. God's presence can be easy to overlook, but it is through these ordinary acts that His love becomes visible. Discipleship often shines most brightly not in grand gestures, but in simple, everyday actions.

The true strength of discipleship is found in the heroism of ordinary lives. They bear witness to the Gospel, becoming Good Samaritans, Simons of Cyrene, and humble servants who quietly sow the seeds of God's kingdom. Our parish exists because generations of faithful people have lived out this spirit in ordinary ways.

May this hope strengthen those who suffer and inspire us to respond with prayer, generosity, and compassion for one another. As Saint Paul reminds us, we are called to holiness and united in Christ. His greeting of grace and peace speaks powerfully today, assuring us that even in the midst of darkness, God's light can never be extinguished.

Fr Linh

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

<p><b>First Reading</b></p> <p>A reading from the prophet Isaiah</p> <p>The Lord said to me,      'You are my servant, Israel,      in whom I shall be glorified';      I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,      my God was my strength.      And now the Lord has spoken,      he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,      to bring Jacob back to him,      to gather Israel to him:      'It is not enough for you to be my servant,      to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the      survivors of Israel;      I will make you the light of the nations      so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the      earth.'</p>	<p><b>Second Reading</b></p> <p>A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians</p> <p>I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.</p>
<p><b>Responsorial Psalm</b></p> <p><b>Ps 39:2-4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.</b></p> <p><b>(R.)</b> <i>Here I am Lord;      I come to do your will.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. <b>(R.)</b></li> <li>2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. <b>(R.)</b></li> <li>3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. <b>(R.)</b></li> <li>4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. <b>(R.)</b></li> </ol>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b></p> <p><b>John 1:14. 12</b></p> <p><b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b>      The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.</p> <p><b>Alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>Gospel</b></p> <p><b>John 1:29-34</b></p> <p>A reading from the holy Gospel according to John</p> <p>Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'</p>
	<p style="font-size: 1.5em;">+ + +</p> <p><b>HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, QUEENSCLIFF</b></p> <p>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.</p>

## PRAYERS OF INTENTION

**Recently Deceased:** Martin Grundy

**Anniversaries 18th January to 24th January:**

Sheila Thom, Cas Lukauskas, Jeanne Duhau, Edward Hope, and George Marshell.

**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, 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.

## ROSTERS

**OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 25th January at 9:00am:**

(C) Majella O'Connor  
(L) Jenny Cole  
(SM) Marg Lucas, David O'Connor  
(W) Jo Ballard, Elizabeth Curtain.

**QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 25th January at 11:00am:**

(C) Michael Scott  
(L) Mary Clare Hoare  
(SM) Maria Sammut  
(W) Trish Frizza.

**COUNTERS: Tuesday 20th January at 11:00am:**

Carmen Buhagiar, Ken Caffyn

## LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Tuesday 20th January

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

### Wednesday 21st January

**No Mass** at 9:15am at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff  
11.00am Requiem Mass the repose of the soul of  
Martin Grundy, Queenscliff

### Thursday 22nd January

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

### Friday 23rd January

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

### Saturday 24th January

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

### Sunday 25th 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

From **20 January 2026**, the Parish Office will resume normal office hours. You are always welcome to contact us on **(03) 5258 1673** or via email at [queenscliff@cam.org.au](mailto:queenscliff@cam.org.au).

In case of an emergency, please call **0450 885 537**.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL - Christmas Appeal

Throughout 2025, our members have supported Companions in Queenscliff, Point Lonsdale, Ocean Grove, Barwon Heads and Connewarre, offering practical assistance and advice. By the end of December, we expect to have distributed more than **\$19,000** to those experiencing hardship. While much of this support is for food, we also assist in other essential areas. The gratitude shown by those we help is truly heart-warming. Our work is strengthened by local schools. Star of the Sea Year 5 students prepare hampers using funds raised at their fete, while St Aloysius students raise funds for SVDP in Box Hill. We thank these students and teachers for fostering compassion and service.

Our Annual Christmas Appeal will be held on **This Sunday 18 January**. Donations can be made by cash, card or QR code. Last year we raised nearly \$3,000—let's aim to match or exceed this. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Shane McKinley.

### HOLY TRINITY PARISH LITURGY SUPPORT TEAM MEETING

**10am, Wednesday 4 February 2026**

**Venue: Holy Trinity Parish Hall**

Representatives from each of our Mass centres are reminded to attend this meeting, which will focus on preparations for Lent and Easter, as well as the World Day of Prayer.

Maureen Earls, Parish Council Liturgy Coordinator  
0407 513 856

### 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.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.”

- *St John Chrysostom*

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### Lent 2026

This Lent, the Faith Development Group has sourced the booklet: 'THE JOURNEY HOME,' a new Lent and Easter resource for individuals and groups from the Diocese of Brisbane. The daily reflections will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day.

**The cost of the booklets is \$6.00 and should be available towards the end of January.**

We will be running two reflection groups using this resource (one during the day and the other in the evening) **COMMENCING on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of February.**

If you are interested in obtaining a book for personal reflection and/or would like to join a reflection group, please contact either:

Sandra Gould ([sandra@salmandra.com](mailto:sandra@salmandra.com))

or on 0418 537 941, or Kerin Fox

([foxeskb@gmail.com](mailto:foxeskb@gmail.com)) or on 0407 519 585.

## REFLECTION BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

### REFLECTION

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

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### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Visit our website for all information:

[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/](http://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/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-1/)

### COLUMBARIUM

Visit our website for all information:

[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/](http://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](mailto:queenscliff@cam.org.au).



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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  
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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