



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A  
24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

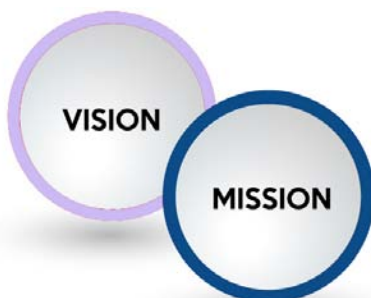
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### 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

*Ecclesiasticus 27:30 -28:7*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 102:1-4, 9-12*

*The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

### SECOND READING

*Romans 14:7-9*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead

we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 13:34*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.*

*Alleluia!*

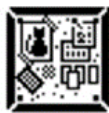
### GOSPEL

*Matthew 18:21-35*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

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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, 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, Kathleen Tiltman, Joseph Barry Kearsley, Lyn McCabe, Emily McCarthy, Josephine Proctor, Chloe Randabel, Charlie Nicolson, Miriam Kaye, Bill Sloan, Ella Sajj, Brenna Schneideman.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Ted Turner, Kevin Cousins, Adrian Langtry, Else Mary Egan, Robin Graham, Anne Sloan, Mary Siciliano

### THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



### MORNING TEA AFTER 11AM MASS Please bring your own cup as per Covid rules.

### GOOLWA INTER CHURCH REPORT.

A meeting was held on August 20th and it was good to see this group together again. Like us they all kept in contact with their members during lockdown and also like us are so pleased to have their churches re-open again. Christian Fellowship Church in Loveday St. is now in the process of rebuilding and extending their building. There is almost no chance of the pageant this year but the group will try to arrange a Christmas Carol and story night in one of the town's parks in December. It is also hoped the Council will agree to a nativity display in their window again this year.

### DEAR PARISHIONERS:

On your seat today you will find a package containing a Prayer Card. A letter enclosed in the package will explain what I am trying to achieve. It may inspire others to do something similar. Please take one or more of the packages and pass them on. Thank you, Tony Mawdsley

### Week 2: SEASON OF CREATION: FLOWERS

Thanks to all who contributed to our Blossom weekend. Liz Sunman and Anne Rose inspect the table at Victor. Please bring along your flowers and produce for this weekend.



*"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."*  
Pope Francis in Laudato Si

### KSC REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2020



All in our order, and indeed the entire parish, send our **deepest condolences to Tony Siciliano and his family on the sudden passing of Mary, beloved wife and mother last week.** Tony

and Mary have been active members of the Goolwa Catholic Community for almost 30 years now and as well Mary was a former parish secretary. Both enjoyed the highest respect in our order, with Mary giving Tony great support in being a knight, as well as regularly attending our social functions. We will certainly offer Tony any support he may request at this very difficult time. May her gentle soul rest in God's peace.

**We have called off our yearly luncheon** due to virus restraints but will look towards November for our social evening with members and their spouses. We still waiting to hear if Buntings have a date for us to conduct a **BBQ.**

Our latest **wine raffle** was won by a Victor parish member, who very kindly donated it back to us. Again thanks to all who supported it, as well as Mike and Marina O'Halloran who arranged tickets and sales. Thanks also to Robert Lee for getting the **45 club** running again. A great effort as he had just recovered from major surgery and had to make contact with many people who are away at the moment.

**Get Well wishes** also go to Bill Longworth.

### Anniversaries for September

Jim Brown, Joe O'Shaughnessy, Bernie Rush.

### THE NEXT MEETING OF THE KNIGHTS WILL BE HELD AT GOOLWA ON 16th SEPTEMBER AT 4PM

### FUNERAL OF ANNE SLOAN

Our parishioner Anne Sloan died during the week. Our deepest sympathy to her family and friends. Her funeral will be held on **Tuesday 15th September at 10.30 am at Victor Harbor.** There will be no 9.00 am Mass.

### BIRTHDAYS



**Peter Sampson's 80th birthday 14th September Best wishes Peter!!!**

**Rob Randabel-Williamson's 75th Birthday 14th September All the best Rob**

**Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson 13th Sept.**

**Tony Agius 14th September**

**Gabrielle Sylvester 16th September**



### PARISH COLLECTION 5th & 6th September

1st (Presbytery) \$1,031.50  
2nd (Parish) \$1,193.45

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 12th Sept

F. Harris & M. Davis

### 19th & 26th Sept

R. Munro & T. Clayton

### VICTOR MEET & GREET September Saturdays

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin

### September Sundays

H. Sampson & L. Sunman

### ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET September J. McInnes

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday. Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A**

*The Lord is kind and merciful;  
 slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
 all my being, bless His holy name  
 My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
 and never forget all His blessings.

