

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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A | SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 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



"The kingdom of
heaven is like a
landowner going
out at daybreak
to hire workers
for his vineyard."

Matthew 20:1

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REFLECTION

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) *The Lord is near to all who call him.*

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED—FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

The parish office is closed on Friday 25th September for AFL Grand Final Eve public holiday.

SPRING HOLIDAYS FOR SCHOOLS

We wish the principals, staff, students and families a happy and restful school holiday Spring break.

PRAYERS OF INTENTION	PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS
Recently Deceased: Andrew Au. Anniversaries 20th September to 26th September: Paolo Selva, Mick Perilli, Anne Willetts, Kevin Gould, Norgio Satalich, Mateo Satalich and June McClelland. 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.	STEERING GROUP PROGRESS UPDATE After consulting with the Parish Pastoral Council at its meeting on 9 September, as well as with the other members of the Finance Committee, I have appointed Malcolm Gould, a member of the Finance Committee, to join the Steering Group as the Finance Committee’s representative. The Steering Group will meet again this Tuesday, 22 September, to continue its discussions and planning. Following this meeting, we hope to invite all members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee to meet with the Steering Group as part of the next stage of the process. This will help strengthen collaboration, build stronger connections among our key parish committees, and support the development of a shared vision for the future of our parish. This work is in line with the Archdiocese of Melbourne’s commitment to creating parishes that are viable, vibrant, and life-giving for future generations. The next phase will involve the development of a parish-wide survey and community consultation, providing every parishioner with an opportunity to share their thoughts, hopes, and aspirations as we discern the future vision of our parish. As we move through this planning process, we will identify our current strengths, recognise our future needs, and discern what we can achieve together. As we reflect on the challenges and opportunities facing our parish, we also look back at previous generations with gratitude. Every generation before us responded to the changing needs of its time with faith, courage, and generosity. We have inherited the fruits of their vision and commitment. Now it is our turn to embrace the changes needed to strengthen our parish today while preparing it for future generations. Our strategic plan will consider all aspects of parish life, including faith formation and worship, pastoral care and outreach, and parish facilities, so that together they can support the mission of our parish. I ask you to keep this parish strategy plan, and especially the Steering Group, in your prayers as they continue this important work of planning, consultation, and discernment. The success of this vision depends on all of us working together. Together, we can bring to life a shared vision and mission that will strengthen our parish for generations to come. Then we can all be proud to call this our parish, knowing that each of us has shared, even in a small way, in this mission. Every parishioner is part of this journey. Fr Linh
ROSTERS	
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 27th September at 9:00am: (C) Catherine Hayes (L) Monica Meagher (SM) Carmel Rice, Fiorentina Romeo (W) Jo Ballard, Marg Lucas QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 27th September at 11:00am: (C) Angela Hatch (L) Shirley Hurley (SM) Maria Sammut (W) Rosemary Vaughan COUNTERS: Tuesday 22nd September at 11:00am: Judy Compton and Fay Neville.	
LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK	
Tuesday 22nd September 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 23rd September 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff 11:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Arcare, Point Lonsdale Thursday 24th September 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove Friday 25th September Parish Office Closed 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff 10:00am Vietnamese Choir Retreat at Holy Trinity and Parish Hall, Queenscliff Saturday 26th September 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads Sunday 27th September 9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove 11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff	

PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

CHILDREN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM THIS WEKEEND

Together we pray for the children receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they start their faith journey within our community.

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.

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY—20 SEPTEMBER

This Sunday, 20 September 2026, we give thanks for the thousands of staff and volunteers across Catholic social services who accompany people experiencing poverty, disadvantage and marginalisation throughout Victoria. For more information about Catholic Social Services Victoria, please visit: <https://css.org.au>.

GARDENING WORKING BEE—THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the ladies and men who helped spread mulch at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church last Saturday. With quite a few people helping out we were done fairly quickly. The garden looks lovely & is ready for summer!

- Gardening Committee

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

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TRANSPORT TO MASS—OCEAN GROVE

A parishioner is asking if there is a kind soul who may be able to bring them to Mass on Sunday(s) at Ocean Grove. The parishioner lives in Allanby Way, Ocean Grove. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office on 5258 1673.

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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