

# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

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

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

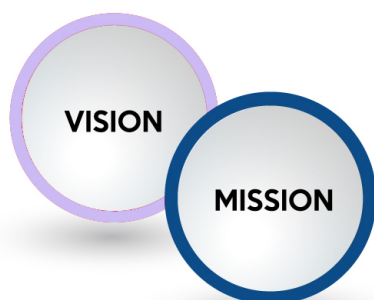
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### 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

*Isaiah 45:1, 4-6*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

‘It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.’

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 95:1, 3-5, 7-10*

*Give the Lord glory and honour.*

## SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our

prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Phil 2:15-16*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:15-21*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you.

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# Bulletin Board

## 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 Sajin,  
Brenna Schneideman.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Robert Gunson

## ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Hope

## PARISH COLLECTION 10th & 11th October

(Presbytery) \$861.00  
2nd (Parish) \$1,309.65

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 17th & 24th October

G. Woodhead & H. Sampson

## MORNING TEA 17th & 24th October

M. Cunningham & A. Wright

## VICTOR MEET & GREET October Saturdays

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin

## October Sundays

W. Baker. & J. Schultz

## ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

## GOOLWA MEET & GREET October

P. Kennelly & B Longworth

## ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

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

## THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: OCTOBER

### The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



## MORNING TEA AFTER 11AM MASS

Please bring your own cup as per Covid rules.

## 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

## GOOLWA SOCIAL AND PASTORAL CARE GROUP

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20th October at 1.30 pm** at the Church, a week later than usual. Since our last meeting when we only had four attending, some have expressed interest in giving support and we hope numbers will be much better at this meeting. We meet on a bi-monthly basis, and meetings usually last about an hour. If you feel you would like to get involved we would love to see you come along.

## ST JOAN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

A number of the memorial stones have a small tile adhered at the centre. These represent reserved sites in accordance with parish office records. Everyone who has reserved a site should have been given a certificate titled "Parish memorial garden reservation, St Joan of Arc, Victor Harbor" This is an important document and should be kept with documents such as a will. I'm aware of some parishioners who believe they have a reservation but do not have any documentation. Please contact the Parish Manager if this is your situation.

Peter Sampson, Caretaker

## CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL MONTH

### Arrupe Welcome Centre

Help empower people with disability like Chen! At just 16 years old, Chen's life changed in a moment when he stood on a landmine that took both of his legs. With his family already struggling to make ends meet, they were unsure if they would be able to

provide the necessary care for Chen. Thankfully, Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, known to most as Bishop Kike, offered a lifeline, which has opened up many doors for Chen. The Arrupe Centre, established by Bishop Kike in north-western Cambodia in 2001, has been a home for many people, especially children, with disability – helping to empower them and offer opportunities they might otherwise not have. **However, there are many more children like Chen who rely on the support and care that the Arrupe Centre provides. By donating today, you can help restore dignity and empower people living with a disability, like Chen.**

There are envelopes available on the seats this weekend or you can donate online: [catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia](http://catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia)



## VOLUNTEER VACANCIES AT ST JOAN'S

Late November/early December the position of Maintenance co-ordinator will become vacant. To simplify the filling of this position it is proposed to split the current responsibilities into three separate functions i.e. three different positions.

1. Maintenance co-ordinator: To maintain the buildings, gardens and grounds, with the assistance of the team and trades people as needed.
2. Memorial Garden Caretaker: Preparation and closure of ashes interments, maintain the memorial garden area, liaise with the Parish Priest and Parish Managers.
3. Church and Presbytery council bins: put out on the street kerb every Monday for pick up on Tuesday, in accordance with the City Council collection programme.

For further information contact Peter Sampson (retiring Maintenance co-ordinator) 0427 795 503

## BIRTHDAYS

Anne Fawcner 19th October  
Brian Bullen 21st October  
Happy Birthday !!





## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A**  
*Give the Lord glory and honour.*

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations His glory  
and His wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of His name.  
Bring an offering and enter His courts.



## SAINT JOHN PAUL II, POPE Feast Day 22nd October (1920 – 2005)



Karol Jozef Wojtyla was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. After ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to

Poland and resumed pastoral and academic tasks. He became first auxiliary bishop and, in 1964, Archbishop of Krakow and took part in the Second Vatican Council. On 16 October 1978 he was elected pope and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. Among the many fruits which he has left as a heritage to the Church are above all his rich Magisterium and the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as well as the Code of Canon Law for the Latin Church and for the Eastern Churches. He survived an attempt on his life in 1981 and forgave his would-be assassin. No other Pope met as many people as Pope John Paul II. More than 17.6 million pilgrims attended over 1160 of his Wednesday General Audiences. He died in Rome, peacefully in the Lord, 2 April 2005. John Paul II was beatified in Saint Peter's Square on 1 May 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI, his immediate successor. *Catholic Culture*

## OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY



The Rosary is a **Christ-centred meditation** setting forth the entire life of Jesus Christ, the passion, death, resurrection and glory. The Rosary honours and contemplates Mary too, and

rightly so. "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she". (Mediator Dei).

