

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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SUNDAY 19TH 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

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared
to a man who sowed good seed in his field."

Matthew 13:24



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REFLECTION

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **(R.)**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 8: 26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches."

He told them another parable, "The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through."

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, "Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us." He said in reply, "The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!"

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Recently Deceased: Geoff Donnelley and Peter Scott.

Anniversaries 19th July to 25th July:

Solange Hope and Leon Duhau.

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 26th July at 9:00am:

(C) Luci Quinn

(L) Jenny Cole

(SM) Judy Considine, David O'Connor

(W) Elizabeth Curtain, Marg Lucas

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 26th July at 11:00am:

(C) Bob Merriman

(L) John Hanan

(SM) Lisa Piasente

(W) Maureen Baglieri

COUNTERS: Tuesday 21st July at 11:00am:

Carmen Buhagiar and David Millie.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 21st July

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

11:00am Mass with anointing at TLC Homestead,
Wallington

Wednesday 22nd July

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

11:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at
Arcare, Point Lonsdale

Thursday 23rd July

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

Friday 24th July

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 25th July

Alpha Program Retreat Day

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

Sunday 26th July

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

11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

PARISH & LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS



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

Special collection this 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.

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RCIA PROGRAM 2026–2027

The RCIA Program for 2026–2027 will begin with the first Inquiry and Information Evening on **Wednesday, 26 August 2026**, at **7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall, 34 Stevens Street, Queenscliff.

The RCIA journey is an opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith, ask questions, and grow in your relationship with God within a supportive parish community. If you, or someone you know, are searching for a deeper meaning in life or are interested in becoming Catholic, you are warmly encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 5258 1673 or email queenscliff@cam.org.au.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SUNDAY, 30 AUGUST

During the week, the Parish Annual Gathering Planning Team met and continues to prepare for this important event.

Over the next few days, the coordinator of each parish ministry or group will receive an email from the parish office. Coordinators are asked to provide a short paragraph describing their ministry. These descriptions will be made available for parishioners to read on the day.

The Gathering will be held on Sunday, 30 August, at 3.00 pm in the Queenscliff Parish Hall, featuring an afternoon high tea and presentations/reports from some of our ministries. It will be an opportunity to celebrate and thank all our parish volunteers and parishioners for their generous service, dedication, and commitment to our parish community.

We hope to see all parishioners on the day. Please mark the date in your calendar.

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

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 as they start their faith journey within our community.

MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 THEME PAPER RELEASE

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code.



SYNOD CORNER



Synodality helps the Church grow

Growth in faith often comes through dialogue and shared discernment.

Synodality invites is a gift

It is not an obligation imposed from above, but a gift for the Church's renewal.

Synodality and faithfulness

True synodality deepens fidelity to Christ and His Gospel.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sometimes your only available transportation is a leap of faith.

- Margaret Shepard

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Taizé PRAY | PEACE GATHERING

People in the Bellarine Peninsula and beyond are invited to gather to pray and worship at Santa Casa (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff) on **Saturday 25th July 2025 at 2:30-3:30pm** followed by afternoon tea. Please RSVP to Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 03 5258 2661 or email santacasa@ismapng.org.au for catering and seating purposes. All welcome—bring a friend! Please arrive a few minutes early.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Visit our website for all information:

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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.