

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

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Sunday 15th February 2026

PARISH TEAM

Fr Linh Pham PP
Mrs Daniella Sutera
Parish Secretary
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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

"Do not imagine
that I have
come to abolish
the Law or
the Prophets."

Matthew 5:17



Image Credit: Liturgy Help

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to go beyond external observance and allow our hearts to be truly transformed. True discipleship means letting God's Word guide our thoughts, choices, and actions.

This call to deeper discipleship is connected to the journey of synodality that the Archdiocese of Melbourne is undertaking in 2026. A synod is a gathering of God's people who discern matters of faith, governance, and pastoral care through prayer, dialogue, and consultation.

Here in our parish, this same spirit of synodality and discernment is at work. Last Tuesday, the Parish Pastoral Council held its first meeting as we began planning for 2026. During the meeting, the Council reflected on ways to strengthen parish life and ministry, and on how we can work together more intentionally to foster community and offer a warm welcome to all.

Living the Gospel means creating a safe and supportive environment where everyone feels welcome. Our parish thrives because of the generosity and dedication of our volunteer parishioners. By sharing responsibilities, we help ensure that ministry remains a joy rather than a burden, and that more people have the opportunity to participate and contribute to our community.

Several important events will take place this year, including our Parish Feast Day, Mother's Day celebrations, the Annual General Meeting for parish volunteers, a guest speaker event, and the development of our parish master plan. Each of these moments offers an opportunity to deepen our communion and renew our shared mission.

We are also exploring further opportunities for formation and fellowship. We are preparing to run the Alpha program over eight consecutive weeks, for 1½ hours each week on a weekday evening, with assistance from the Archdiocese's Proclamation Office. This may take place in June or July. We are seeking a few volunteers to assist with this initiative.

In addition, Blocks Coffee and Toast for Men's Group will begin on Saturday, 3 March, from 8:00–9:30 am in the parish presbytery in Queenscliff. We warmly invite anyone interested to join us, support this initiative, and be part of the fellowship.

Fr Linh

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Sirach 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34.

R. v.1

(R.) *Happy are they
who follow the law of the Lord!*

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**
2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **(R.)**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **(R.)**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached
maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still
less of the masters of our age, which are coming to
their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach
in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined
to be for our glory before the ages began.

It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have
ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord
of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that
no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond
the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those
who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us
through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of
everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:17, 20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have
come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come
not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you, if
your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and
Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of
heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You
must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer
for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone
who is angry with his brother will answer for it before
the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit
adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a
woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery
with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our
ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must
fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do
not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean
yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this
comes from the evil one.'

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PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through
Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generosity this
Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-
changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes are
available at each church from this weekend.

Online donations can be made via the website:
www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate or by calling: 1800
024 413.

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Recently Deceased: Judy Kerr.

Anniversaries 15th February to 21st February: Stephen Merriman, Mary Earls, Laurance Hodgkinson and John Kenny.

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 22nd February at 9:00am:

(C) Gerry Rainey
(L) Peter Dickinson
(SM) Jenny Cole, Dan O'Meara
(W) Diane Gent, Catherine Hayes

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 22nd February at 11:00am:

(C) Tony Frizza
(L) Judy Lamb
(SM) Maria Sammut
(W) Roger Furphy

COUNTERS: Tuesday 17th February at 11:00am:

Emanuel & Maureen Baglieri.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 17th February

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Mass with anointing at Mass with anointing at TLC Homestead, Wallington

Ash Wednesday 18th February

9:15am Mass with St Aloysius School Years 5-6 attending at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
12:00pm Mass with Our Lady Star of the Sea School Years 3-6 attending at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Thursday 19th February

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

Friday 20th February

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 21st February

11:00am Baptism Service at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Sunday 22nd 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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

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

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.

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](#).

Frank Rice

Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026—FRIDAY 6 MARCH

- **Barwon Heads:** 2:00pm, hosted by Holy Family Church
- **Ocean Grove:** 10:30am, hosted by Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
- **Queenscliff:** 10:00am, hosted by Uniting Church

The Service of Prayer, Song and Fellowship is prepared by Women of Nigeria with the Theme 'I will give you rest: Come'. All most welcome.

As support is needed to finalise details for the service at Ocean Grove, a meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th February at 10.00am at Ocean Grove Church. Contact: Gerry 0417126995.

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**.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

LENT & REFLECTION GROUP 2026

There are three Lenten Reflection Groups, meeting weekly:

- 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.

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

VISIT SACRED HEART COLLEGE: 2026 DISCOVERY DAY (FRIDAY 27 FEB 2026)

Discover life at Sacred Heart College! Our annual Discovery Day is a wonderful opportunity for prospective families to visit our campus and experience learning in action.

Explore your way: Use your Discovery Day College Map to visit the areas and activities that interest your child most.

Meet our leaders: Connect with Principal Anna Negro, our College Leadership Team, House Leaders, and student ambassadors.

See our new spaces: Experience our latest facilities, including the new Sports and Wellness Precinct.

Bookings are essential. Please reserve your spot here:
shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au/college-tours

Small Group Guided Tours

For a more personalised experience, we also offer guided group tours. These tours are capped at 50 people and are led by our Admissions Officer or a member of the College Leadership Team. **View available dates and book online:**
shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au/college-tours

PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER / FINANCE OFFICER – NAZARETH PARISH

Nazareth Parish is looking for a part-time Bookkeeper/Finance Officer (10–12 hours per week) to manage day-to-day parish finances, including accounts, invoicing, and reporting. The ideal candidate will have experience with Xero and Excel, strong attention to detail, and a commitment to supporting the Parish community. A WWCC and Police Check are required. For a copy of the job description or more information, contact Tracy in the parish office, grovedale@cam.org.au or 9412 8444. If interested in applying send through your resume and a cover letter, applications close Monday 23rd February.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We turn not older with years,
but newer every day.

- Emily Dickinson

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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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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.

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