

HOLY TRINITY PARISH QUEENSCLIFF

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

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Sunday 1st February 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 — QUEENSCLIFF

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. Kerryn Sells, Tel: 5255 4308

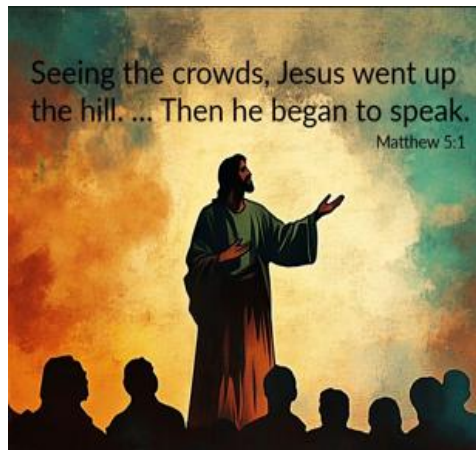


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**“Blessed are the
poor in spirit;
theirs is the
kingdom of
heaven”
(Mt 5:3)**

The Beatitudes in today's Gospel reading present a list of qualities Christ wishes to see in his followers, qualities first lived and revealed in Christ himself. Those who encounter the presence of God are often filled with awe and wonder, and at the same time become deeply aware of their own frailty. Like Peter, who cried out on recognising Jesus, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinner” (Lk 5:8), or the centurion who confessed, “Lord, I am not worthy” (Mt 8:8), such encounters reveal a spirit of humility and integrity.

Following Christ, like life itself, is an unfolding journey that continually invites us to grow. When we encounter God, we become more conscious of our shortcomings, yet it is precisely this awareness that opens us to receive God's grace. When faith is alive, it naturally draws us into worship, service, and deeper communion with others.

As we move beyond January, parish life is returning to its familiar rhythm. We warmly welcome our teachers and children as they begin the new school year, and many of our parish ministries are resuming this week. These moments offer renewed opportunities to take part in parish life and to support one another as we continue to grow in community and in faith. Walking in God's ways is a joyful journey, discovered not by standing apart or above, but by walking gently with God and with one another in humility and integrity.

This week's Scripture readings remind us that God's kingdom belongs not to the extraordinary, but to the humble. The Beatitudes bring this vision to life, proclaiming blessed those who are poor in spirit, gentle, merciful, and peacemakers. God looks with favour on the lowliness of his servants and fills the humble with his gifts.

Fr Linh

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the
name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

(R.) *Happy the poor in spirit;
The kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
t he Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

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

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were
called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary
sense of the word, how many were influential people,
or came from noble families?

No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is
foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is
strong that he chose what is weak by human
reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and
contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those
who are nothing at all to show up those who are
everything. The human race has nothing to boast about
to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus
and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and
our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As
scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast
about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat
down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to
speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is
right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of
right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute
you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my
account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be
great in heaven.’

PRAYERS OF INTENTION	PARISH NEWS & EVENTS
<p><u>Anniversaries 1st February to 7th February:</u> Alessandro & Oliver Selva, Eileen Marie Moroney, Michael Sheehan and Chettina Sammut.</p> <p><u>Please pray for those who are Sick:</u> 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>HOSPITALITY SUNDAY Taking place this Sunday, 1st February, following 9:00am Mass (including children’s liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. All welcome!</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>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. Date: Wednesday 4th February 2026 Time: 10:00am Venue: Holy Trinity Parish Hall (Queenscliff) Maureen Earls (0407 513 856) Parish Council Liturgy Coordinator</p>
ROSTERS	
<p><u>OCEAN GROVE:</u> Sunday 8th February at 9:00am: (C) Janine Fitzpatrick (L) Lachlan Fitzpatrick (SM) Fiorentina Romeo, Luci Quinn (W) Dawn Dalton, Margaret Donovan</p> <p><u>QUEENSCLIFF:</u> Sunday 8th February at 11:00am: (C) Sam Sammut (L) Maria Sammut (SM) Maria Sammut (W) Sam Caruana</p> <p><u>COUNTERS:</u> Tuesday 3rd February at 11:00am: Shane McKinley and Fay Neville.</p>	<p>ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL Many thanks to all who donated to the SVDP Appeal. If you would still like to donate please use the envelopes that are at each Church, or alternatively use the QR code. A total, excluding envelopes and QR donations, of \$1730.50 was raised. Shane McKinley Queenscliff Conference President</p>
LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK	
<p>Tuesday 3rd February 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove</p> <p>Wednesday 4th February 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff</p> <p>Thursday 5th February 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove</p> <p>Friday 6th February 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff</p> <p>Saturday 7th February 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads</p> <p>Sunday 8th 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. The cost of the booklets is \$6.00. Books are available now! 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. NOTE: An additional small group will be meeting on Thursday afternoons at 4.00pm in Queenscliff. Commencing Thursday the 19th 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 or Kerin and indicate your preference: Sandra Gould: sandra@salmandra.com 0418 537 941, or Kerin Fox: foxeskb@gmail.com 0407 519 585.</p>

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LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Lunch at the Queenscliff Bowling club at 12-noon on Wednesday 4th February. Anyone wishing to take part in a walk before hand, please meet in the car park at 11am. For bookings Text or phone Julie 0411578285.

MORNING TEA AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Parishioners are invited and welcome to Morning Tea on Thursday 5th February at 10:30am.

RCIA PROGRAM RESUME

Our next RCIA gathering will be held on Wednesday, 11 February 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall (34 Stevens Street, Queenscliff). If you, or someone you know, are searching for deeper meaning in life or are interested in becoming Catholic, you are warmly invited to attend. The RCIA journey is a welcoming opportunity to explore the Catholic faith, ask questions, and grow in your relationship with God within a supportive parish community.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 5258 1673 or email queenscliff@cam.org.au.

REFLECTION BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

REFLECTION

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

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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/

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Lift up your hearts.
Each new hour holds new chances
for new beginnings.
- Maya Angelou



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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