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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A | SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 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
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REFLECTION

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
   and walk in his ways!
   By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
   You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
   in the heart of your house;
   your children like shoots of the olive,
   around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
   the man who fears the Lord.
   May the Lord bless you from Zion
   in a happy Jerusalem
   all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

Anniversaries 15th November to 21st November:
Tom Connellan, Maris Williams, Kaye Nelson, Julie Mills and Christine Willsen.

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 22nd November at 9:00am:
(C) Janine Fitzpatrick
(L) Lachlan Fitzpatrick
(SM) Marg Lucas, Jenny Cole
(W) Monica Meagher, Jo Ballard

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 22nd November at 11:00am:
(C) Diana Scott
(L) Adrian Scott
(SM) Terry Philp
(W) Sandra Gould

COUNTERS: Tuesday 17th November at 11:00am:
Emanuel and Maureen Baglieri.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 17th November
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Mass with anointing at Homestead, Wallington

Wednesday 18th November
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 19th November
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with Star of the Sea Year 6 students attending
Parish Office will be closed from 11:00am as staff are attending the Geelong Catholic Professionals event

Friday 20th November
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 21st November
5:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Sunday 22nd 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

THANK YOU
We are grateful to everyone who organised the event and participated in last Sunday afternoon's annual guest speaker event. Especially our guest speaker, Cathy Jenkins for sharing her valuable insights, wisdom and experience as we explored what it means to become a more synodal Church.
May the spirit of communion, participation and mission continue to inspire us to walk together, listen to one another and strengthen our parish community.

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, we are meeting at Holy Trinity Church for these rehearsals. All are welcome. Marilyn Brown

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.

ADVENT NEWS
Advent is fast approaching! THAT MEANS SO IS CHRISTMAS! On behalf of Holy Trinity Parish, I have sourced 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 I still have about 5 left if you are interested! Sandra Gould by email at sandra@salmandra.com or by phone on 0418 537 941.

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TRANSPORT TO MASS—OCEAN GROVE

A couple from Barwon Heads (parishioners) is asking if someone may be able to bring them to 9am Mass on Sundays at Ocean Grove. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office on 5258 1673.

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.

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.

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.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen, nor touched... but are felt in the heart.

- Helen Keller

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2027

Limited spots are available for the Reconciliation and First Eucharist classes. Confirmation class has reached capacity. If you or someone you know is interested in their children receiving their sacraments, and 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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