

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

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A | SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

PARISH TEAM

Fr Linh Pham PP

Mrs Daniella Sutera
Parish Secretary

Sr Nola Morrissy RSM
Pastoral Care Coordinator

PARISH OFFICE & PRESBYTERY

34 Stevens Street, Queenscliff 3225

Telephone: (03) 5258 1673

Email: queenscliff@cam.org.au

Website: <https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au>

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

"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?"

Matthew 18:21

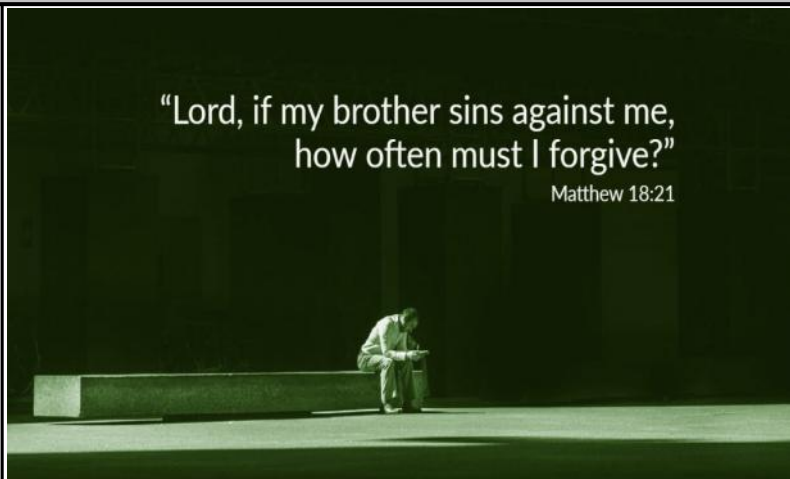


Image Credit: Liturgy Help

REFLECTION BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

REFLECTION

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentment, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

© Dianne Bergant CSA

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

Sirach 27:30 — 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your
neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and
overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) *The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.
(R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Recently Deceased: Eileen (Betty) Maher.

Anniversaries 13th September to 19th September:

Mary Richards, Marie Therese Alizzi, Michael Alizzi, Edwin Herbert Honnor and Caitlin Ross.

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 20th September at 9:00am:

(C) Brenda Bissinella

(L) Majella O'Connor

(SM) Jenny Cole, David O'Connor

(W) Diane Gent, Margaret Donovan

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 20th September at 11:00am:

(C) John Hanan

(L) Michael Scott

(SM) Ann-Maree Furphy

(W) Maureen Baglieri

COUNTERS: Tuesday 15th September at 11:00am:

Carmen Buhagiar and David Millie.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 15th September

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

11:00am Mass with anointing at TLC Homestead,
Wallington

Wednesday 16th September

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 17th September

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
with Our Lady Star of the Sea Year 3 students attending

Friday 18th September

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 19th September

11:00am Baptism Service at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

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

Sunday 20th September

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

PARISH & LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2026

This week, we recognise National Child Protection Week, with this year's theme "Love Protects". As chair of the Bishops Commission for Professional Standards and Safeguarding, Bishop Greg Bennet said, "it calls each of us to be attentive, accountable and committed to ensuring that every person can participate in the life of the Church safely and with confidence." As we mark Safeguarding Sunday, we are reminded of the importance of complying with safeguarding requirements and following our safeguarding policies and procedures. Our actions can help create a safe and welcoming environment for every child.

VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

1. WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

To help maintain a safe and welcoming parish community, all volunteers aged 18 years and over are required to hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC). Applications can be made through the Victorian Working with Children Check website or Service Victoria app. When applying, please select "64 – Religious Organisation" under the Child-Related Work category. Volunteers who are registered with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) do not need a WWCC but must notify Working with Children Check Victoria that they volunteer at Holy Trinity Parish, Queenscliff.

2. SAFEGUARDING CODE OF CONDUCT

All volunteers are required to read, sign and return the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration to the Parish Office. This document outlines the standards of behaviour expected of everyone involved in parish ministries, programs and activities. Copies of the Code are available in the church narthex, on the parish website, or from the Parish Office. When completing the declaration, please include the parish ministry or volunteer role(s) in which you serve (e.g. Reader, Eucharistic Minister) to assist with maintaining accurate parish records.

3. ESSENTIAL CHILD SAFETY TRAINING

All volunteers are required to complete Essential Child Safety Training, which provides guidance on safeguarding responsibilities, appropriate conduct and reporting obligations.

To support our ongoing commitment to child safety, both the Code of Conduct Declaration and Essential Child Safety Training must be renewed every three years.

Training: [Safeguarding Essentials training module | Melbourne Catholic](#).

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our parish community. For further information or assistance regarding WWCC requirements, the Code of Conduct, or training, please contact the Parish Office. Office hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10:00am–1:00pm.

Parish Safeguarding Team

PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL—UPDATE

The Parish Pastoral Council met during the week. One outcome was the desire to build on the great experience of our Parish Gathering. So we will be contacting some of the groups in the Volunteers book to find out how we can be informed, support new ideas, build on current practice for the ongoing growth of our Parish community. All parishioners are able to submit ideas at any stage to improve our life as a Parish.

On behalf of our parish community, we would like to thank you, Adrian Redfern, for your dedicated service as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. As you complete your four-year term this year, we are grateful for your time, commitment, and valuable contribution to our parish community. We wish you every blessing and hope that you will continue to be an important part of our parish family. Frank Rice

SEASON OF CREATION

During September, we celebrate the Season of Creation, a special time to give thanks for the gift of God's creation and to reflect on our shared responsibility to care for our common home. "The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all." Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*.

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 and their families. 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 and praying together for all who continue to carry its wounds.

SYNOD CORNER



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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Keep your face to the sunshine and you
cannot see the shadows.
It's what sunflowers do.

- Helen Keller

PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

Taizé PRAY | FOCUS ON CREATION

People in the Bellarine Peninsula and beyond are invited to gather to pray and worship at Santa Casa (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff) on **Saturday 3rd October 2026 at 2:30-3:30pm** followed by afternoon tea. Please RSVP to Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 03 5258 2661 or email santacasa@ismapng.org.au for catering and seating purposes. All welcome—bring a friend! Please arrive a few minutes early.

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.

LOCAL BUSINESSES & PARISH SPONSORS

Real Caring

Support at Home Packages Private Home Care

(03) 5229 0722

info@realcaring.com.au www.realcaring.com.au

Ocean Eyes
OPTOMETRISTS

Anthony & Letitia Dowling with the friendly team you know and trust.

2 Park Lane, Ocean Grove VIC 3226
Phone: 5255 5655 | Email: info@oceaneyes.com.au
Visit: www.oceaneyes.com.au

NPTS Nelson Property Transfer Services
Geelong & Bellarine

Phone: 03 5221 7411 | Email: bellarine@npts.com.au

CHARLIE'S MAINTENANCE CO

General maintenance, handyman, gardening, and cleaning. Servicing the Bellarine and Geelong areas.
Contact Charlie on 0413 609 170
or email charlie.sutera76@gmail.com.