

Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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

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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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FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father; Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17-27

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved.

Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. (Continued page 4)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all



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

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

PARISH COLLECTION 1st & 2nd February

1st (Presbytery) \$1100.50
2nd (Parish) \$1210.55

VICTOR MORNING TEA

16th February
H. & R. Kuske
23rd Feb & 1st March
J. Andrews & J. Whitbread

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

15th February
M. Von Holst & R. Kuske
22nd & 29th February
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons
7th & 14th March
M. Davis & F. Harris

VICTOR MEET & GREET

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

ST JOAN'S CHOIR :

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.



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  this **Wednesday 19th February** at 10.15 after the 9.30 Mass. Bring your friends. It is an Ecumenical Service.]

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.**

K S C NEWS FEBRUARY 2020

At our meeting we remembered our recently deceased member **Phil Burns** with gratitude for his outstanding service.

We now have **an executive** to look after any urgent issues. It is made up of Paul Kennelly (chair) Bill Longworth (vice Chairman) Mike O'Halloran (secretary) and Peter Sullivan (treasurer).

We will not be holding a St Pat's night this year due to the 100 year celebrations of St Joan's However on **Wed March 18th we will have a social and dinner at the South Lakes Golf club.** On this night the club has a 3 course dinner for \$25. When booking we ask a \$5 payment for our raffle with 3 great prizes to win. Transport available for those who may require it.

Bunnings BBQ on Saturday May 2nd from 8 am till 4 pm. We may ask for some other people in the parish to assist us.

Members' anniversaries for February: Peter McInnes, Frank Refchange and Wally West.

The **next Knights' meeting** is on Thursday Feb. 19 at Victor Harbor at 4 pm

CENTENARY NEWS

FINAL NOTICE RE CATERING

Pat Clingan has almost finished arranging who will bring what. If you have volunteered to bring something but have not been contacted by Pat can you

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO RING or TEXT her on 0410 593 617.

Please do not bring anything without first checking with Pat. *Many thanks to those who have already organised their contribution..*

MEDIA

Getting the message out about our Centenary is a difficult task as there are always many other events to fill our newspapers. Meredith Cunningham undertook to liaise with the media, in particular with *The Times* and the *Southern Cross* and due to her contacts and persistence has managed to secure many published articles. **Meredith's latest article is in the February Southern Cross which is on sale now. She is also arranging a display in our local library.** Well done Meredith

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.

PLENARY COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS

This weekend we are featuring the submissions sent by the Parish Pastoral Council. See insert.



FAREWELL TO

MARGARET AND LEN FRACEK

Margaret and Len have sold their house and are moving to Adelaide soon. All are invited to a farewell cuppa and cake for them after the 11.00 Mass on Sunday 23rd February.





RESPONSORIAL PSALM 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do His will, seeking Him with all their hearts.

You have laid down Your precepts to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey Your statutes.

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey Your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of Your Law.

Teach me the demands of Your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe Your law, to keep it with my heart.



ST PETER DAMIAN Bishop and Doctor Feast Day February 21st (988 – 1072)



St. Peter Damian must be numbered among the truly extraordinary persons of all times. In Damian the scholar, we admire wealth of wisdom: in

Damian the preacher of God's word, apostolic zeal; in Damian the monk, austerity and self-denial; in Damian the priest, piety and zeal for souls; in Damian the cardinal, loyalty and submission to the Holy See together with generous enthusiasm and devotion for the good of Mother Church. Franciscan Media

CHAIR of ST PETER Feast Day February 22nd



Although there is an actual chair attributed to St Peter this chair refers to the occupant, not the furniture. Its first occupant stumbled a

bit, denying Jesus three times and hesitating to welcome Gentiles into the new Church. Some of its later occupants have also stumbled a bit, sometimes even failed scandalously. As individuals, we may sometimes think a particular pope has let us down. Still, the office endures as a sign of the long tradition we cherish and as a focus for the universal Church.

WRITE TO GOD DURING LENT

Following a suggestion from a parishioner who found it a very meaningful exercise, we are offering parishioners the chance to write a letter to God during Lent. It could be an apology, it could be a complaint, it could be a request, it could be a thank you, it could be about anything at all of concern to you. At both locations there will be a sealed box left at the back of the church before each weekend Mass where we can "post" our letter. The box will be then taken up to the altar during Mass and kept safely in the sacristy until the following week. Letters can be anonymous. You might like to put your letter into a sealed envelope although this is not essential. The boxes with the letters will be burnt during the Easter ceremonies. God is always waiting to hear from us. *"Ask and you shall receive, knock and the door will be opened, seek and you shall find"* Matt 7:7.

FATHER TOM'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

You are invited to a shared picnic lunch in Kelly Grove at **St Joseph's Willunga** to help celebrate Fr Tom Gleeson's 80th birthday, following 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's on Sunday 23 February.

For more details please contact Sr Margaret Ann Connelly (0488 287 552) or Gael Maloney (0447 421 948).

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

FIRST COMMUNITY DAY 2020

You are invited to a day of reflection on

Grief, the Environment and Jesus

Date: Sunday, March 1, 2020

Place: St Joseph's Parish Hall, St George's St, **Willunga**

Time: 9.30am - 3.00pm

You may wish to join in the parish Mass in St Joseph's Church at 8:30am

Please bring something to share for lunch and morning tea.

Tea and coffee provided.

This 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. J. Tregeagle

R.2 J. Randabel-Williamson

E.M P. Clingan, M. Von Holst, 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.



Next Week : 22nd & 23rd February

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Ryan

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. M. Farmer, E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. P. Chigwidden

R.2 F. Hanna

E.M P. Clingan, M. Von Holst, A. Rose, M. Taylor, L. Sunman.

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: D. Huppertz

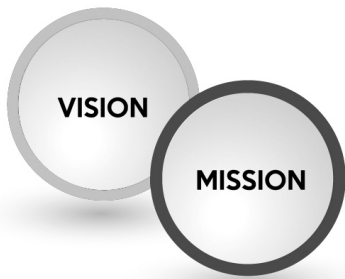
R1 R. Lee

R2 L. Longworth

E.M. K. Fawkner, A. Fawkner, B. Longworth, S. Muller, J. McInnes

**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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‘You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother “Fool” he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him “Renegade” he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

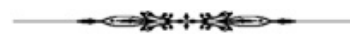
‘You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

‘It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal.* But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.* But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God’s throne; or by the earth, since that is his foot-stool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

DID YOU KNOW?

- Two of the major divisions of the Jewish Scriptures are the Law (comprising the first five books of the Old Testament, the Hebrew Torah) and the Prophets (nebi'im in Hebrew). The other major division is known as the Writings (ketubim in Hebrew) and comprises the Wisdom literature of Israel, including such books as the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job and Ruth.
- The Pharisees were a group of very pious Jews who observed all the laws of Israel. They are often depicted in the gospels as overly legalistic or even hypocritical, but this is probably an unfair depiction that has been influenced by the events surrounding the separation of the early Christians from the mainstream Jewish religion after the destruction of the temple in AD 70.
- The origin of the term scribes is unclear and seems to cover a variety of functions and bureaucratic officers. The term does not seem to denote a group with particular religious beliefs but, rather, learned men more generally. During the time of Jesus, they were probably influential in the temple and at various levels of government.



THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(17 - 23 February)

- **Monday, 17:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (James 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (James 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (James 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26)
- **Thursday, 20:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (James 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33)
- **Friday, 21:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (James 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34-9:1)
- **Saturday, 22:** The Chair of St Peter (1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19)
- **Sunday 23:** 7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48)

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).