

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

Sunday 22nd 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

The dead man came out,
his feet and hands
bound with bands of
stuff and a cloth round
his face. Jesus said to
them, 'Unbind him, let
him go free.'

John 11:44

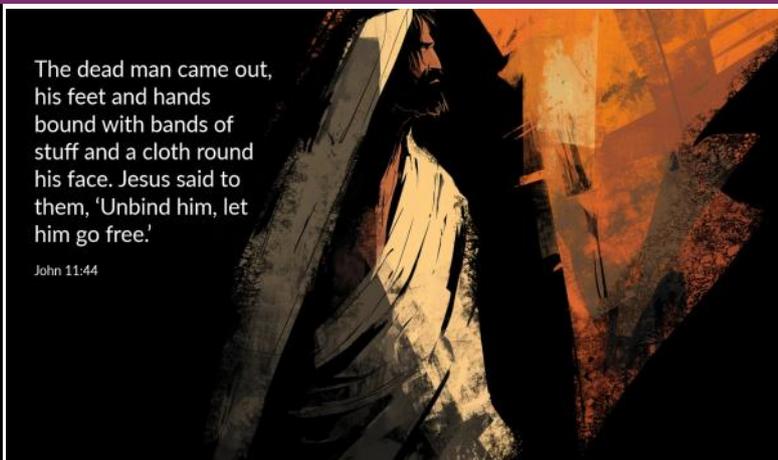


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Even in the midst of life's difficulties, God's love is at work, calling us to hope and new life. In today's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus reveals both Jesus' deep compassion in our sorrow and his power over death. He calls Lazarus out from the tomb, showing that death and darkness do not have the final word. This speaks not only of the promise of eternal life, but also of the many "tombs" we experience in our daily lives—fear, isolation, despair, and doubt. Christ continues to call us out of these places into the light of new life.

As we draw closer to the end of our Lenten journey, we see signs of life and hope within our parish community. During the week, many meaningful moments have taken place. We welcomed nearly 200 pilgrims - school leaders, staff, and students from Catholic primary schools in Geelong - who gathered at Holy Trinity Church to celebrate Catholic Education Week with a St Patrick's Mass. Last Wednesday, our parish volunteers came together for a working bee at Our Lady Star of the Sea, and our choirs have been preparing for the Sacred Triduum. These are all signs of a living faith, gently leading us toward the light.

If asked, most of us might respond in a similar way to Martha when Jesus asked, "Do you believe this?" Martha replied with familiar words of faith that may have masked a lingering doubt. Yet, like her, we too can struggle at times to fully believe, especially when faced with the unknown or uncertainty. In such moments, today's Gospel invites us to hold firm to Christ's promise: *"I am the resurrection and the life."*

As we prepare for Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum celebrations, may his light shine into the tombs of our hearts. Trusting in his love, we come to believe that even in the midst of life's storms, God can bring hope, healing, and new life out of darkness.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129 R. v.7

(R.) *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **(R.)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **(R.)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Anniversaries 22nd March to 28th March:

Lucy McDonald and Millie Murray.

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, Helen Pearce, Ray Quinlan, Mavourneen Ray, Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Salvatore & Santa Sutura, Kevin Teasdale, Richard Vaughan, Deanne Warren and Cathy Williams.

ROSTERS

OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 29th March at 9:00am:

(C) Majella O'Connor
(L) Gerry Rainey
(SM) David O'Connor, Jo Ballard
(W) Brenda Bissinella, Judy Considine

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 29th March at 11:00am:

(C) Michael Scott
(L) Mary Clare Hoare
(SM) Maria Sammut
(W) Trish Frizza

COUNTERS: Tuesday 24th March at 11:00am:

John & Nan Calnin and Shane McKinley.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 24th March

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

4:00pm Sacramental Program Class at Ocean Grove

Wednesday 25th March

9:15am Mass with Anointing at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

4:00pm Sacramental Program Class at Ocean Grove

Thursday 26th March

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

7:00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 27th March

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 28th March

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

Sunday 29th March

9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

PARISH & LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

PALMS AND OLIVE BRANCHES

As we prepare for Palm Sunday on the 29th March, parishioners are encouraged to bring their own palms or olive branches from home, to be blessed and/or to share with our community. These branches are a beautiful symbol of peace and will enhance our celebration.

