

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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SUNDAY 23RD 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

"I will give
you the keys
to the kingdom
of heaven."

Matthew 16:19



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REFLECTION

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

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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 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) *Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

SOUP NIGHT AT BARWON HEADS

This Saturday (22nd August) at Holy Family Church
following 5:00pm Vigil Mass.
All Welcome!

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Recently Deceased: Margaret Leahy.

Anniversaries 23rd August to 29th August:
Louis Buhagiar.

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 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 30th August at 9:00am:

(C) Peter Dickinson
(L) School Children
(SM) Jo Ballard, David O'Connor
(W) Diane Gent, Catherine Hayes

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 30th August at 11:00am:

(C) Terry Philp
(L) Tony Frizza
(SM) Mary Clare Hoare
(W) Trish Frizza

COUNTERS: Tuesday 25th August at 11:00am:

Emanuel & Maureen Baglieri.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 25th August

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

Wednesday 26th August

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
11:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at
Arcare, Point Lonsdale

Thursday 27th August

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

Friday 28th August

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 29th August

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

Sunday 30th 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
3:00pm Parish Annual Gathering at the Parish Hall,
Queenscliff

PARISH & LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

PARISH SYNOD CONSULTATION

Thank you to all the parishioners who attended the Synod Consultation last Wednesday evening. Your participation and generous sharing of thoughts and reflections were a wonderful expression of a synodal Church. The consultation provided an opportunity for respectful listening, sharing, and deep reflection on Missionary Leadership, Formation and Participation within our parish community. We are grateful to J. Lamb and T. Frizza for organising and leading the session.

PARISH ANNUAL GATHERING

30 August at 3:00PM

Parish Hall, Queenscliff

Our first Parish Annual Gathering is only a week away, and we would love for everyone to be part of this special occasion. It will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as one parish community.

Thank you to all parishioners who have already registered through the Parish Office or added their names to the clipboard. If you haven't registered yet, please take a moment before leaving the church today to add your name to the clipboard available in the church foyer, or RSVP to the Parish Office by Tuesday, 25 August. We look forward to gathering with you and celebrating our parish community together!

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

Congratulations to our children who are celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend. 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.

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026 Final Week

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2026 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating, or you can use the campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards.

Your generous gift supports ministries across the Archdiocese — bringing the Good News to life not only in word, but in action. Thank you.

DONATE ONLINE

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026

melbournecatholic.org/archbishops campaign

SYNOD CORNER



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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.

- Ian MacLaren

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG

Christian community for people with a disability, family and friends. Theme: The Wonder of Light. All welcome next Tuesday August 25th for our gathering at St. Mary's, Geelong (Hibernian Hall) from 1.30 to 4.30pm. Share news, Gospel, prayer, music, fun, afternoon tea. RSVP essential by 24th August to Tricia on 0414 672 267.

SACRAMENTS AT THE PARISH

For all Sacramental information, visit our website: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/

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.

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