It is He who forgives all your guilt,  
 who heals every one of your ills,  
 who redeems your life from the grave,  
 who crowns you with love and compas-  
 sion.

His wrath will come to an end;  
 He will not be angry for ever.  
 He does not treat us according to our sins  
 nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the  
 earth  
 so strong is His love for those who fear  
 Him  
 As far as the East is from the West  
 so far does He remove our sins.



**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**  
**Feast Day 15th September**

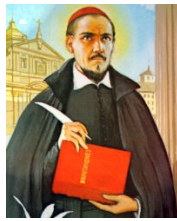
The principal biblical references to Mary's sorrows are in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26-27. The passage from Luke is Simon's prediction about a **sword piercing Mary's soul**;



the passage from John has **Mary standing at the foot of the Cross**. Many early Church writers interpret the sword as Mary's sorrows, especially as she watched Jesus die on the cross. Thus, the two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfilment. Later Christian piety spoke of "Our Lady of Sorrows". The Seven Sorrows or Dolours" was the title which referred to the seven swords that pierced the Heart of Mary.

**The feast was also known in earlier times as Our Lady of Compassion. Mary understands our pain. She too has experienced deep sorrow.**

**SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE**  
**Feast Day 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
**(1542 – 1621)**



St. Robert Bellarmine was born in Italy. He entered the Society of Jesus, finishing theological studies in Belgium. He occupied the chair of controversial theology in

Rome and defended the Holy See against anti-clericals, writing against prevailing heresies. His catechism, translated into many languages, spread world-wide the knowledge of Christian doctrine. He was Counsellor of Popes and spiritual director of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. He helped St. Francis de Sales obtain approval of the Visitation Order. A model of purity, humility and obedience, as Bishop and Cardinal he was an example of great love for his flock. He died in Rome, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1621. He was beatified in 1923; canonized in 1930, and in 1931 declared a doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XI.

*Catholic Culture*

**HOLY PLACES APPEAL**

This collection normally held on Good Friday, was rescheduled this year by Pope Francis due to the closure of churches over Holy Week due to Covid-19 restrictions. The new date is **Sunday, 13th September, 2020** just before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on 14th September.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to the local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Holy Places Appeal.

**VOCATIONS TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE**

are growing faster than any other vocation in the Church. The number of deacons is small but growing quickly. Records show there were 94 deacons in Australia in 2009-2010 and now there are 217, however the real growth has been in only a handful of dioceses, namely Adelaide, Sydney, Parramatta, Melbourne and Perth.

**Deacon Nick Kerr, of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish.**

**This Week : 12th & 13th September**

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**  
**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** C. Sutherland  
**R.2** B. Bullen

**E.M.** E. O'Connell

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**  
**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R1** M. Von Holst  
**R2** T. Hounslow

**E.M** A. Rose

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**  
**Commentator:** A. Fawkner

**R1** J. McInnes  
**R2** G. Byrne

**E.M.** C. Williams



**Next Week : 19th & 20th September**

**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** W. Baker

**E.M** M. Ferguson

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**  
**Commentator:** Marie Riddle

**R1** C. May  
**R2** K. O'Shea

**E.M.** S. Muller

## 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](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com)  
(*All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening*)

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Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt.

His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt.

And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The sum of ten thousand talents would have been an impossibly huge debt. A Jewish talent was made of silver weighing 43,620 grams!
- A debt of one hundred denarii was still a hefty sum. The denarius was a commonly used Roman coin made of silver weighing 3.64 grams. A denarius was the wage paid for one day's casual labour.
- The use of the word 'torturers' in this text is problematic. The Greek term is linked to the notion of 'tormentors'. It may be that the debtor's friends and relations would more vigorously try to raise the necessary funds if the culprit is undergoing torment but it may also be an eschatological reference given what follows in the next verse.

## SHARING THE TRADITION

In the life of the Church the sacrament which celebrates forgiveness is the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance. Baptism into the community of Christ included an element of forgiveness of sin, but what happened when one of the faithful sinned again after baptism? In the early Church they grappled with the problem of people who denounced their faith in the face of persecution or committed a grave offence like murder or adultery. How often were they to be forgiven and reinstated to the community? In those early centuries, forgiveness required a public confession and public penance like the wearing of sack-cloth and ashes. Gradually the Celtic monastic practice of having a spiritual guide became more popular. This was a person with whom one had regular contact and with whom one shared failings and concerns. From this practice, the sacrament of confession and administration of forgiveness and penance became more private and auricular (heard). This is now the norm of the Church except in exceptional circumstances.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 September)

- **Monday, 14:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Our Lady of Sorrows (Heb 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Sts Cornelius and Cyprian (1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35)
- **Thursday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50)
- **Friday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15)
- **Sunday 20:** 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16)

## 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).