

Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter
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(*All items for the newsletter must be received
no later than Wednesday evening*)

• PARISH TREASURER

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MASS CENTRES AND TIMES

• ST JOAN OF ARC

30 Seaview Road, Victor Harbor

MASS TIMES

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 11.00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11.00am - 11.30am

Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm

• ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

10-14 Gardiner Street, Goolwa

MASS TIMES

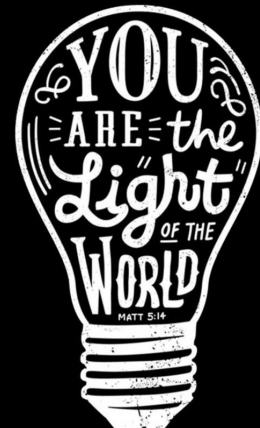
Sunday 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159
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SALT + LIGHT

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor; clothe
the man you see to be naked and turn
not from your own kin. Then your
light will shine like the dawn and
your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and
the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer; call,
and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the
clenched fist, the wicked word, if
you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed, your
light will rise in the darkness, and
your shadows become like noon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 111:4-9

*A light rises in the darkness for the
upright.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was
not with any show of oratory or
philosophy, but simply to tell you
what God had guaranteed. During
my stay with you, the only
knowledge I claimed to have was
about Jesus, and only about him as
the crucified Christ. Far from relying

on any power of my own, I came
among you in great 'fear and
trembling' and in my speeches and
the sermons that I gave, there were
none of the arguments that belong to
philosophy; only a demonstration of
the power of the Spirit. And I did this
so that your faith should not depend
on human philosophy but on the
power of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the light of the world, says the
Lord; the man who follows me will
have the light of life.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are
the salt of the earth. But if salt
becomes tasteless, what can make it
salty again? It is good for nothing,
and can only be thrown out to be
trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city
built on a hill-top cannot be hidden.
No one lights a lamp to put it under a
tub; they put it on the lamp-stand
where it shines for everyone in the
house. In the same way your light
must shine in the sight of men, so
that, seeing your good works, they

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS (These names will be removed after one month. To keep names on this list please contact Parish Office)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace, Father John Langtry, Michelle L, Adrian and Margaret Langtry, Brian Smallacombe, Bailey Smallacombe, Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth, Daniel Holliday, Mark & Lola Kelly, Mary Davis, Claire Hamish, Joan Pillion, Angelo Fantasia, Dr. Will Tucker, Jane Lloyd, Joseph Barry Kearsley, West Family, Lyn McCabe

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter McInnes. Father Jim Honner.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margie Lloyd, Maura Percy, Dr Lyn Daly, John Milte, Brian Cronin.

PARISH COLLECTION 1st & 2nd February

1st (Presbytery) \$1053.00
2nd (Parish) \$1601.00

VICTOR MORNING TEA 9th & 16th February

H. & R. Kuske
23rd Feb & 1st March
J. Andrews & J. Whitbread

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 8th & 15th February

M. Von Holst & R. Kuske
22nd & 29th February
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MEET & GREET February Saturday

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin
February Sundays
H. Sampson & F. Harris

ST JOAN'S CHOIR :

Practice time is 10.30am each

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

February A. Turner, H. Taylor, A. Russell, Gina

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

February J. McInnes

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY

Universal Prayer Intention:

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



APPEAL FOR THE UNBORN CHILD

A collection will be taken up this weekend to support *Birthline, Right to Life SA, MaterCare Australia and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc.*

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH

LECTIO DIVINA is held each Sunday night at 6pm in the Annex.

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE GOOLWA

You are invited to our Taizé prayer service on the third Wednesday of each month at 10.15 after the 9.30 Mass. The next date is Wednesday 19th February.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our next meeting is in Goolwa on Wednesday 12th February after 9.30am Mass.

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 11th February 1.30pm. All welcome.

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Our next meeting at Goolwa will occur at the church on Thursday, February 13th at 1.30pm. At this meeting we will plan social events for the year, and we would really appreciate more support from members of our community in bringing social events for parishioners to enjoy and to meet each other in a relaxed atmosphere.

If you would like to help please attend or speak to Anne Fawkner, Anne Turner or Paul Kennelly.

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th February at 9.30-10.30 am followed by morning tea. All men welcome.

