

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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Sunday 8th February 2026

PARISH TEAM

Fr Linh Pham PP
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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
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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***"You are the light of the
world"***
(Mt 5:14)

This Sunday's readings remind us that faith is lived through action, humility, and witness. In the first reading, God calls His people to care for the hungry, the homeless, and the oppressed, promising that acts of justice will make their light shine in the darkness. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world, called to let their good works lead others to praise God.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Welcoming children into our liturgical celebrations is an important part of parish life. There is a need to strengthen Children's Liturgy during the 9:00am Sunday Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove. At present, Children's Liturgy is offered once a month, and we appreciate our parishioners for their efforts in maintaining the roster. We are seeking the support of parents to help coordinate and build a Children's Liturgy Team. No previous experience required. This ministry supports our children during Sunday liturgy throughout the school term and helps prepare appropriate resources so they can participate meaningfully. Any parents who would consider joining this ministry are warmly invited to speak with Maureen Earls or Frank Rice (Liturgy Coordinators).

COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE HOUSEBOUND AND NURSING HOMES – MORNING TEA

Over the past year, I have observed a growing need to support parishioners who are struggling to attend Sunday liturgy or who have moved into nursing homes. Pastoral care is especially important, in particular, the regular bringing of Holy Communion to people in their homes or in nursing homes. If you would like to become a minister and visit nursing homes or bring Communion to people at home, please speak with Fr Linh after Mass. Fr Linh would also love to catch up with all Communion Ministers, if you are available, for a morning tea on **Wednesday 25 February at 10:30 am** in the **Parish Hall in Queenscliff**.

We acknowledge the Wathaurong people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which our three churches stand

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed.

During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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LENT 2026 PREPARATIONS

Thank you to all members of the Liturgy Team who gathered last Wednesday to begin preparations for Lent 2026. Please note that there will be two Masses for Ash Wednesday:

- **9:15am** at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
- **12:00pm** at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Recently Deceased: Jason McDonald and Tim Monahan.

Anniversaries 8th February to 14th February:

James Joseph Considine, Mary Ross and Mac Sullivan.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

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.

ROSTERS

OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 15th February at 9:00am:

(C) Monica Meagher

(L) Anne Bourke

(SM) Jo Ballard, Carmel Rice

(W) Michael Kirkman, Marg Lucas

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 15th February at 11:00am:

(C) Bob Merriman

(L) John Hanan

(SM) Terry Philp

(W) Shirley Hurley

COUNTERS: Tuesday 10th February at 11:00am:

Dan Donovan and Des Harris.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 9th February

10:30am Funeral Service for the late Mr Tim Monahan at Parish Hall, Queenscliff

Tuesday 10th February

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

11:00am Mass with anointing at Sea View Manor, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 11th February

9:15am St Aloysius Beginning of School Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

11:00am Mass with anointing at Arcare, Point Lonsdale

Thursday 12th February

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

1:00pm Mass with anointing at Ryman Deborah Cheetham Retirement Village, Ocean Grove

Friday 13th February

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 14th February

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

Sunday 15th February

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the SVDP Conference will take place on Thursday 12th February after 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove. New members are most welcome to attend.

OCEAN GROVE - NEW MINISTRY ROSTER DUE

It will most helpful if volunteers could advise Monica via email (meaghermonica@gmail.com) of any Sundays they will be unavailable for March, April and May. Thank you.

LENT & REFLECTION GROUP 2026

This Lent, the Faith Development Group sourced the booklet: **'THE JOURNEY HOME'**, a new Lent and Easter resource for individuals and groups from the Diocese of Brisbane. **All books have now been sold!** If you missed the rush for a book, you can order directly from the Diocese of Brisbane: <https://shop.archdiocesanministries.org.au/products/lent-2026-the-journey-home> or weekdays during office hours on: 07 3324 3440. Reflection group meetings:

- Ocean Grove: Commencing **Tuesday, 17 February at 7.30pm**
- Barwon Heads: Commencing **Tuesday 17th of February at 10.30am**
- Queenscliff: Commencing **Thursday 19th February at 4.00pm**

If you are interested in joining a reflection group, please contact either Sandra or Kerin:

Sandra Gould: sandra@salmandra.com | 0418 537 941, or
Kerin Fox: foxeskb@gmail.com | 0407 519 585.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENTS

"The Cost of Our Living: Economic and Social Justice for the Common Good" is the title of the first of two Social Justice statements from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in 2026. It is available now at this link on catholic.au website: [Social Justice Statements](#).

There will be a short, live streamed, event at 11am webcast on February 9, with Bishop Tim Harris. The Livestream link is [LIVESTREAM • Launch of the Social Justice Statement - February 2026](#).

Our parish conference of St Vincent de Paul encourages parishioners to

- a. Access the statement (8 pages)
- b. View the webcast on the 9th.

Frank Rice

Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

17th February 5.30pm for 6.00pm Pancake Dinner
at The Old School Hall | \$5.00 per head

To our dear Catholic friends at Holy Trinity Queenscliff, We would like to invite you to share Shrove Tuesday with the Anglican Parish of Queenscliff/Point Lonsdale at the Old School Hall in Queenscliff. The meal includes a main course of savory pancakes followed by sweet pancakes for dessert. On this occasion we will burn last year's palm crosses so you are welcome to bring yours along and add to the conflagration. We look forward to feasting with you prior to our Lenten fast.

Yours in Christ,
Mthr Jo and congregation

To help with catering, please contact the Holy Trinity Parish Office if you are planning to attend.

REFLECTION BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

REFLECTION

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The secret to living well and longer is:
eat half, walk double, laugh triple and love
without measure.

- Tibetan Proverb

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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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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