

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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A | SUNDAY 27TH 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

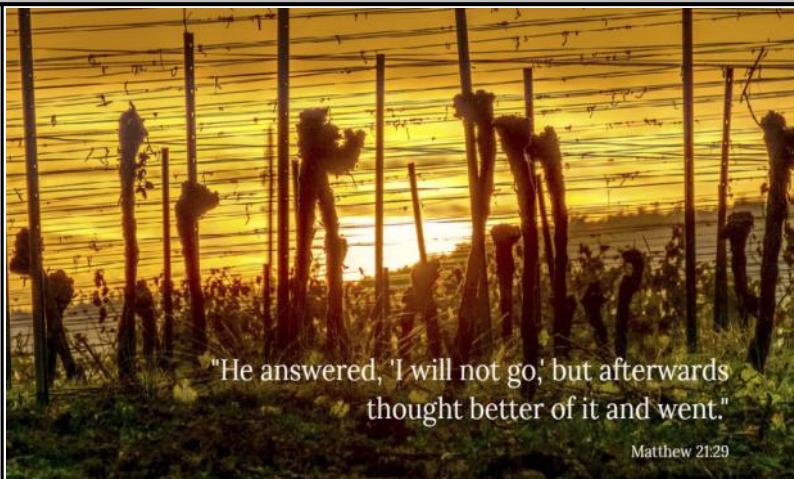


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REFLECTION

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken. We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring. The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;

and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.

But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Taking place on Sunday, 4th October, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. All welcome!

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.

PRAYERS OF INTENTION	PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS
Recently Deceased: Maureen Righetti. Anniversaries 27th September to 3rd October: Raphael Omeaku, Norgio Satalich, Mateo Satalich and Mick Perilli. 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 UPDATE Change is a constant, shaping our communities and the everyday lives of the people within them. Our history offers us valuable perspective, reminding us that there is nothing quite like the lessons of the past to shed light on the present. As we look to the future of Holy Trinity Parish, we are reminded that change is not simply something to be managed, but an opportunity to reflect on our past, consider our present, and discern where we might be called in the future. For more than a century, Holy Trinity Parish has witnessed many changes, reflecting both the opportunities and challenges of each generation. Since the opening of Holy Trinity Church on 20 January 1867, our parish has continually adapted to meet the changing needs of the community. The history of the parish reflects this journey. In 1899, Queenscliff became a parish in its own right after previously being part of the Drysdale Mission. Before this, it had also been associated with the Sorrento Mission. Ocean Grove was once part of Drysdale Parish, while Barwon Heads initially belonged to Drysdale and later to Belmont Parish. In 1980, both Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove became part of Holy Trinity Parish. While reading the history of our parish, I am inspired by the dedication, courage, commitment, generosity, and vision of those who came before us. They recognised the needs of their time, found new ways to build up the community, and willingly shared their gifts in service of the Gospel. Once again, we are called to discern the needs of our present time and to see not only what already exists, but also what is possible for the future. This invites us to imagine and work towards a future that has not yet been realised. Our planning process is consistent with the Archdiocese of Melbourne’s commitment to fostering parishes that are viable, vibrant, and life-giving. During the week, the Steering Group held a productive discussion, considering every aspect of parish life, including faith formation and participation, young discipleship, pastoral care, and our parish facilities. The discussion focused on how these areas can best support the mission and life of our parish. The Steering Group has now set a date for a joint meeting with the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee on 2 December 2026 at 6:00pm at Ocean Grove Church. This meeting will provide an opportunity to discern together the ways in which Holy Trinity Parish can respond faithfully and creatively to the needs of our community.
ROSTERS	
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 4th October at 9:00am: (C) Luci Quinn (L) Gerry Rainey (SM) Carmel Rice, Fiorentina Romeo (W) Jo Ballard, Jenny Cole QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 4th October at 11:00am: (C) Tony Frizza (L) Lisa Piasente (SM) Mary Clare Hoare (W) Trish Frizza COUNTERS: Tuesday 29th September at 11:00am: John Calnin and Ken Caffyn.	
LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK	
Tuesday 29th September 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove Wednesday 30th September 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff Thursday 1st October 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove Friday 2nd October 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff Saturday 3rd October 11:00am Baptism Service at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads, with Baptism Service Sunday 4th October 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 AND LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

During the week, the Parish Finance Committee held its regular meeting. Among the various financial matters discussed, the quote for painting the exterior of the Barwon Heads Church was finalised. The estimated cost of repairing the damaged weatherboards and painting the church is \$15,000, excluding the toilet block.

There has also been a change in the membership of the Finance Committee. After many years of dedicated service as both a member and Chair of the Finance Committee, Bob Merriman has now completed his term. On behalf of all parishioners, I would like to express my gratitude to Bob for his dedication, commitment and leadership as Chair of the Finance Committee over the years. I am sure that his time, service and contribution have been greatly appreciated by us all.

I am also grateful to Malcolm Gould, who has served as a member of the committee and has now taken on the role of Chair of the Finance Committee for the next 12 months.

WINDFIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL GEELONG

Music at the Basilica will present the 17th Annual Windfire Music Festival, Geelong from 2 to 11 October. There will be 6 concerts featuring some of our finest local and national musicians. The concerts range from classical choral music by the Australian Chamber Choir and The Vocal Consort (of the Australian Boys Choir), a flute, viola and harp trio, Opera star – Lee Abrahmsen, Axes saxophone quartet and the Evergreen Ensemble. During the week there will be 5 free short concerts with some unusual instruments. We hope you will be able to support us in making this an enjoyable and successful feast of music for all! For details of concerts, dates, times and venues please visit www.musicatthebasilica.org.au or email us at music.basilica@bigpond.com.

SYNOD CORNER



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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Live your life and forget your age.

- Norman Vincent Peale

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RECONCILIATION QUEENSCLIFFE

invites you to come to the Point Lonsdale School Hall to meet, listen and learn from local Wadawurrung speaker, ASH SKINNER on Sunday October 4 at 2pm. Entry by donation. For more info phone Shirley 0409-424-243 or email: reconciliationqueenscliffe@mail.com.

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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