ST JOAN'S SUNDAY MORNING TEA HELP NEEDED

Two more people are needed for the Sunday Morning Tea roster. **Please contact Helen Sampson at Sunday Mass or telephone 8552 3989.**

CENTENARY NEWS



If you haven't caught up with the **POSTERS IN THE FOYER** at St Joan's and some at St John's outlining the preparations for the Centenary, take a few minutes to have a look. Very informative. Thank you Meredith.

WINDOWS ON EITHER SIDE OF ST JOAN

Our hope is that these windows will be finished in time for the Centenary celebrations. Initially there was a team of planners, Mark Leaney, Emi Artemis, Ray Klecko and Father Vinh, working hard to incorporate the ideas the parish put forward in the initial consultation – not an easy task. Since the design was finalised Mark Leaney has been at work using his leadlighting skills to make it a reality. The windows include some beautiful work by Jan Milton, a graphic artist who painted the dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit, that is part of our Rose window. We wish Mark and his helpers all the best with their task.

HISTORY BOOKLETS ARE BACK ON SALE

Our next batch of history booklets have arrived They will be on sale after all Masses @ \$5 each. Very worthwhile reading.

BUSHFIRE PRAYER

Creator God.

You breathe life into all things and make them holy, and we thank you. Our land, our people, our fauna are suffering and we pray for rain. Please soak our land. We pray for those who are enduring unimaginable injury and loss through fire. Bless them with deep comfort, consolation and hope. We pray for our heroic fire fighters. Cover them with your protection and bless them and their families. We pray for our leaders. Inspire them with courage and wisdom needed for this time. Your people look to you with trusting hearts and the certainty of your love. With deep gratitude and longing, we ask you to hear our prayer. Amen.

GENEROUS RESPONSE TO VINNIE'S BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Our parish contributed \$15,000 to the recent Vinnies' Bushfire Appeal. Many thanks to everyone for their generosity. The total collected statewide was \$1.445 million. \$650,000 has already been allocated. As noted last week every cent of the money will go towards help for those affected. No money is to be taken out for administration expenses.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.



SAINT SCHOLASTICA Feast Day February 10th (c. 480 – 547)



St. Scholastica was the twin sister of St. Benedict, the Patriarch of Western monasticism. She was born in Umbria, Italy, about 480. Under

Benedict's direction, Scholastica founded a community of nuns near the great Benedictine monastery Monte Cassino. Inspired by Benedict's teaching, his sister devoted her whole life to seeking and serving God. She died in 547.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES Feast Day February 11th



Today marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to fourteen-year-old Marie Bernadette (St. Bernadette) Soubirous. Between

February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Blessed Virgin appeared eighteen times, and showed herself to St. Bernadette in the hollow of the rock at Lourdes. On March 25 she said to the little shepherdess who was only fourteen years of age: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Since then Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and many cures and conversions have taken place. The message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer, and charity.

NOTES FROM JANUARY PPC MEETING

Goolwa Sunday collection. New arrangement re the choir.

Athalea's plaque to be blessed on 16th February.

Update signs outside both Churches Paul Kennelly, John Dunthorne, Paul O'Brien, Mark Leaney to work out some practical suggestions.

Plenary Council submissions: It was decided that we would share ours with parishioners via an insert in the Encounter and ask the other groups if they would like to share their submissions.

Box for parishioners' prayers to God.

This to be used during Lent with burning ceremony at the end. Boxes to be secure. Letters to be in sealed envelopes.

Parish Groups: A suggestion that parish groups be asked to share about themselves after Mass during the year.

PLENARY COUNCIL

We have now finished the Discernment Phase of our contribution to the



Plenary Council. Five parish groups took part over the last four months and made submissions that are being sent to the people planning the agenda. We hope to share some of those submissions with you over the coming weeks.

ST JOAN'S ANNEX CALENDAR

Ray Klecko is currently writing up the Annex Calendar for 2020. Please let him know the dates you or your group will be using the Annex. If anyone wants to book an event during the year please notify Ray Klecko or Pat Clingan as Parish Managers and make sure your event is put on the calendar.

DEVOTIONAL ITEMS

John Galliver has kindly passed on for the use of any parishioners who would like them, many devotional items belonging to his mother Gabrielle Galliver. You will find them in the Victor Annex.

