

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

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SUNDAY 25TH 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



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REFLECTION

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only

throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

A liturgy meeting to plan for Advent and Christmas will be held on Friday 30th October at 2:00pm at the presbytery. Liturgy representatives from the 3 church communities are asked to attend if possible.

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 program information, please visit: [Sacramental Program for School-Aged Children \(RCIC\) – Holy Trinity Parish Queenscliff](#)

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Anniversaries 25th October to 31st October: Sandra Saric, Anne Phipps, Giovanni & Salvatrice Baglieri.

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 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.

ROSTERS

OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 1st November at 9:00am:

(C) Gerry Rainey
(L) Brenda Bissinella
(SM) Marg Lucas, Carmel Rice
(W) Jo Ballard, Monica Meagher

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 1st November at 11:00am:

(C) Ann-Maree Furphy
(L) Shirley Hurley
(SM) Lisa Piasente
(W) Roger Furphy

COUNTERS: Tuesday 27th October at 11:00am:

Emanuel & Maureen Baglieri.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 27th October

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 28th October

8:50am Prayer Service by St Aloysius Preps to Year 2 students at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
(parishioners welcome)

Thursday 29th October

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

Friday 30th October

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 31st October

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

Sunday 1st November

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

PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

NOVEMBER: REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November is traditionally a month of remembrance for the dead, a special time when we prayerfully remember those who have gone before us in faith. The Book of Proverbs reminds us: *"Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their parents"* (Proverbs 17:6). These words invite us to give thanks for the generations who have shaped our lives and passed on to us the gifts of love, faith, and family.

The Church dedicates November in a particular way to prayer for our deceased brothers and sisters. Yet honouring those who have gone before us is not limited to a particular season or occasion. It is a way of life marked by love, respect, gratitude, and prayer. We give thanks for those whose care, guidance, faith, and sacrifice have helped shape who we are.

When we recognise life as a gift from God, we are moved to give thanks for those who helped bring that gift to us and nurtured us along the way. We remember our parents, grandparents, relatives, friends, and all whose example and generosity have enriched our lives. Our gratitude for them ultimately leads us back to God, the source and destiny of all life.

The celebration of Mass for the faithful departed—whether at funerals, on anniversaries of death, or on other occasions of remembrance—is a profound expression of our faith and our continuing love for them. Through the Holy Mass, prayer, acts of charity, and personal sacrifice, we commend our loved ones to God and entrust them to his mercy. These practices also remind us that, through the Communion of Saints, we remain united in the bond of love that connects the Church on earth with those who have gone before us.

During November, let us make time to remember our deceased loved ones in prayer, offer Masses for their eternal rest, visit their graves, and give thanks to God for the gift of their lives and the love they shared with us. May our remembrance deepen our faith, strengthen our hope in the resurrection, and renew our gratitude for the generations whose lives and faith have become part of our own.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

ALL SOULS' DAY MASSES & SERVICES MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

- 9:00am Mass at Queenscliff
- 10:00am Ecumenical Service at Queenscliff Cemetery
- 5:00pm Mass at Ocean Grove

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CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CAROL SERVICE

Queenscliff choir practice for ecumenical carol service this Sunday, 25th October, at 4:00pm at Holy Trinity Church.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Taking place on Sunday 1st November, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. All welcome!

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

Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old.

- Franz Kafka

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SOUP NIGHT AT BARWON HEADS

Holy Family is hosting Soup Night following 5:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 7th November. All welcome.

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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