



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

33rd Week in Ordinary Time
Year A

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

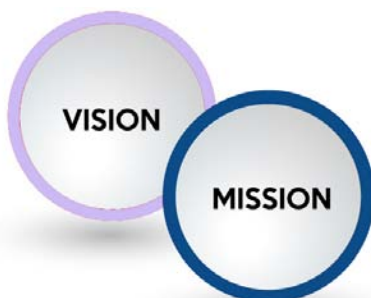
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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

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

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

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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

Jn 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

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

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THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER

INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve mankind.



EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH

LECTIO DIVINA is held each Sunday night at 5pm in the Annex.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.30pm. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Mondays 2.00-4.00pm. Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel Williamson 0402 341 071

ST JOAN'S MORNING TEA AFTER 11AM MASS Please bring your own cup as per Covid rules.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR RESIDENTS EMMANUEL CARE / VICTORIA HOUSE

In the next couple of weeks after weekend Masses, Maire Ryan at Goolwa and Margaret Chalmers at Victor Harbor will be handing out cards with suggestions for Christmas presents. A big thank you in anticipation. *Margaret Chalmers*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST JOAN'S ALTAR ROSTER

This involves simple cleaning tasks and flower arrangement (artificial flowers are available and vacuum cleaning is done by our cleaner). Husbands may like to join their wives or two friends might like to come together.

Phone Mary Ferguson on 0434 877 863.

MEETERS & GREETERS NEEDED

New volunteers are required for Saturday and Sunday Masses at St Joan's. Our thanks to Dawn McLaughlin and Helen Sampson for their great contribution.

NAME TAGS

A parishioner has commented that we are not wearing our name badges as much. We sometimes only see people once a week in church and sometimes our memories struggle for a name. Let us make it easier on ourselves and wear a name tag.

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

Barbara Bond, John Wallace, 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 Sajn, Brenna Schneideman, Peter Harris, Rhiannon Healey.

ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin and Dorothy Higgins, Reginald Meade, Frank Scriva, Andrew Cunningham.

PARISH COLLECTION 7th & 8th November

(Presbytery) \$834.80
2nd (Parish) \$1724.70

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

21st November

M. Von Holst & R. Kuske

28th November - 5th December

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

MORNING TEA

22nd November

A. Williss & A. Higham

29th November & 6th December

A. Temme & M. Chalmers

VICTOR MEET & GREET

November Saturdays

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin

November Sundays

R. Reid & H. Sampson

ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

November

A. Turner & J. McInnes

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2.00pm Wednesday. Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.



Please help make Christmas special for those in need in our local community.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

We can help by bringing donations of non-perishable food to place in the Christmas boxes provided in the Annex and porches at both Churches. Thank you!!!



VINNIES' CHRISTMAS APPEAL COLLECTION will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

You can help end poverty.

Your gift can transform the lives of Australian parents and children who are struggling with the pain of hunger and poverty. Your assistance helps provide food assistance, housing support and financial help.

Please give generously.



VOLUNTEER VACANCIES AT ST JOAN'S

If you are able to help out in the area of maintenance please contact

Peter Sampson (retiring Maintenance co-ordinator) 0427 795 503 .

GOOLWA INTERCHURCH NEWS

This weekend all Christian Church services in Goolwa will be offered to thank those who fought our fires last year as well as those involved with Covid -19 in their medical service. Let us give thanks to God for those who dedicate their lives to protecting us from harm.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL BOOK

A memorial book for the souls of the departed will be left at a table at the Church entrance for you to record the names of your loved ones. You do not need to repeat names listed in previous years. The book will be taken up to the altar at each Mass in November.

FAREWELL TO MARIA VON HOLST AND HELEN AND PETER SAMPSON

Sadly these three parishioners will be leaving us soon. A Parish farewell will be held at St Joan's after Mass on Sunday November 22nd. All welcome to share cuppa and cake.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

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.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoot of the olive,
around your table.

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.



ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY Feast Day Tuesday November 17th (1207 –1231)



St Elizabeth was the daughter of Andrew II, King of Hungary, and married to Duke Louis IV of Thuringia . In her short life, Elizabeth manifested such great love for the poor and suffering that she has become the patroness of Catholic charities and of the Secular Franciscan Order of which she became a member after the death of her husband. Elizabeth is perhaps best known for her miracle of the roses which says that whilst she was taking bread to the poor in secret, she met her husband Louis on a hunting party, who, in order to quell suspicions of the gentry that she was stealing treasure from the castle, asked her to reveal what was hidden under her cloak. In that moment, her cloak fell open and a vision of white and red roses could be seen, which proved to Louis that God's protecting hand was at work. Elizabeth died before her 24th birthday in 1231. Her great popularity resulted in her canonisation four years later.
Franciscan Media

GRANITE ISLAND WALK AND LUNCH
Sunday 15th November at 12.30pm. Meet at the Causeway Café and enjoy a walk and lunch on the Island. Phone Jutta Millar on 0407 692 452 if you are interested.



ST JOAN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY OUR FINAL CENTENARY EVENT

**COME ALONG AND JOIN IN
THE CELEBRATION!!!**

**FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER
6.00 for 6.30 \$15 per head**

1st course: Cold meats and salad
Dessert: Christmas Pudding and custard or
Fruit Salad and Icecream.
BYO glass and drinks
Tea and coffee provided

BOOK BY FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Either phone Colleen Pearsons on
8552 2645 or put your name down
on the sheet in porch.

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IN THE TEMPLE Feast Day Saturday 21st November



When Mary was 3 years old her parents Anna and Joachim offered her to God in the Temple. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvellous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. *Franciscan Media*

BIRTHDAYS

Anne Turner - Nov. 16th
Happy birthday Anne!
And congratulations to Faye Harris who celebrates her 80th birthday on Nov. 19th.

Birthday blessings to you both!



ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

You are invited to attend an SA Termination of Pregnancy 2020 Information Night at Fleurieu Family Church, 54 Hill St, Port Elliot on Wednesday 18th November at 7.00pm. Bookings are essential. RSVP to Ali at mail@fleurieufamilychurch.com.au. For more information see the notice on the noticeboard in the foyer.

This Week : 14th & 15th November.

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm
Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Farmer
R.2 B. Bullen
E.M. E. O'Connell
C.R. J. Murray

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am
Commentator: P. O'Brien

R1. R. Klecko
R2 T. Hounslow
E.M A. Weygood
C.R. P. Chigwidden & M. Taylor

GOOLWA Sunday 9am
Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 L. Healey
R2 K. O'Shea
E.M. M. Ryan



Next Week : 21st & 22nd Nov.

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm
Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 L. Blacket
R.2 C. Sutherland
E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy
C.R. M. Tuckey

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am
Commentator: F. Hanna

R1. J. Tregagle
R2 L. Sunman
E.M K. Howard
C.R. P. Chigwidden & M. Taylor

GOOLWA Sunday 9am
Commentator: D. Huppertz

R1 A. Fawkner
R2 K. Fawkner
E.M. T. Siciliano

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.

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084; in an emergency - 0429 098 802)
Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• PARISH MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• 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*)

• PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
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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.”

DID YOU KNOW?

- A Jewish talent was a very substantial sum of money. A shekel contained about 14.5g of silver; a *talent* contained more than 43,000g! It was about the price of an ox.
- Being an absentee landlord was as common in the time of Jesus as it was in later history.
- The ‘talents’ are not equally distributed. In God’s plan all are endowed with different ‘talents’ so that we will recognise our need for each other and practice generosity, kindness and the sharing of the abilities we have.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(16 - 22 November)

- **Monday, 16:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Apoc 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43)
- **Tuesday, 17:** St Elizabeth of Hungary (Apoc 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10)
- **Wednesday, 18:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Apoc 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28)
- **Thursday, 19:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Apoc 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44)
- **Friday, 20:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Apoc 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48)
- **Saturday, 21:** The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (Apoc 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40)
- **Sunday 22:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46)

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).