

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

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SUNDAY 12TH JULY 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

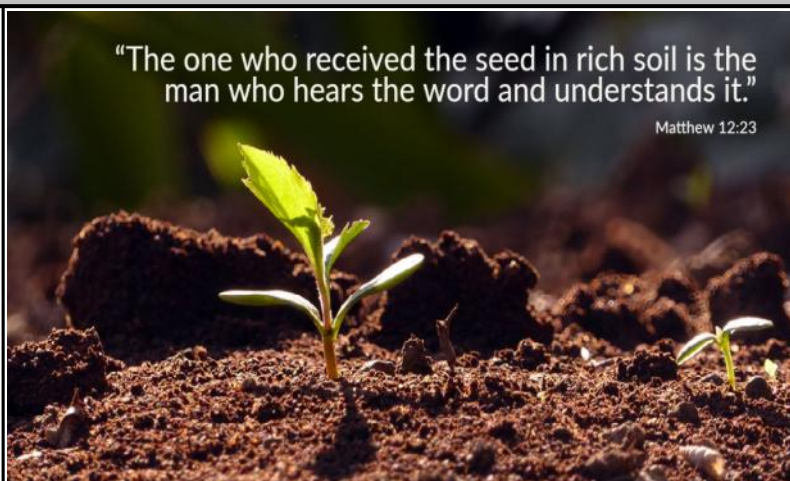


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REFLECTION

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 64:10-14 R. Lk 8:8

(R.) *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **(R.)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **(R.)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 8: 18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Recently Deceased: Richard Vaughan and Fr Tadeusz Ziolkowski.

Anniversaries 12th July to 18th July:
John Kirkman.

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, Belinda Monterosso, Helen Pearce, Ray Quinlan, Mavourneen Ray, Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Vera Wasiak and Cathy Williams.

ROSTERS

OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 19th July at 9:00am:

(C) Monica Meagher
(L) Frank Rice
(SM) Jo Ballard, Carmel Rice
(W) Dawn Dalton, Maureen Earls

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

(C) Diana Scott
(L) Adrian Scott
(SM) Sandra Gould
(W) Shirley Hurley

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

Sam & Maria Sammut.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 14th July

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

Wednesday 15th July

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 16th July

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

Friday 17th July

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 18th July

11:00am Alpha Program at Our Lady Star of the Sea,
Ocean Grove
11:00am Baptism Service at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads
including Baptism Service

Sunday 19th July

9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
12:30 Baptism Service at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

1. WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

To help maintain a safe and welcoming parish community, all volunteers aged 18 years and over are required to hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC). Applications can be made through the Victorian Working with Children Check website or ServiceVIC app. When applying, please select "64 – Religious Organisation" under the Child-Related Work category. Volunteers who are registered with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) do not need a WWCC but must notify Working with Children Check Victoria that you volunteer at Holy Trinity Parish, Queenscliff.

2. SAFEGUARDING CODE OF CONDUCT

All volunteers are required to read, sign and return the *Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration* to the Parish Office. This document outlines the standards of behaviour expected of everyone involved in parish ministries, programs and activities. Copies of the Code are available in the church narthex, parish website or from the Parish Office. When completing the declaration, please include the parish ministry or volunteer role(s) in which you serve (e.g. Reader, Eucharistic Minister) to assist with maintaining accurate parish records.

3. ESSENTIAL CHILD SAFETY TRAINING

All volunteers are required to complete Essential Child Safety Training, which provides guidance on safeguarding responsibilities, appropriate conduct and reporting obligations. To support our ongoing commitment to child safety, both the Code of Conduct Declaration and the Essential Child Safety Training must be renewed every three years. Training link: <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules>.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our parish community. For further information or assistance regarding WWCC requirements, the Code of Conduct, or training, please contact the Parish Office. Office hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10:00am–1:00pm.

- Parish Safeguarding Team

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CATHOLIC MISSION—PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL—18-19 JULY



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

Special collection next weekend, 18-19 July.
This year, Catholic Mission is supporting the construction of a primary school in Kampira, Malawi, where families continue rebuilding after Cyclone Ana.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

PARISH LIFE UPDATE

Dear Friends,

We are almost halfway through winter. Although I expected July to be a quieter month, there is still plenty happening in our parish.

Our Alpha program has also reached its halfway point after this week's session. Participants and team leaders have greatly appreciated the opportunity to journey together in faith, and I sincerely thank our hospitality volunteers for their wonderful care in preparing and serving our guests with delicious meals each week.

This week, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Annual General Meeting Planning Team will meet to prepare for our Parish AGM, to be held on Sunday, 30 August, at 3.00 pm. The AGM will be an opportunity to celebrate and thank all our parish volunteers for their generous service.

Our Parish Steering Group has also held its first gathering and has begun collecting information to help develop a master plan for the future of our parish. We look forward to sharing updates as this work progresses.

Finally, the Our Lady Star of the Sea gardening group will meet in the church foyer after the 9.00 am Mass this Sunday, 12 July. New members are always warmly welcome.

Fr Linh

CDF—SAVE FOR A GREATER REWARD

Help fund projects across Catholic organisations, including parishes, hospital wings and classrooms, with a CDF Community Fund savings account. With competitive interest rates, it's a greater reward than money along. Scan the QR code to visit our website or call our team on 1800 134 135 for more information.

This **Sunday 12th July**, two members from CDF are visiting the parish to promote the Community Fund and additional products, to answer any questions and assist anyone who is interested in opening an account. The members will be available during 9am Mass at Ocean Grove and 11am Mass at Queenscliff.

**Save for a
greater reward**



5.50 %p.a.

**12-month Term Investment
with CDF Community Fund**

catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer

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Visit our website to open an account and view
the disclosure statement.



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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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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 bulletin.