

HOLY TRINITY PARISH QUEENSCLIFF

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**HOLY FAMILY
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101 Hitchcock Avenue
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SEA CHURCH**
68 John Dory Drive
Ocean Grove

**HOLY TRINITY
CHURCH**
34 Stevens Street
Queenscliff

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A | SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 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

It was the stone rejected
by the builders that
became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

Matthew 21:42



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REFLECTION

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control. When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
(R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
(R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

PRAYERS OF INTENTION	PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS
Recently Deceased: Michael Kelly. Anniversaries 4th October to 10th October: Santo Alizzi. 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.	RCIA PROGRAM 2026–2027 <i>New to the Faith? Want to Know More?</i> The RCIA Program for 2026–2027 has begun. There will be two sessions in October: • Tuesday, 6 October at 7:00pm • Tuesday, 20 October at 7:00pm Both sessions will be held in the Parish Hall, 34 Stevens Street, Queenscliff. If you, or someone you know, is searching for a deeper meaning in life or is interested in becoming Catholic, you are warmly invited to attend. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 5258 1673 or email queenscliff@cam.org.au.
ROSTERS	GUEST SPEAKER: 8 NOVEMBER 2026 3:00PM
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 11th October at 9:00am: (C) Maureen Earls (L) Peter Dickinson (SM) David O'Connor, Marg Lucas (W) Diane Gent, Margaret Donovan QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11th October at 11:00am: (C) Sam Sammut (L) Maria Sammut (SM) Terry Philp (W) Eva Millie COUNTERS: Tuesday 6th October at 11:00am: Carmen Buhagiar and Judy Compton.	<i>Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove</i> We are delighted to welcome Cathy Jenkins as our parish's annual guest speaker for 2026. Cathy Jenkins is the Program Lead for the Melbourne Synod. We look forward to welcoming Cathy and hearing from her on this special occasion. In December, the Archdiocese of Melbourne will gather in Synod as part of the universal Church's ongoing journey of discerning what it means to become a more synodal Church. A synodal Church is a community of missionary disciples who walk together, listen to the Holy Spirit and one another, discern God's will, and share responsibility for the mission of Christ. Increasingly, the Church is coming to understand that synodality is not simply an event or a set of processes, but a way of life: a Church where everyone has a place, everyone is heard, and everyone is called to participate in God's mission. In this workshop, Cathy Jenkins will lead participants in exploring what a synodal Church looks like in practice at the local parish level. Together, we will reflect on how synodal spirituality and a synodal approach to mission can shape our parish communities as places of communion, participation, and mission. Participants will be invited to consider how synodality can become a lived reality in their own parish context. Parishioners are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion. To help us with catering arrangements, we would be grateful if you could kindly let the Parish Office know if you plan to attend or add your name to the sign-up board.
LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK	HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
Tuesday 6th October 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove Wednesday 7th October 9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff Thursday 8th October 9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove Friday 9th October 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff Saturday 10th October 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads, Sunday 11th October 9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove 11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff	LADIES SOCIAL GROUP Lunch on Wednesday 7th October at 12-noon at the Ocean Grove Hotel (Bonnyvale Road, Ocean Grove). All ladies of the parish welcome. For bookings, please call or text Julie 0411 578 285.

PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



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Begins overnight this Saturday evening / Sunday morning 4th October at 2:00am. Remember, clocks "spring" forward one hour.

ADVENT NEWS

Advent is fast approaching! THAT MEANS SO IS CHRISTMAS! On behalf of Holy Trinity Parish, I will be sourcing the daily reflection book, 'Presence: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2026' from the Diocese of Wollongong. Here are some details about this Advent's resource:

Each day features a Scripture-based reflection and contemplative prayer, offering an opportunity to step away from the noise and busyness of the season and spend a few moments with God. Whether for your own personal prayer or to share with family and friends - Presence invites you not simply to wait for Christ to come, but to open your eyes to the One who is already here. There is also some beautiful artwork in this book.

Cost is \$6.00 each.

If you are interested in either obtaining a book for personal reflection and/or would like to join a discussion group (let me know which one) please contact me as soon as possible at: Sandra Gould by email at sandra@salmandra.com or by phone on 0418 537 941.

SYNOD CORNER



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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You bring out the best in yourself by looking for the best in others.

- Gene Bedley

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TERM 4 BEGINS

We wish the school communities and families a wonderful, joyous Term 4 as staff and students return to school this week.

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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