ANOINTING MASSES

Saturday 21st March	5:00pm	BARWON HEADS
Tuesday 24th March	9:15am	OCEAN GROVE
Wednesday 25th March	9:15am	QUEENSCLIFF

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 26th March	7:00pm	OCEAN GROVE
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EASTER TIMETABLE 2026

Easter timetable available on the parish website:

[Easter Celebrations 2026 – Holy Trinity Parish Queenscliff](#)

TRINITY SINGERS PRACTICE

Practice this Sunday, 15th March, from 4:00pm to 5:00pm at Holy Trinity Church, in preparation for the Holy Thursday liturgy (7:00pm on 2nd April at Ocean Grove). All Trinity Singers welcome.
- Von Philp

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.

MEN ALIVE WEEKEND

2nd & 3rd May held at St Mary McKillop School, Bannockburn. The experience of the weekend is powerful & dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. It offers men the opportunity to reflect and share, if comfortable. Take the step. Please contact John Butterworth 0448 673 833 for enquiries.

SOMETHING LUMINOUS:

ARCHBISHOP LAUNCHES VISION

FOR RENEWAL OF CATHEDRAL AND PRECINCT

Last Tuesday, some parishioners and I attended the St Patrick's Day Mass and the Archbishop 2026 Oration at St Patrick's Cathedral. In his message, Archbishop Peter shared the Archdiocese of Melbourne's exciting new vision: Light into the City.

For over 125 years, the Cathedral has been a place of prayer, encounter, and belonging, treasured by Catholics and the wider community alike. Light into the City will ensure it continues to shine as a beacon of faith, hope, and welcome for all.

Archbishop Peter warmly invites parishioners, families, and community groups to support this shared investment in our faith and heritage. Visit www.lightintothechurch.org.au for updates, ways to get involved, to watch the campaign launch video, and to explore stories that bring the Archbishop's vision to life.

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

EASTER CONCERT

Music at the Basilica invites you to our 2026 Easter Concert at 4pm on Sunday 29 March at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong. This is a concert where combined voices of the women of the Windfire Choir Vox Angelica Geelong Chamber Choir shine! Conducted by Tom Healey the choir will present a lovely program featuring music written specifically for women's voices. The program includes the music of Rheinberger, Schubert, Albinoni, Holst, Dan Forrest, Vivaldi and a specially commissioned work by Michael Hannan. Tickets from www.trybooking.com/DIJNV.

See www.musicatthebasilica.org.au for details.

INVITATION—MAKING PALM CROSSES

Dear brothers and sisters of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, you are invited to join your Anglican friends as we make crosses for Palm Sunday. Making Palm Crosses – this Tuesday 24th March at Sally's Place (12 Cheshunt Street, Point Lonsdale). Please bring your scissors. Afternoon tea will be served. Please let us know if you are going to attend by texting Mthr Jo 0458 523 754.

SYNOD CORNER

Where does the word "Synod" come from?

The word *Synod* comes from the Greek *syn-hodos*, meaning "walking together on the road." This reminds us that the Christian life is never meant to be lived alone. Faith is a shared journey, where we support one another, listen to one another, and discern together how best to follow Christ.

Synodality is not new...

Synodality is not a modern invention. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians gathered to pray, listen, and discern together. In the Acts of the Apostles, the Church faced difficult questions and resolved them not through power struggles, but through prayer, dialogue, and trust in the Holy Spirit.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Remember this—
very little is needed to make a happy life.
- Marcus Aurelius

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

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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