

Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
15TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

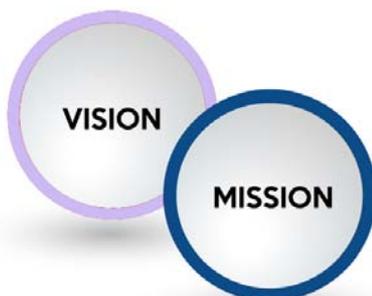
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour 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.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 64:10-14

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away.'

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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,
 Adrian and Margaret Langtry,
 Brian Smallacombe,
 Bailey Smallacombe,
 Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth,
 Daniel Holliday, Mark & Lola Kelly,
 Claire Hamish,
 Joan Pillion, Angelo Fantasia,
 Jane Lloyd, West Family,
 Joseph Barry Kearsley,
 Lyn McCabe, Kathleen Tiltman,
 Emily McCarthy, Josephine Proctor,
 Andrew Sampson.
 Charlie Nicolson, Joseph Kennedy,
 Bill & Anne Sloane

ANNIVERSARIES

Eric Powditch, Rita Sullivan,
 Craig Sampson.

PARISH COLLECTION 4th & 5th July

1st (Presbytery) \$1,092.50
 2nd (Parish) \$1,342.90

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 11th & 18th July

G. Woodhead, H. Sampson

25th July & 1st August

W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET July Saturdays

M. Farmer, D. McLaughlin

July Sundays

H. Sampson, R. Reid

ST JOAN'S CHOIR :

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

GOOLWA MEET & GREET July

J. McInnes

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday.
 Call Claire Williams 042 008 199.

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: JULY Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday 14th July at 1.30pm** in the Annex.

All welcome.



KSC NEWS FOR JULY

With regard to **fundraising** we are waiting for news from Bunnings about holding a morning BBQ. Discussion will occur at this month's meeting about our yearly luncheon, as well as another wine raffle.

We recently sent a letter to **Ron Harris**



thanking him for the 45 years of service he has given our order beginning in 1975 in the Salisbury branch. He has held

leadership positions in that branch as well as in the local order when he moved to the South Coast. He was a great help in setting up the local branch when it formed in the mid eighties, and took a big part in making sure in its early days that Southern Cross Care adhered to the ethics of the Knights of the Southern Cross, as well as of course to the values of the Catholic Church. **Well done Ron, and we will keep you in our prayers.**

Members' anniversaries in July

Wilfred Pak Poy, Bryan Constable, and Prof. David Galliver.

The next meeting of the Knights will be held on Thursday 16th July at 4 pm

WELCOME BACK MERV, our Treasurer, from your recent illness. Thank you Margaret Meade for taking over during his absence.

NEW MEETERS AND GREETERS FOR VICTOR

Our thanks to Joanne Schultz, Anne Rose and Meredith Cunningham who have kindly volunteered to take on this important role. Our thanks to all our Meeters and Greeters at St John's and St Joan's for your welcoming touch.



SEA SUNDAY APPEAL



The Sea Sunday Appeal on 12th July serves to shine a light on the work of the Catholic Church's international agency, Apostleship of the Sea (AOS), which attends to the welfare of seafarers in many ports around Australia and elsewhere through Stella Maris centres and chaplaincies. This year the theme for Sea Sunday is '**Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest**'. (Matthew 11: 28).

Seafarers are burdened by isolation, loneliness, exploitation, wage theft, climatic hardship, physical, sexual and verbal abuse, fear of piracy, insecure employment. Many working on the seas haven't been able to set foot on dry land for months, and that situation could extend for another 12 to 18 months Please donate online:

<https://aos-australia.org/>

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CLOSING DATE SUNDAY 14th AUGUST



Nominations are now open for membership of the Parish Pastoral Council. You may nominate someone with

their permission or you may nominate yourself. Please put your nomination on the plate at Mass or hand it to Father Vinh.

"Membership of the Pastoral Council should be open to all parishioners, respecting the reality that each person is unique and has the potential to make a specific contribution.

It is the community being served that has the primary task of choosing the members of the Council." Handbook for Pastoral Councils

MELBOURNE CHURCHES TO CLOSE AGAIN

Melbourne Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli has written a letter to the faithful outlining the "sobering" news that the city-wide lockdown will once again mean the closure of churches and a return to online Masses. *Melbourne Archdiocese*

OUR CHOIRS ARE ONCE AGAIN ON SONG!!

