

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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SUNDAY 30TH 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

"For the Son of
Man will come
with his angels in
his Father's glory."

Matthew 16:27



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The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation.

Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction.

After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

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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

Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

PRAYERS OF INTENTION	PARISH & LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS
Recently Deceased: Margaret Leahy. Anniversaries 30th August to 5th September: Len Mithen and Frank Leahy. 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.	PARISH UPDATE 1. Parish Annual Gathering, Sunday 30 August Please make sure you set your alarm for this Sunday afternoon and allow enough time to arrive at the Parish Hall in Queenscliff and be seated by 3:00 pm for the Parish Annual Gathering High Tea, if you have registered. 2. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Thank you to the RCIA team, who started an evening information session last Wednesday for new enquirers interested in beginning their journey through the RCIA program. Formation sessions will commence on 2 September 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall, Queenscliff. 3. Steering Group Update Last Wednesday evening, the Steering Group met to review the Parish Survey Report from 2017 and the <i>Way of the Gospel</i> Feedback Report from 2022. The group also held an open discussion about the current strengths, challenges, opportunities and needs of the parish and our local communities. Further discussion and additional data are required to gain a better understanding of these areas. When all the required information has been gathered, the group will identify priority actions for the parish communities to discern and comment on, including through a further survey. The group aims to have a final strategic master plan ready by Easter 2027.
ROSTERS	
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 6th September at 9:00am: (C) Jenny Cole (L) Anthony Dowling (SM) Jo Ballard, Carmel Rice (W) Michael Kirkman, Dawn Dalton QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 6th September at 11:00am: (C) Sam Sammut (L) Maria Sammut (SM) Sandra Gould (W) Shirley Hurley COUNTERS: Tuesday 1st September at 11:00am: Sam and Maria Sammut.	
LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK	
Tuesday 1st September 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove Wednesday 2nd September 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff Thursday 3rd September 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with Our Lady Star of the Sea Year 2 students and staff attending 11:00am Requiem Mass for Margaret Leahy at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove Friday 4th September 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff Saturday 5th September 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads Sunday 6th September 9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove 11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff	WORKING BEE AT OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH—SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER A working bee to spread 4 metres of Mulch on Saturday 12th September at 9.30am is asking for any volunteers to help. The areas involved are the gardens in front of the Church & around the Columbarium. Medium muscle power required, plus any wheelbarrows & shovels would be much appreciated. We will have 2 wheelbarrows if & a couple of shovels if you would just like to help out. If you can help could you please call either Ken Caffyn 0418399722 or Cathy Hayes 0409021149. Many Thanks, Cathy Hayes (for the Gardening Committee). BLOKES COFFEE AND TOAST - MEN’S GROUP Blokes Coffee and Toast next gathering will be held on Saturday 5th September from 8:00–9:30am, in the Parish Hall in Queenscliff. All are warmly invited to join us for fellowship, coffee, toast, and conversation. LADIES SOCIAL GROUP Lunch at the Flying Brick Cider Co (1251 Bellarine Hwy, Wallington) at 12:15pm on Wednesday 2nd September. For bookings, call/text Sandra on 0423 047 862. All ladies of the parish most welcome—bring a friend!

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Taking place on Sunday 6th September, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. All welcome!

PRAYER SERVICE OF LAMENT St Patrick's Cathedral Grounds, East Melbourne

15 September 2026 at 4:00pm

Archbishop Comensoli invites parish leaders and representatives from across the Archdiocese to gather in prayer for victims and survivors of abuse, their families, and all who continue to carry its lasting effects. Held on the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Prayer Service of Lament invites us to stand with Mary at the foot of the Cross. In compassion and solidarity, we acknowledge the pain of those affected by abuse, remembering, lamenting and praying together for all who continue to carry its wounds.

SYNOD CORNER



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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Change your thoughts and you change
your world.

- Norman Vincent Peale

PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS



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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