

HOLY TRINITY PARISH QUEENSLIFF

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**OUR LADY STAR OF THE
SEA CHURCH**
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Ocean Grove**

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

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

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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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Sunday 25th January 2026



In 2019, Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God, inviting the whole Church to renew its love for Sacred Scripture and to recognize its vital role in the life of faith. In Scripture, we encounter a God who enters human history to transform it, turning darkness into light, brokenness into healing, and division into communion through Jesus Christ.

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As we reflect on the readings proclaimed this Sunday, we are reminded that God's Word calls us to seek the light: *"The Lord is my light and my salvation"* (Ps 26:1). God calls us not only to live in that light, but also to become light for others. When our lives and our faith are made visible through acts of love, justice, and mercy, we give glory to God and allow Christ's light to shine through us: *"The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light"* (Isa 9:2).

In the second reading, St Paul addresses the divisions within the community and calls for unity. He reminds them that authentic unity can only be built on Christ and is nurtured through humility, integrity, and faithfulness to the Gospel. We, too, are called to be united and to live with integrity, remaining faithful to who we are and to the vocation God has entrusted to us, firmly rooted in the teachings of Christ.

During this week, as we celebrate Australia Day, we give thanks for our nation and ask for God's blessing upon all its people. We pray for light and unity, that we may continue to walk together as one. Echoing the words of our National Anthem, *"Australians all let us rejoice, for we are one and free,"* we honour our shared history and look with confidence toward the future, striving always to *Advance Australia Fair*. The path to unity begins within the human heart. Harmony with others becomes possible when our words reflect what we truly believe and our actions are consistent with our values.

On this Sunday of the Word of God, let us allow Scripture to speak to our hearts and guide our lives, so that we may be witnesses to Christ's light and instruments of unity and peace in a world longing for healing and reconciliation.

Fr Linh

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **(R.)**

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice.

From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of
death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

PRAYERS OF INTENTION	PARISH NEWS & EVENTS
<p>Anniversaries 25th January to 31st January: Christine James, James Leahy and Stephen Modestie.</p> <p>Please pray for those who are Sick: Sr Helen Barnes, Naomi Bianco, Frances Blaine, 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, Ray Quinlan, Mavourneen Ray, Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Salvatore & Santa Sutera, Kevin Teasdale, Richard Vaughan, Deanne Warren and Cathy Williams.</p>	<p>SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS We wish the principals, staff, students and families a wonderful, joyous Term 1 as staff and students return to school this week.</p> <p>HOSPITALITY SUNDAY Taking place on Sunday 1st February following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. All welcome!</p>
<p>ROSTERS</p>	<p>HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, QUEENSCLIFF 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 9:00am and 3:00pm. All are invited to visit the church for quiet prayer and reflection.</p>
<p>OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 1st February at 9:00am: (C) Maureen Earls (L) Frank Rice (SM) Jo Ballard, Carmel Rice (W) Catherine Hayes, Monica Meagher</p> <p>QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 1st February at 11:00am: (C) Ann-Maree Furphy (L) Roger Furphy (SM) Terry Philp (W) Eva Millie</p> <p>COUNTERS: Tuesday 27th January at 11:00am: John & Nan Calnin.</p>	<p>LITURGY SUPPORT TEAM MEETING 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.</p> <p>Date: Wednesday 4th February 2026 Time: 10:00am Venue: Holy Trinity Parish Hall (Queenscliff) Maureen Earls <i>Parish Council Liturgy Coordinator, 0407 513 856</i></p>
<p>LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK</p> <p>Tuesday 27th January 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with Staff from Star of the Sea and St Aloysius Schools</p> <p>Wednesday 28th January 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff</p> <p>Thursday 29th January 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove</p> <p>Friday 30th January 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff 3:00pm Wedding at Holy Family, Barwon Heads</p> <p>Saturday 31st January 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads</p> <p>Sunday 1st February 9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove 11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff</p>	<p>LENT & REFLECTION GROUP 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.</p> <p>The cost of the booklets is \$6.00 and should be available towards the end of January.</p> <p>We will be running two reflection groups using this resource (one during the day and the other in the evening) COMMENCING on Tuesday 17th of February.</p> <p>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 0418 537 941, or Kerin Fox: foxesk@gmail.com 0407 519 585.</p>

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<p>AN OPEN PUBLIC EVENT: IN CONVERSATION WITH UNCLE VINCE ROSS</p> <p>Australia Day and our First Nations People. As we prepare to celebrate Australia Day, we have an opportunity to learn more about the history of our First Nations People. On Sunday January 25, at 10am, the Uniting Church Queenscliff invites us to meet and listen to Uncle Vince Ross, founder of Narana Creations and 2006 Elder of the Year.</p>	<p>BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS Visit our website for all information: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/</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>REFLECTION BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA</p>	<p>REFLECTION</p>
<p>Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.</p> <p>There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.</p> <p>© Dianne Bergant CSA</p>	<p>COLUMBARIUM Visit our website for all information: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/</p> <p>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.</p> <div data-bbox="905 977 1468 1066">  <p>Ocean Eyes OPTOMETRISTS</p> </div> <p>Anthony & Letitia Dowling with the friendly team you know and trust.</p> <p>2 Park Lane, Ocean Grove VIC 3226 Phone: 5255 5655 - Email: info@oceaneyes.com.au Visit: www.oceaneyes.com.au</p> <div data-bbox="794 1280 1548 1493">  <p>NPTS Nelson Property Transfer Services Geelong & Bellarine</p>  <p>You're in safe hands</p> </div> <p>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>THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK</p>	<p>BULLETIN NOTICES</p>
<p>Friendship is born at the moment when one person says to another: 'What! You, too? I thought I was the only one.' - C.S. Lewis</p>	<p>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>