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101 Hitchcock Avenue	*68 John Dory Drive*	*34 Stevens Street*
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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A | SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

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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
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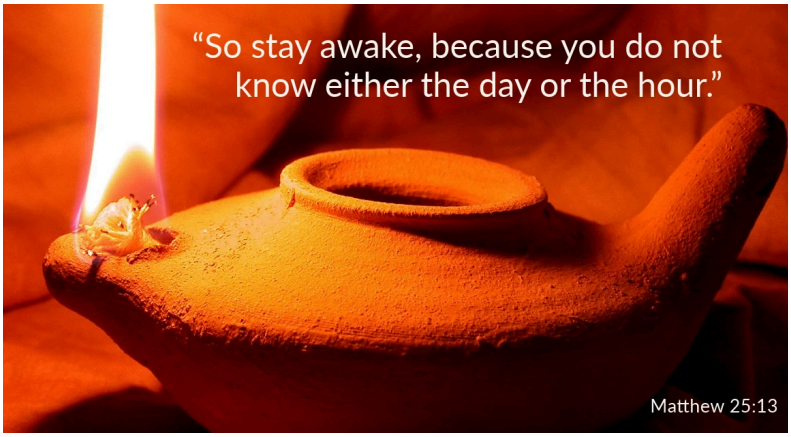


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The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. *How* it will happen, we do not know. *When* it will happen, we do not know. *That* it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of the Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8.R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
   for you my soul is thirsting.
   My body pines for you
   like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
   to see your strength and your glory.
   For your love is better than life,
   my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life,
   in your name I will lift up my hands.
   My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
   my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you.
   On you I muse through the night
   for you have been my help;
   in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope.

We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Recently Deceased: Fr Brendan Lane.

Anniversaries 8th November to 14th November:
John Stuart Drury, Anthony Bissinella, Patrick Murray, Brian Hoare, Annie Cassar, Molly and Harold Pretlove, Kenneth Stout and Gordian Nnopu.

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, Fred Van Wegen, Deanne Warren, Vera Wasiak and Cathy Williams.

ROSTERS

OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 15th November at 9:00am:
(C) Anthony Dowling
(L) Frank Rice
(SM) Carmel Rice, Janine Fitzpatrick
(W) Catherine Hayes, Michael Kirkman

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 15th November at 11:00am:
(C) Angela Hatch
(L) Judy Lamb
(SM) Mary Clare Hoare
(W) Terry Philp

COUNTERS: Tuesday 10th November at 11:00am:
Dan Donovan and Des Harris.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10th November
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Mass with anointing at Sea View Manor, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 11th November
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff, with St Aloysius Year 3/4 students attending
11:00am Mass with anointing at Arcare, Point Lonsdale

Thursday 12th November
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with Star of the Sea Year 5 students attending
11:00am Mass with anointing at Ryman Village, Ocean Grove

Friday 13th November
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 14th November
11:00am Baptism Service at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Sunday 15th November
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

GUEST SPEAKER: 8 NOVEMBER 2026 | 3:00PM
Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove

This weekend, we warmly welcome our annual guest speaker, Cathy Jenkins. We look forward to hearing from Cathy as she guides us in exploring our Church's ongoing journey of discerning what it means to become a more synodal Church. In this workshop, Cathy will lead participants in exploring what a synodal Church looks like in practice at the local parish level.

Whether you have a free afternoon or are simply curious about how synodality can become a lived reality in your own parish, please come along, join fellow parishioners, and welcome our guest speaker.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF READINGS & CAROLS

As Queenscliff is hosting this event this year, we are fortunate to be joined by singers from other denominations to be part of this service. To this end we are having some practices, so we know what we are doing – in theory! So, at 4pm on Sundays – with the exception of November 8th – we are meeting at Holy Trinity Church for these rehearsals. All are welcome. Marilyn Brown

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the SVDP Conference will take place on Thursday 19th November after 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove. New members are most welcome to attend.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA MUSIC GROUP

Would there be anyone amongst our congregation who may have a hidden talent, either vocal or instrumental and might be interested in joining this group for Sunday Masses? There is absolutely no commitment to be there each week. You are welcome to see us before or after Mass or phone Maria 0407 593 251 or Julie 0411 578 285.

OCEAN GROVE - NEW MINISTRY ROSTER DUE

It would be helpful if Ministry Volunteers would inform Monica by email: meaghermonica@gmail.com as to any Sundays you will not be available during roster Cycle December - February inclusive. *A separate roster will issue for Christmas Day*. Thank you.

Taizé PRAY | PEACE GATHERING

You are warmly welcome to join us for Taizé-style Prayer on Saturday 28 November 2026 at Santa Casa (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff) from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. Our prayer focus is Advent. Afternoon tea will follow. All are welcome. Please arrive a little before time. RSVP to Lizzie on 03 5258 2661 or email santacasa@ismapng.org.au for seating and catering purposes.

PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

FAITH IN ACTION: An election guide from the Bishops of Victoria

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026.

COFFEE & CROISSANTS WITH ANNIE

Hosted by the Catholic Women's League to Victoria Inc. Join us for a special "in conversation" as Fr Nathan Rawlins speaks with Annie Carrett about faith, work and life. Annie is the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Melbourne and Chief of Staff to the Archbishop. With more than 35 years of service to the Church, Annie brings a fascinating wealth of experience and stories from across Australia. **Thursday 12th November from 7:30-8:45am at The Victoria Hotel** (215 Little Collins Street, Melbourne). Breakfast included. Bookings essentials. Tickets: $45, $35 League Members, $30 students, via www.trybooking.com/DPTZE. Limited flyers available in church narthex.

GEELONG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS INAUGURAL LUNCHEON

The Archdiocese is delighted to bring its networking lunches to Geelong for the first time. All Catholic professionals in the Geelong region are warmly invited to join us for the inaugural Geelong Catholic Professionals luncheon, an opportunity to connect with fellow Catholics in the workplace and be encouraged in living out your faith in your profession. Our guest speaker is Dr Edward Simons, Executive Director of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS).
When: Thursday 19 November, 12pm–2pm
Where: Captain's Room, GMHBA Stadium, Gate 11, 370 Moorabool Street, South Geelong 3220
Register: trybooking.com/DQVIR

SYNOD CORNER

MELBOURNE SYNOD

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 are 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

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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