

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 17TH MAY 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



All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.

Matthew 18:18-20

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REFLECTION

The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6*

(R.) *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Ephesians 1:17-23*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 28:19. 20*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 28:16-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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LITURGY MEETING

Liturgy Committee – Representatives of the Three Churches Meeting this Wednesday 20 May, 10.30 am at Ocean Grove Church. The agenda and previous minutes were distributed on 12 April and included notice of this meeting date. The main agenda item will be a review of the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Recently Deceased: Wilhelmina Watson

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, 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 24th May at 9:00am:

(C) Gerry Rainey
(L) Peter Dickinson
(SM) Fiorentina Romeo, Dan O'Meara
(W) Judy Considine, Monical Meagher

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 24th May at 11:00am:

(C) Adrian Redfern
(L) Shirley Hurley
(SM) Angela Hatch
(W) Lisa Piasente

COUNTERS: Tuesday 19th May at 11:00am:

Emanuel & Maureen Baglieri.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 19th May

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
10:00am & 11:45am Reconciliation Services
at Our Lady Star of the Sea School

Wednesday 20th May

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff with St Aloysius Years 5/6 students attending

Thursday 21st May

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

Friday 22nd May

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 23rd May

11:00am Confirmation Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
2:00pm Confirmation Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Sunday 24th May (Pentecost Sunday)

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

PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

NEW STEERING GROUP TO SUPPORT PARISH MASTER PLAN

Thank you to all who expressed interest in joining the Steering Group across our parish communities. Following recommendations from members of the Parish Pastoral Council and parishioners, a Steering Group has now been formally established and was endorsed by the Parish Pastoral Council at its meeting on 12 May 2026. The group comprises six parishioners, with two representatives from each of our three communities: John Gibcus and Majella O'Connor from Ocean Grove; Carmen Ahearn and Michael Sheridan from Barwon Heads; and Merv Kiley and Tony Frizza from Queenscliff. A representative from the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee is still to be confirmed. The Steering Group will play a vital role in assisting the parish to review its current resources, prepare a parish-wide survey, and, in due course, present a proposed master plan for the future of the parish. This work will help strengthen our shared mission and support the goals of the Parish Strategic Plan.

ALPHA PROGRAM NOW OPEN – JOIN US!

The Alpha program will run over nine consecutive Saturdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm, from 13 June to 8 August, and will include a one-day retreat on 25 July. This program offers a welcoming space to explore faith, share in meaningful conversation and fellowship, and discover the richness of our Catholic tradition and the diverse gifts within our community. Everyone is warmly invited—come and be part of this life-giving experience. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

CHILDREN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

We pray for the children from the Parish Sacramental Program and Our Lady Star of the Sea School who will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend at Our Lady Star of the Sea during the 9:00am Mass. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

CHILDREN RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next Saturday 23 May, children from our parish schools and the Parish Sacramental Program will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith. We sincerely thank Bishop Martin, our teachers, and parish catechists for their support, guidance, and dedication in accompanying the children as they complete their Sacraments of Initiation.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

NEW OCEAN GROVE MINISTRY ROSTER DUE

It would be helpful if Ministry Volunteers would inform Monica by email: meaghermonica@gmail.com as to any Sundays you will not be available during roster cycle June - August inclusive. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

We are pleased to announce that we have secured a guest speaker for a special parish event to be held on 8 November 2026 at 3:00pm. Further details will be available soon.

CHILDREN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM THIS WEKEEND

Together, we pray for the children who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. May we keep these children and their families in our prayers.

SYNOD CORNER



Why the Church is embracing synodality now

The call to synodality is a response to the signs of the times. In a fragmented world, God calls the Church to witness communion, dialogue, and hope.

Synodality is a conversation

True synodality requires conversion of hearts, attitudes, and sometimes structures. It asks us to let go of habits that no longer serve the mission.

Synodality and leadership

Leadership in a synodal Church is not about control but about service. Leaders create spaces where gifts can emerge and flourish.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars.

- Henry van Dyke

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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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General maintenance, handyman, gardening, and cleaning. Servicing the Bellarine and Geelong areas.
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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