

HOLY TRINITY PARISH QUEENSCLIFF

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**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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A | SUNDAY 11TH 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

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to
a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding."

Matthew 22:2



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REFLECTION

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) *I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Anniversaries 11th October to 17th October:

Anne Mansergh and Anne Phipps.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Naomi Bianco, Frances Blaine, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Nanette Calnin, Helen Carter, Sue Casey, Debra Defina, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Nell Faigneux, 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 18th October at 9:00am:

(C) Frank Rice
(L) Anne Bourke
(SM) Jo Ballard, Carmel Rice
(W) Dawn Dalton, Maureen Earls

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 18th October at 11:00am:

(C) Ann-Maree Furphy
(L) Roger Furphy
(SM) Maria Sammut
(W) Shirley Hurley

COUNTERS: Tuesday 13th October at 11:00am:

Remo & Naomi Bianco.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 12th October

12:30pm St Ignatius College Year 9 Pilgrimage
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Tuesday 13th October

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

Wednesday 14th October

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 15th October

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 16th October

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 17th October

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

Sunday 18th October

9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

RCIA PROGRAM 2026–2027

New to the Faith? Want to Know More?

The RCIA Program for 2026–2027 has begun. There will be a session in October:

- **Tuesday, 20 October at 7:00pm**

The session 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.

GUEST SPEAKER: 8 NOVEMBER 2026 | 3:00PM

Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the SVDP Conference will take place on Thursday 15th October after 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove. New members are most welcome to attend.

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.

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

A Liturgy meeting to plan for Advent and Christmas will be held on Friday 30th October, 2pm, at the presbytery. Liturgy representatives from the 3 church communities are asked to attend if possible. The first Sunday of Advent is 29th November. Christmas Day is on a Friday this year.

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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.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FOR PEACE HELD IN ASSISI ON 27TH OCTOBER 1986

The 27th October marks the 40th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi. In 1986, Pope John Paul II invited world religious leaders to come to Assisi to fast and pray for peace. This was a milestone in interreligious dialogue that communicated a powerful symbolic message to the world – the spirit of prayer and non-violence. Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Sikhs, Zoroastrians, leaders of African and American Traditional Religions and of Shinto took part in this event. His Eminence, George Jacob Cardinal Koovakad, prefect for the Dicastery for Inter-religious Dialogue, remarked that the 27 October 1986 was a turning point in the history of inter religious dialogue, becoming a lasting symbol of the Church's commitment to promoting social justice, moral well-being, peace and freedom for the benefit of all. His Eminence acknowledged that the anniversary will be commemorated in Assisi on 27 October 2026 in the presence of the Holy Father. He extended an invitation to each local Church community to find appropriate ways to commemorate this historic milestone.

SYNOD CORNER



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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Wherever life plants you,
bloom with grace.”

- French Proverb

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2027

Enrolments for the 2027 program will open on Tuesday 13th October and closing Tuesday 10th November (or when classes have reached capacity). For all and updated information for the 2027 program/classes and enrolment form, please visit the website: [Sacramental Program for School-Aged Children \(RCIC\)](https://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacramental-program-for-school-aged-children) – [Holy Trinity Parish Queenscliff](https://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au). If you have any questions or enquiries, contact the parish office.

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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