

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

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 2026

PARISH TEAM

Fr Linh Pham PP
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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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Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84.9-14. R3 v.8

(R.) *Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

RCIA PROGRAM 2026–2027

New to the Faith? Want to Know More?

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the SVDP Conference will take place on Thursday 13th August after 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove. New members are most welcome to attend.

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Recently Deceased: Sam Caruana

Anniversaries 9th August to 15th August:

Albert James Reilly, Rita Gatt and Mary Malone.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Naomi Bianco, Frances Blaine, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, 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.

ROSTERS

OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 16th August at 9:00am:

(C) Frank Rice

(L) School Children

(SM) Carmel Rice, Janine Fitzpatrick

(W) Michael Kirkman, Margaret Donovan

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 16th August at 11:00am:

(C) Angela Hatch

(L) Judy Lamb

(SM) Lisa Piasente

(W) Sandra Gould

COUNTERS: Tuesday 11th August at 11:00am:

John Calnin and Ken Caffyn.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11th August

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

10:30am Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of

Sam Caruana, Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Wednesday 12th August

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

Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 13th August

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

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 14th August

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

Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 15th August

9:15am Mass, *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

11:00am Baptism Service, Queenscliff

5:00pm Vigil Mass, Barwon Heads

Sunday 16th August

9:00am Mass with First Eucharist students, Ocean Grove

11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

12:30pm Baptism Service at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

SUNDAY, 30 AUGUST AT 3:00 PM

Thank you to all the ministry groups that have already sent Angela or the Parish Office a brief description of your ministry. If you have not yet done so, please prepare a short description and forward it to Angela at your earliest convenience. The Gathering is expected to run for approximately one and a half hours. There will be five-minute presentations from the following groups:

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Ladies Social Group
- Blokes' Coffee and Toast Group
- Steering Committee

Between the presentations, there will be entertainment, including singing and a piano performance. Tea, coffee, drinks, and light refreshments will be served between each presentation, providing an opportunity for fellowship and conversation.

To assist with planning and catering, please RSVP by notifying the Parish Office of your attendance no later than Tuesday, 25 August. If you are unable to RSVP by email or through the Parish Office, you may add your name to the clipboard available at each church before or after Mass from this weekend. We look forward to seeing all parishioners at this special gathering.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 during the 9.00 am Mass in Ocean Grove, and we are looking for a few more volunteers to join the team. The commitment is small—approximately one Sunday every four weeks, depending on the number of volunteers. All activities and resources are provided, and the children are always enthusiastic and eager to participate. If you would like to support this valuable ministry, please contact Peter at dknpeter@hotmail.com or 0451 180 036.

MELBOURNE SYNOD CONSULTATION

On Saturday, 25 July, J. Lamb and T. Frizza, two members of our parish, joined representatives from other parishes across the Western Region for the Melbourne Synod Consultation held in Werribee. The consultation focused on the three discernment themes identified by the Archbishop:

- **Young Discipleship**
- **Missionary Leadership**
- **Formation and Participation**

Our parish community is now invited to participate in this consultation process by sharing feedback on these discernment themes.

- **Date:** Wednesday, 19 August
- **Time:** 7.00 pm
- **Venue:** Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove

All parishioners are warmly encouraged to attend and contribute to this important opportunity to help shape the future direction of our Archdiocese.

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we invite everyone to consider making a one-time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with further information are available around the church. Online donations (via direct debit or credit card) are the most secure and preferred method of giving and can be made using the QR code. You can also donate using the supplied campaign envelopes or make an anonymous cash donation by placing it directly into the collection plate on the weekend of 15-16 August.



LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

ALPHA PROGRAM COMPLETED

The Alpha program concluded this weekend. It was a wonderful opportunity for several of our parishioners to experience and participate in this faith formation program.

The program was a great success thanks to the effort and dedication of our parish hospitality and Alpha teams: Sr Nola, D. Doolan, A. Sheedy, A. Bernazzoli, A. Redfern, E. Baglieri, and F. Rice. And thank you to everyone who contributed to making the program such a success.

SHAPE THE FUTURE: BE COUNTED AS CATHOLIC THIS CENSUS

Australia's national Census will be held next Tuesday, 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the religion question. 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.



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SYNOD CORNER



Synodality and trust in God

Ultimately, synodality is an act of trust that God is still guiding His Church.

Walking together with Christ

We walk together because Christ walks with us. That is the deepest meaning of synodality.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Since love grows within you, so beauty grows.
For love is the beauty of the soul.*

- Saint Augustine



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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.