

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

Sunday 8th March 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 other 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. Kerry Sells, Tel: 5255 4308

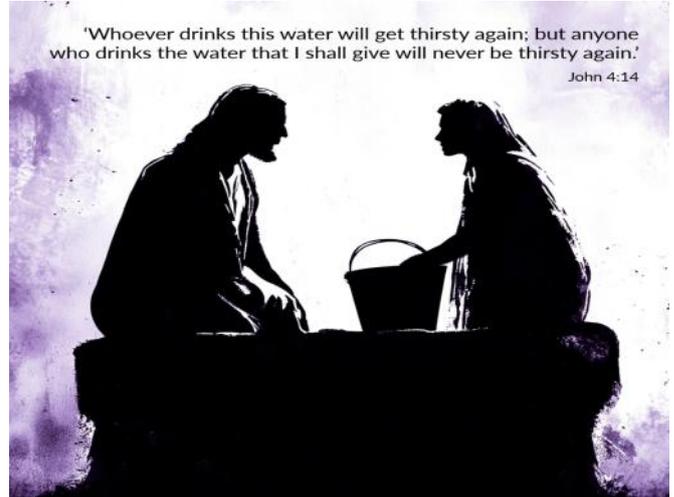


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PARISH STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Last November, I shared that, in line with the Archdiocese's "Take the Way of the Gospel" initiative, our parish would begin a process of reflection on our current reality and future direction by developing a parish master plan to address the needs of our communities.

Over the years, our three communities have responded to changing circumstances by forming structures that served the needs of their time. Our last parish survey was conducted nine years ago, in 2017. At that time, the estimated number of parishioners was around 2,000, with an average weekend Mass attendance of 430 people. Of those attending Mass, 54% were in Ocean Grove, 25% in Queenscliff, and 21% in Barwon Heads. Among these 430 parishioners, 52% were aged 70 and over, while fewer than 5% were between 1 and 40 years old. The survey also showed that the majority of parishioners desired greater spiritual growth, more social activities, and the establishment of a parish centre with a parish office and a central hub for parish life.

Today, however, our parish faces new realities. These numbers and circumstances have changed over the years, and our priorities may now be different. To support this important process, a Steering Committee will be formed, consisting of two members from each community. Its role will be to reflect on our parish's history, participate in a process of listening to current needs and discernment, and assist in strategic planning for the future. This journey calls for openness, sincerity, unity, and trust.

It is hoped that this Steering Committee will be established shortly after Easter. Thank you to those who have already expressed interest in serving on the committee. If you know someone, or if you yourself have skills suited to this role, please speak to a member of the Pastoral Council in your community or to me after Mass.

Fr Linh

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) *If today you hear this work,
harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again:
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal
life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know;
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit
and truth:

that is the kind of worshipper
the Father wants.

God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Anniversaries 8th March to 14th March:

Peter Williams, Patrick Magennis, Ian Neville and Giovanni Danzi.

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 March at 9:00am:

(C) Janine Fitzpatrick
(L) Lachlan Fitzpatrick
(SM) Dan O'Meara, Jo Ballard
(W) Diane Gent, Margaret Donovan

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

(C) Diana Scott
(L) Adrian Scott
(SM) Lisa Piasente
(W) Terry Philp

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

Remo & Naomi Bianco.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10th March

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Mass with anointing at Sea View Manor, Ocean Grove
4:00pm Sacramental Program Class at Ocean Grove

Wednesday 11th March

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
11:00am Mass with anointing at Arcare, Point Lonsdale
4:00pm Sacramental Program Class at Ocean Grove

Thursday 12th March

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Mass with anointing at Ryman Deborah Cheetham Retirement Village, Ocean Grove

Friday 13th March

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 14th March

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

Sunday 15th March

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 March after 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove. New members are most welcome to attend.

WORKING BEE—OCEAN GROVE

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove in preparation for Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies. Wednesday 18 March at 10:00am.
- Maureen Earls, Parish Council Liturgy Coordinator

PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

Project Compassion 2026 donation boxes and envelopes are available at each church. Online donations can be made via the website: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate or by calling: 1800 024 413.

MARY MAGDALENE – THE MUSICAL

An uplifting Lenten production retelling the journey of Mary Magdalene through music and story. Presented by COG Theatre Group and directed by Beth Mondragon Williams, this moving work reflects on redemption, grace, and hope.

When: Fri & Sat 13–14 March, 7:00 pm

Sat & Sun 14–15 March, 1:00 pm

Where: [Renaissance Theatre, High Street, Kew](#)

Tickets: trybooking.com/DHZPD

SYNOD OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

On the third Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will formally convoke a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The synod calls the Melbourne Church to journey together in communion, participation and mission, echoing Pope Francis' vision of a 'listening Church' (Evangelii Gaudium, §31). Informed by Vatican II's teaching, the Church is 'a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit' (Lumen Gentium, §4).

There are three themes about which the church of Melbourne is being invited to discern:

- young discipleship
- missionary leadership
- formation and participation.

The synod assembly will be held across the weekend of 4–6 December 2026. Over these next months, a range of opportunities will be available for Melbourne Catholics to be part of the consultation process toward the synod. In the meantime, further information can be accessed at [Melbourne Synod 2026 | Melbourne Catholic](#). In the synodal Church 'the whole community, in the free and rich diversity of its members, is called together to pray, listen, analyse, dialogue, discern and offer advice on taking pastoral decisions (ITC 68) for mission' (Final Document, §87).

PARISH NEWS

VOLUNTEERING NEWS

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who support the parish. We appreciate your time, skillset and value your support.

All volunteers must complete the following requirements to continue volunteering in the parish:

- **Have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC).** You can apply or renew online: [Working with Children Check](#). Remember to register Holy Trinity Parish and details on your account.
- **Sign a Parish Code of Conduct.** Forms available at the parish office and on the parish website: [Code of Conduct for Parish Volunteers – Holy Trinity Parish Queenscliff](#).
- **Have a current National Police Check.** Applications via the parish office. Police Checks are only required for counters, religious education & children's liturgy (including all Sacramental Programs and RCIA), communion to the sick, aged care facility visits, pastoral care and Finance Committee members.
- **Complete Safeguarding Essentials online training.**

Safeguarding Essentials is a 30-minute online compulsory training module for all volunteers (in any capacity) and will provide you with foundational knowledge in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons. You will receive a certificate of completion, and the parish will also receive notification that the module has been completed successfully. To register you will need your unique Working with Children Check (WWCC) ID and an email address. Please see the parish website for all information and training link:

[Parish Volunteers – Holy Trinity Parish Queenscliff](#).

You are welcome to complete training at home. If you would like to attempt the training at home, please click on the above link. Scroll down to SAFEGUARDING TRAINING GUIDELINES to find the link for the online training. Once you have completed the training, please forward a copy of your certificate to the parish office.

The committee is hosting a 'Safeguarding Essentials Training' group session on Saturday 21st March at 10am at Our Lady Star of the Sea School. To register, please contact the parish office.

If you require any assistance or have any questions at all, please contact the parish office. We are here to support you through this process! As always, if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the parish office.

- Safeguarding Committee

CHILDREN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

Together we pray for the children receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Don't take life too seriously, you never get out of it still alive.

- Elbert Hubbard

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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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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 by 1:00pm on Thursdays to have your loved one(s) remembered in the weekly