

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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 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

You have great faith.
Let your wish be granted.
And from that moment her
daughter was well again.

Matthew 15:28



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REFLECTION

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles. God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

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We acknowledge the Wadawurrung people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which our three churches stand

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHILDREN RECEIVING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Over this weekend and the next few weekends, our children will receive their First Holy Communion. Let us keep them in our prayers, that they may experience the love and presence of God in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and continue to grow in faith throughout their lives. Our sincere thanks go to our teachers and parents who have accompanied, supported, and prepared them for this important milestone in their faith journey.

PRAYERS OF INTENTION	PARISH & LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS
Recently Deceased: Bill Steains and Steve Hopps, And Joan Anderson Anniversaries 16th August to 22nd August: Anthony Buhagiar, George Frances, Christina McCormack 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, 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.	PARISH LIFE UPDATE Our first Parish Annual Gathering is fast approaching. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all that God is doing among us, hear about our ministries, and reflect on the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. As we look back with gratitude on the history of Holy Trinity Parish, we have much to be proud of. Each generation before us responded to the changing needs of its time with faith, courage, and generosity. Because of their love and commitment, we enjoy the fruits of their faithfulness today. Now it is our turn to build on that legacy by embracing the changes needed to strengthen our parish and prepare it for generations to come. We are deeply grateful to the many parishioners who have generously shared their time, talents, and resources over the years. Their faithful service has helped shape the parish we enjoy today. Together, we can honour their legacy by continuing to build a parish that grows in faith, hope, and charity. This call to renewal was also central to our annual Clergy Conference this week. I joined more than 170 priests from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne at Cape Schanck, where the theme was <i>"Becoming a Catechumenal Church."</i>
ROSTERS	This theme invites us as a parish community to reflect on our shared responsibility for the mission and renewal of the Church in our time. It calls us to pause, discern, and consider how we might live our faith more deeply and how we can welcome, accompany, and support one another with the compassion and love that Jesus calls us to. Please keep Holy Trinity parish community, and especially the members of the Steering Group, in your prayers as they begin this important work of planning, consultation, communication, and discernment. Together, we will identify our strengths, recognise our needs, and discern what God is calling us to become. All parishioners are encouraged to attend our first Parish Annual Gathering as we celebrate, listen, reflect, and pray together. To assist with planning and catering, please RSVP to the Parish Office by 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.
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 23rd August at 9:00am: (C) Maureen Earls (L) School Children (SM) Marg Lucas, Jenny Cole (W) Monica Meagher and Jo Ballard QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 23rd August at 11:00am: (C) Diana Scott (L) School Children (SM) Sandra Gould (W) Shirley Hurley COUNTERS: Tuesday 18th August at 11:00am: Dan Donovan and Des Harris.	
LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK	
Tuesday 18th August 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove 11:00am Mass with anointing at TLC Homestead , Wallington Wednesday 19th August 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff Thursday 20th August 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove Friday 21st August 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff Saturday 22nd August 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads Sunday 23rd August 9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with Our Lady Star of the Sea First Eucharist students 11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff with St Aloysius First Eucharist students	

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026

15-16 AUGUST

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign Appeal. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. Donations can also be made using the campaign envelopes provided or anonymously by placing cash directly into the collection plate during Mass this weekend.

This year's Campaign focuses on our gratitude for the lifelong service of our retired priests and support for those entering the priesthood. If you would like your donation to be tax deductible, please indicate this on the pledge card.



OCEAN GROVE NEW 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 September - November inclusive. Thank you.

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SOUP NIGHT

Saturday 22nd August

At Holy Family Barwon Heads Following 5pm Mass
All Welcome

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*We cant take any credit for our talents.
It's how we use them that counts.*

- Madeleine L'Engle

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

PARISH SYNOD CONSULTATION

On Saturday, 25 July, two members of our parish, J. Lamb and T. Frizza, 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.



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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.