Choir practice has returned for both our Churches.

St Joan's is as usual at 10.30 on Fridays. St John's time has changed. It is now at 2pm on Wednesdays.





RESPONSORIAL PSALM 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
You fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain.

And thus You provide for the earth;
You drench its furrows,
You level it, soften it with showers,
You bless its growth.

You crown the year with Your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.



SAINTS LOUIS AND ZELIE MARTIN Feast Day 12th July

Sts Louis and Zélie Martin, parents of St Therese of Lisieux, were the first couple to be **canonised together**, on October 18, 2015. The Church wished to highlight by this that the **sacrament of marriage** was for them the path to holiness. Their wedding date, July 12th, was chosen as their feast day.



St Therese of Lisieux, were the first couple to be **canonised together**, on October 18,

Theirs was a **conjugal** holiness in the communion and love that formed their union. In a **family-oriented** holiness they were devoted to their nine children; they entrusted each one to God, recognising that children were a gift.

In **social** holiness they sought out and attended to the most fragile and needy in society.

In **ecclesial** holiness, through parish life and formation (St Vincent de Paul Conferences, *et al...*) and deep prayer, Louis and Zélie and their children grew spiritually by caring for the poor, loving God and trusting in his Providence.
Father Thierry Hénault-Morel, Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady in Alençon

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL Feast Day 16th July

Sacred Scripture celebrated the beauty of Carmel where the prophet Elijah defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God.



In the 12th century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the Carmelite order devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of Mary, the Holy Mother.

Most Catholics are familiar with the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was instituted for the Carmelites in 1332, and extended to the whole Church by Benedict XIII in 1726. *Franciscan Culture*

MASS NUMBERS

The new maximum density requirements of **1 person per 2 sqm** now applies for our churches. This means a **social distance of 1 metre between us** except for family groups.



Please remember to list your name. We are required to keep records of attendees.

Please don't forget to use the hand sanitiser and avoid physical greetings, hugs, kisses and handshakes. if you are unwell please stay home. Thank you

BIRTHDAYS

Sheila Hanna 15th July



99 today!!
(Photo in Calendar is of Mollie McGee, Sheila's sister.)

Ian Reid 17th July

May he rest in peace.



"THE BEST I CAN DO FOR CHRISTMAS EVE IS THREE TOGETHER IN THE NINTH ROW."

This Week : 11th & 12th July

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : R. Klecko

R.1. T. Hounslow

R.2 P. O'Brien

E.M P. Clingan

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1 R. Lee

R2 C. May

E.M. S. Muller



Next Week : 18th & 19th July

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R1 P. Chigwidden

R2 J. Randabel-Williamson

E.M K. Howard

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R1 J. McMahon

R2 K. Fawkner

E.M. K. O'Shea

MASS TIMES

- **Victor Harbor** - Weekends - Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 11.00am. Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am
- **Goolwa** - Weekend - Sunday 9.00am. Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

- Attendance for mass is dependent on the 1 in 2 sq.m rule restriction.
- This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or catholicvhg@bigpond.com
(*All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening*)

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The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

‘But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

‘You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.’

EXPLORING THE WORD

This parable would have had a great appeal to the rural population living on the fertile land around the Sea of Galilee. There, the gentle undulating hills are green and verdant. This is a sharp contrast to the desert

wilderness of the southern part of the province of Judea around Jerusalem.

Jesus explains the meaning of the parable of the sower. The different soils represent different human responses to hearing the word of God. The message is that, despite some failures, the sower's work ultimately succeeds. Not everyone is open to receiving the word and acting on it but there is encouragement for those who allow the word to take root and bear fruit.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A parable is a simple human story with a profound meaning.
- Parables were a familiar way of teaching in the time of Jesus and some images had set meanings. For example, a vineyard, sons or servants represented Israel, while a master, king or father represented God.
- The Sea of Galilee is also known as Lake Gennesaret and as Lake Tiberius. Jesus' base for his preaching ministry in the region was at the town of Capernaum on the northern shores of the lake. Peter had a house in this town.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (13 - 19 July)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 - 11:1)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24)
- **Wednesday, 15:** St Bonaventure (Is 10:5-7, 13-16; Mt 11:25-27)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Friday, 17:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Is 38:2-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8)
- **Saturday, 18:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Micah 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21)
- **Sunday 19:** 16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).