

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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 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

So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd;
and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:14



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REFLECTION

Jesus nourishes us. In a world that is fraught with meaninglessness, he offers purpose; to a world that is stumbling in darkness and confusion, he provides direction. He satisfies the hungry heart; he enlivens the drooping spirit. Those who follow Jesus will never be left to languish in the desert. If we but open our eyes, we will be amazed at the bountifulness of the nourishment that is provided for us. We will discover that God is magnanimous, even prodigal in giving, that God's generosity exceeds all of our expectations and also our understanding.

Furthermore, we are nourished by God through the ministry of each other, through the simple things of life, (distributing bread and gathering up the fragments): visiting the sick and consoling the grieving; caring for a child and giving aid to an elder; bagging groceries and directing a choir. If we but open our eyes, we will be astounded at how ordinary actions can satisfy our hunger and the hunger of others.

Most amazing of all is that this nourishment is given freely; there was no thought of requiring payment. God simply invites: Come! All we have to do is reach out our hands to receive and we will never be sent away to find nourishment for ourselves. We will discover that a bond is established that endures. Jesus is filled with compassion, a compassion that is not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring attitude. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things
to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) *The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 8: 35. 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ,
even if we are troubled or worried, or being
persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being
threatened or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power of him who
loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no
angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to
come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come between us and the love
of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's
death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where
they could be by themselves. But the people heard of
this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So
as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he
took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and
said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by;
so send the people away, and they can go to the
villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied,
'There is no need for them to go: give them something
to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have
with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to
me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit
down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the
two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the
blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to
his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate
as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps
remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate
numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of
women and children.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Taking place this Sunday, 2nd August, following 9:00am
Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and
11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. All welcome!

LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Lunch at Ming Terrace (6/62 The Terrace, Ocean Grove)
at 12-noon on Wednesday 5th August. For bookings, call/
text Julie on 0411 578 285. All ladies of the parish most
welcome—bring a friend!

MORNING TEA AT BARWON HEADS

Morning Tea on Thursday 6th August at 10:30am at Holy
Family Church. All welcome!

PRAYERS OF INTENTION	PARISH & LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS
Anniversaries 2nd August to 8th August: Tom Rossiter. Please pray for those who are Sick: Naomi Bianco, Frances Blaine, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Sue Casey, Debra Defina, 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.	SOUND SYSTEM AND PROJECTOR UPGRADES AT BARWON HEADS Over the last few weeks, those who have attended Mass at Barwon Heads will have noticed that the sound system has not been working reliably. This has been a frustrating situation, and the problem has not been limited to the past few weeks—it has occurred on and off throughout the year. I would like to thank Mark Rossiter for obtaining quotations for the necessary upgrades. The estimates are as follows: - Supply and install an audio amplifier: \$1,909.00 - Supply and install two speakers: \$1,067.00 - Supply and install a projector and screen: \$3,273.10 The total estimated cost for all three items is \$6,249.10.
ROSTERS	
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9th August at 9:00am: (C) Anne Bourke (L) Luci Quinn (SM) Dan O’Meara, Judy Considine (W) Dawn Dalton, Marg Lucas QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 9th August at 11:00am: (C) Michael Scott (L) Mary Clare Hoare (SM) Mary Clare Hoare (W) Terry Philp COUNTERS: Tuesday 4th August at 11:00am: Judy Compton and Fay Neville.	If any of our parishioners have experience or expertise in audio-visual systems, I would appreciate it if you could speak with Mark or myself before we proceed with the installation. PARISH ALPHA 2026 PROGRAM On Saturday, 25 July, our parish Alpha group participated in a Day Away Retreat at Holy Spirit Church, Manifold Heights. The participants shared that the retreat was a deeply positive and meaningful experience for their faith journey. Here are some reflections from participants: <i>“The Alpha course has been very beneficial to me as I am hungry to grow and build my faith, understand God’s plan for my life, and seek the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I particularly enjoyed the outstanding Alpha video presentations, followed by deeply insightful group discussions. Overall, it has been a very positive experience which I highly recommend to all who yearn to be followers of our Lord Jesus.”</i> <i>“By the end of the retreat, I felt as though I had been opened up and something beautiful, rich, and caring had been poured into me. I was far too small to hold it all in, so it overflowed all around me. I remain deeply grateful and appreciative.”</i> <i>“I found it very easy and safe to share my thoughts. Everyone was very welcoming.”</i> <i>“The Alpha program has been an awakening to how deeply I am loved by the Holy Trinity. The retreat was a revelation for me, providing a gentle invitation from the Holy Spirit to trust in His guidance and to know the love of God.”</i> <i>“What I am learning from Alpha is that God has always loved me and wants me to love Him, regardless of circumstances. Alpha has brought me into a community of people who know His love and want to share it with others. For me, Alpha is the beginning of a journey.”</i>
LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK	
Tuesday 4th August 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove Wednesday 5th August 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff, with St Aloysius School attending Thursday 6th August 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove Friday 7th August 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff Saturday 8th August 11:00am Alpha Program at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove (final) 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads Sunday 9th August 9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove 11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff 12:30pm Baptism Service at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff	We look forward to continuing the Alpha program. If you are interested in joining a future Alpha course, please contact the parish office. We will provide details of the 2027 program once they become available.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SUNDAY, 30 AUGUST AT 3:00 PM

Preparations for our first Annual Parish Meeting are well underway. This is an important occasion for us to come together and strengthen our sense of community. It will also be an opportunity to celebrate and thank all our parish volunteers and parishioners for their generous service, dedication, and commitment to our parish. To assist with planning and catering for the day, please RSVP by notifying the Parish Office of your attendance no later than Tuesday, 25 August. We look forward to seeing all parishioners at this special gathering.

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. 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS— OCEAN GROVE

Children's Liturgy is a wonderful way to help children engage with the Gospel through fun, age-appropriate activities. It is held every second Sunday, and we are looking for a few more volunteers to join the team. The commitment is small—about one Sunday every four weeks with additional volunteers. All activities are provided, the children are enthusiastic, and the only thing you'll miss is Father Linh's joke! We welcome parents, grandparents, and any parishioners who would like to support this valuable ministry. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Peter at dknpeter@hotmail.com or 0451 180 036.

SYNOD CORNER



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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Each small task of everyday life is part of
the total harmony of the universe.

- Saint Therese de Lisieux

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

SHAPE THE FUTURE: BE COUNTED AS CATHOLIC THIS CENSUS

Australia's national Census will be held on Tuesday 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



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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.