Meditation on this cycle of Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries **makes the Rosary "a summary of the Gospel and of Christian life."** So the Rosary stands revealed as a wonderful teacher and nurturer of Christian faith, morality, and the spiritual life, fostering in various ways faith, hope, charity, and the other virtues, and mediating special graces, all to the end that we may become more and more like Christ. *Mariology, J.B. Carol, OFM*

## RESEARCH PROJECT

Australian Catholics who normally attended Sunday Mass before COVID-19 restrictions are being invited to take part in a research project exploring the psychological impact of church closures.

Philippa Martyr, a Perth Catholic completing a graduate diploma in Psychology at Monash University in Western Australia, is studying the effect that the nationwide dispensation of Sunday obligation and ongoing Mass restrictions has had on the fewer than 10 per cent of Catholics who go to Mass. The survey is open to all practising Catholics – including clergy and religious – over the age of 18.

To complete Ms Martyr's survey, go to [https://monash.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_43f3xmKU1xa0S1](https://monash.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_43f3xmKU1xa0S1)

## FR VINH'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Fr Vinh will be on retreat all next week. In his absence Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will replace weekday Masses.

## THE ANNEX

Please ensure that lights and taps are turned off in the toilets before locking up.

## This Week : 17th & 18th October

### VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** L. Blacket  
**R.2** C. Sutherland

**E.M.** M. Farmer  
**C.R.** E. O'Connell

### VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

**Commentator:** W. Baker

**R.1** R. Klecko  
**R.2** T. Hounslow

**E.M** P. Clingan  
**C.R.** P. Chigwidden, M. Taylor

### GOOLWA Sunday 9am

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R1** M. O'Halloran  
**R2** R. Lee

**E.M.** M. Ryan



## Next Week : 24th & 25th October

### VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** B. Bullen  
**R.2** J. Ryan

**E.M.** J. Jeffrey  
**C.R.** J. Murray

### VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R1.** J. Tregeagle  
**R2** A. Rose

**E.M** K. Howard  
**C.R.**

### GOOLWA Sunday 9am

**Commentator:** P. Kennelly

**R1** V. Scriva  
**R2** E. Bourne

**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

32 Seaview Road (PO Box 464)  
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Web: [www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au](http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au)

## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

### • PARISH PRIEST

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### • PARISH MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)  
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
Email: [Parish\\_manager@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_manager@bigpond.com)

### • 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)

### • PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)  
Email: [Parish\\_treasure@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_treasure@bigpond.com)

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Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The Herodians are mentioned only three times in the New Testament as a group within Jewish society (Mk 3:6; Mk 12:13; Mt 22:16). In all three texts they are aligned with the Pharisees in trying to entrap Jesus. They may have been supporters of the rule and policies of Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruler of Galilee during Jesus' lifetime.
- The first 'Caesar' was Gaius Julius Caesar, a Roman general, who emerged from the civil wars as the sole ruler of the Empire in 45 BC. After his murder the following year, his grand-nephew Octavian (Augustus) took over as ruler and adopted the name Caesar. From then onwards all rulers of the Empire were known as 'Caesar'. The Caesar during Jesus' public ministry was Tiberias.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

This was an interesting question posed to Jesus - in today's Gospel. Given the political and religious structures of the society in which he lived, this was a no-win situation! Jews were required to pay a denarius (a day's wage) to the Roman overlords and were also required to pay a half-shekel (a standard silver coin) tax towards the running of the Temple. If Jesus had answered 'yes', he could have been accused of betraying his religious duty. If he had answered 'no', he could have been reported to the Roman

authorities for inciting others not to pay their taxes. This was a trick indeed. Jesus' answer makes clear that there are obligations to the State for any citizen but also makes clear that there are obligations to God. The coin bears Caesar's image and therefore belongs to him, but the whole of creation bears the imprint of God. The first loyalty of all created things is therefore to God.

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

- At first reading, we may be tempted to think that Jesus is separating religious behaviour from political or economic behaviour. A closer reading, however, shows that this is not the case. While Jesus gives due weight to civic and political duties, his instruction to 'Give to God what is God's' reminds us that there is no aspect of human life or activity that can be considered apart from God. To seek and honour God, the believer must work within the world.
- What belongs to God in your life? What are our duties towards the State?

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(19 - 25 October)

- **Monday, 19:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21)
- **Tuesday, 20:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38)
- **Wednesday, 21:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48)
- **Thursday, 22:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53)
- **Friday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59)
- **Saturday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9)
- **Sunday 25:** 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40)

## 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).