

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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SUNDAY 18TH 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

"Master, we
know that
you are an
honest man
and teach
the way of
God in an
honest way."

Matthew 22:16



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REFLECTION

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

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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

Isaiah 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting
of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Recently Deceased: Leonard (Len) Martin and Shirley Anderson.

Anniversaries 18th October to 24th October: Sheila Merriman, Teresa Neville and Geoff James.

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 25th October at 9:00am:

(C) Majella O'Connor
(L) Jenny Cole
(SM) Judy Considine, David O'Connor
(W) Elizabeth Curtain, Marg Lucas

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 25th October at 11:00am:

(C) Angela Hatch
(L) John Hanan
(SM) Sandra Gould
(W) Maureen Baglieri

COUNTERS: Tuesday 20th October at 11:00am:

Sam & Maria Sammut.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 20th October

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

Wednesday 21st October

8:50am Prayer Service by St Aloysius Years 5-6
students at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
(parishioners welcome)

11:00am Requiem Mass for the late Leonard (Len)
Martin at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 22nd October

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

Friday 23rd October

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 24th October

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

Sunday 25th 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.

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.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CAROL SERVICE

Holy Trinity Church is hosting the ecumenical carols service on Wednesday 9th December. Choir practice for this event commences on Sunday 25th October at 4:00pm in the church. Bring yourselves and your singing voice!

ST BERNARD'S CHURCH FICTION BOOK CLEARANCE SALE

Sun 18th October at Clairvaux School Hall (Reynolds Rd, Belmont). 8am to 12 noon. 1000's of novels sorted A-Z - easy to find your favourite authors! Bargain prices. Excellent condition.

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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.

GEELONG TERTIARY STUDENTS END OF YEAR MASS & DINNER

Catholic university and TAFE students who live in the Geelong region are invited to celebrate the end of the academic year with Mass and Dinner on Sunday 1st November 2026. Mass will be at 5pm at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Geelong. Family and friends are welcome to the Mass. Dinner will follow at 6.30pm at Edge Bar & Restaurant Geelong. Attendance at the dinner is limited to students and partners – booking for dinner is essential at www.trybooking.com/DQKKB. For more info, contact Fr Marcus Goulding corio@cam.org.au.

SYNOD CORNER



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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The greatest part of our happiness depends on our dispositions, not our circumstances.

- Martha Washington

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2027

Enrolments for the 2027 program are now open. Closing date is Tuesday 10th November or until 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 \(RCIC\) – Holy Trinity Parish Queenscliff](http://SacramentalProgramforSchool-AgedChildren(RCIC)-HolyTrinityParishQueenscliff). 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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