

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

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2026

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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



Each day, we are confronted by news of conflict and war, rising living costs, and the strain of the fuel crisis. Amid these uncertain times, the risen Christ continues to bring peace, reconciliation, and faith. This is the hope Easter offers, a hope that meets us where we are, just as it did the Apostle Thomas.

On this Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, we continue to celebrate God's love, love revealed in a new way of living. As we see in the Acts of the Apostles, the early Christians show us how mercy is lived. They embody unity, generosity, and prayer, sharing what they had so that no one among them was in need. In their lives, God's mercy became visible in their relationships with one another. This is the life kindled by the new fire, the new life we received through our Easter celebrations: a life shaped and sustained by divine mercy.

Though we do not see the risen Christ with our eyes, we encounter him in the bread and wine, where he is truly present. Through faith, we come to recognise him and to share in communion with him. The Gospel reminds us of Thomas, who moved from doubt to belief. We, too, are called to trust without seeing, to rely on Christ's mercy, and to become instruments of peace.

As we have celebrated Easter with our families and community, may the spirit of this season remain alive within us. May we grow in hope and peace, finding the courage to live differently, to be witnesses to Christ's sacrifice, and to embrace others with love rather than violence.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1*

(R.) *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

Second Reading *1 Peter 1:3-9*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been

tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation *John 20:29*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel *John 20:19-31*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Anniversaries 12th April to 18th April:

Frank Crowe and Onorato Sammut.

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, Lou Mckenna, Belinda Monterosso, 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 19th April at 9:00am:

(C) Majella O'Connor
(L) Anthony Dowling
(SM) Carmel Rice, David O'Connor
(W) Elizabeth Curtain, Marg Lucas

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 19th April at 11:00am:

(C) Adrian Scott
(L) Diana Scott
(SM) Terry Philp
(W) Shirley Hurley

COUNTERS: Tuesday 14th April at 11:00am:

Remo & Naomi Bianco.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 14th April

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Sea View Manor, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 15th April

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 16th April

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 17th April

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 18th April

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

Sunday 19th April

9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

THANK YOU



In the light of the Easter season, we are reminded that true faith is lived in quiet and faithful action. In his Passion, Christ revealed a love freely given and completely poured out, a love brought to new life in the Resurrection.

In that same spirit, together with all the parishioners of the Ocean Grove community, we give thanks to Louis Bissinella and John Calnin for their 20 years of dedication and commitment in caring for the garden of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Though your work has often gone unseen, it has been deeply felt, bringing beauty, life, and a spirit of welcome to all who enter these sacred grounds.

As they step back to spend more time with their families, we pray the risen Lord blesses them abundantly and may the new life of Easter continue to shine through all their good works.

Dear Friends,

Our Easter ceremonies were beautiful and uplifting, thanks to the generous time and talents shared by so many of our parishioners. The Resurrection reassures us that there is life beyond the tomb. This weekend, for Divine Mercy, I will offer Masses for all our volunteers.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

We extend our thanks to all who contributed to the Good Friday collection. Through your generosity, \$1,069.55 was raised. Your support helps preserve the sacred sites of our faith and sustains the Church's vital mission in the Holy Land, bringing hope and care to communities that continue to witness Christ's presence today.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to our parishioners who contributed to Project Compassion this Lenten season, 2026. Together, our parish raised \$1,747.70! Your generosity brings hope, comfort, and practical support to those in need, making a meaningful difference in communities around the world and reflecting the spirit of compassion in action.

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.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Thank you to those who regularly support our parish each week. If you are a visitor today, we thank you for your support. There will be the usual two collections at Mass.

The first is for the support of parish expenses and administration such as wages, maintenance, utilities, insurance, etc

Parish church account (First Collection):

BSB: 083-347

Acct No.: 530 502 075

The second is for the support of the parish priest, retired and sick priests, priests in needy parishes and the Archbishop.

Parish presbytery account (Second Collection):

BSB: 083-347

Acct No.: 931 706 909

There is a tap and go terminal in the foyer of the church. The parish deeply appreciates your support.

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.

SYNOD CORNER



Who participates in a Synod?

A Synod involves the whole People of God: bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful. Each has a distinct role, but all share

responsibility for the Church's mission. Synodality does not blur roles—it helps each vocation flourish in service of the Gospel.

Synodality and bishops

Bishops remain shepherds and teachers of the faith. Synodality does not weaken their authority; rather, it enriches their ministry by grounding leadership in prayerful listening and communal discernment. A bishop who listens walks more closely with his people, as Christ the Good Shepherd does.

Synodality and priests

For priests, synodality is not an added burden but a way of exercising ministry in communion. When priests foster listening and participation, parishes become more alive, missionary, and joyful. The priest presides at the Eucharist, but the whole community contributes to the Church's mission.

Website: <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Comparison is the thief of joy.

- Theodore Roosevelt / Dr Ray Cummings



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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