BLESSING OF ATHALEA'S PLAQUE

Athalea Stewart's plaque will be blessed by Fr. Vinh on Sunday February 16th to recognise Athalea's 40 year contribution as organist at St. John's church. We are most grateful that since Athalea's passing that our choir has continued the great work that Athalea has done over such a long period.

This Week : 8th & 9th February

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. M. Farmer, E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. S. Duong

R.2 T. Hounslow

E.M R. Kuske, A. Rose, L. Sunman, A. Weygood.

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R1 K. Fawkner

R2 D. Huppertz

E.M. R. Austin, J. Ryan, M. Ryan, A. Turner, T. Siciliano



Next Week : 15th & 16th February

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: F. Hanna

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. P. Harris, E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. V. Coffey

R.2 J. Randabel-Williamson

E.M P. Clingan, M. Von Holst, M. Ferguson, M. Cunningham, K. Howard.

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

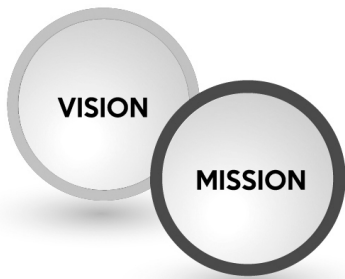
R1 Michael Riddle

R2 P. Kennelly

E.M. D. Elliott, M. Glazewski, D. West, J. McMahon, M. O'Halloran.

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
CATHOLIC PARISH**

**VISION AND MISSION
STATEMENT**



Our Vision and Mission is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

WE WILL:

- Endeavor to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

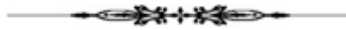
WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.



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may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'



DID YOU KNOW?

- In the ancient world, salt was essential. It was used not simply to season food or to add to its taste, but as a preservative, enabling food to be stored and kept.
- At the time of Jesus, the main source of oil for lamps was the olive. A saucer-shaped lamp held the oil, and a wick, made of flax or a similar material, burned from a small opening on the rim. Such lamps were often placed in a niche in the walls of rooms.
- Lamp oil was a precious commodity. Once lit, a lamp was often placed high to give maximum illumination.
- Ancient cities were often built on hilltops so that they were easily defended against invaders and were visible for many miles around.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

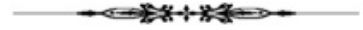
The people of Israel often described the Law of God as 'salt' because it gave zest and flavour to life and it preserved them as the people of God. Similarly, the Law was often compared to a light that showed them the path to God: 'Your word is a light to my feet and a lamp to my path' (Psalm 119:105). Jerusalem, the city on the hill, was a focal point and reminder of God's presence. Jesus gives a new focus to all these images when he applies them to those who hear his word and put it into practice. All Christians are called to be 'salt' and 'light', a 'city on the hill' giving witness to God's presence.

EXPLORING THE WORD

To understand this text, it is important to place it alongside the Beatitudes that immediately precede it. In that text, the virtues to be cultivated by followers of Jesus are outlined, but the danger with taking the Beatitudes on their own is that faith can become contented peacefulness and somewhat inward-looking.

To avoid this risk, Matthew follows the Beatitudes with this text, which teaches disciples about the task of Christians in the world. They have been given the gifts; they are the salt of the earth. But if they just see their blessedness and rest there, they risk becoming 'tasteless' and good only to be 'trampled underfoot'. Instead, the disciples are urged to place their light high on a hill and let it shine for all to see. They are witnesses to God's living presence, not just for the nation of Israel but for all the world. In seeing the way that Christians live and act—their 'good works'—others will be drawn to God through their active witness to faith. Others will come to give praise to God in heaven.

This is an amazing responsibility, and Jesus acknowledges that some salt may lose its taste and some lights be hidden. The challenge for Christians, new and old, is not to take the gift of faith for granted and let it become tasteless; not to keep the light confined to private moments but to allow others to see the difference faith makes so that they can know the presence and power of God.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(10 - 16 February)

- **Monday, 10:** St Scholastica (1 Kg 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56)
- **Tuesday, 11:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1Kg 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1Kg 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23)
- **Thursday, 13:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1Kg 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30)
- **Friday, 14:** Sts Cyril and Methodius (1Kg 11:29-32, 12-19; Mk 7:31-37)
- **Saturday, 15:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1Kg 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10)
- **Sunday 16:** 6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37)

PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.
Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).