



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

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

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

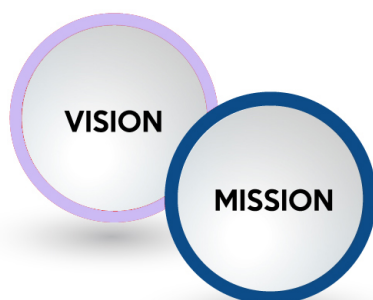
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### 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 55:6-9**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18**

*The Lord is near to all who call him.*

### SECOND READING

**Philippians 1:20-24, 27**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but

for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Acts 16:14**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

**Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered.

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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 Sajin,  
Brenna Schneideman.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

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.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Thursday 24th Sept after the 9am Mass at Victor.  
New members welcome.

## EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH LECTIO DIVINA is held each Sunday night at 6pm 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 on 0402 341 071.



## SEASON OF CREATION

Week 3  
HERBS

Thanks to all who contributed to our Flower weekend including some wonderful produce. **Next week we will celebrate Native flowers and animals.**  
*"Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations."* Pope Francis in Laudato Si

## 45 Club Series 3

"Thank you to all those who successfully contributed to the 45 Club Series 3. The draw has been made and copies are on the notice boards in both churches. The first draw is on Saturday 26 September. Good luck and thank you".

## BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Peake 90  
23rd September  
Jenny Jeffery 80  
this week.



CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!!

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL



Dear Sisters and Brothers,  
I thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities. It is because of you that Catholic Charities can support the

agencies that:

- Empower men and women dealing with homelessness, domestic violence and mental illness.
- Provide dedicated teachers at our two special schools.
- Provide accommodation and respite care for adults and young people living with intellectual disabilities.
- Reach out to members of our community who may be lonely and welcome them as part of the vibrant Aboriginal Catholic community.
- Help members of the Catholic Deaf Community to learn and understand about God and their own faith. Thank you for your generosity. By supporting Catholic Charities, we can ensure that these important works continue to flourish and grow. In Domino, + Patrick O'Regan Archbishop of Adelaide

**You will find envelopes on the seats. Please return them next week. You can also give online at: <https://www.givenow.com.au/catholiccharities>**

**THERE WILL ALSO BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION ON 26TH/ 27TH SEPTEMBER**

## NEW PORT PIRIE BISHOP

Bishop-elect Karol Kulczycki is expected to arrive back in Australia from Poland at the end of next month to take responsibility for the vast Pt Pirie diocese. Stretching from Uluru to Port Lincoln and from the Western Australian border to the River Murray, the diocese is three times the size of Poland. Born in Poland in 1966, Fr Kulczycki was ordained to the priesthood in Trzebinia in 1994 and is currently based in Poland. He spent 21 years serving the Church in Western Australia, including in parish ministry, as vocations director and as a college chaplain.



"God is working in mysterious ways in my life. Firstly, calling me unexpectedly to religious and priestly life; secondly, directing my heart to serve Him in Australia and now serving Him and His people in the Port Pirie Diocese

"Serving in different ministries and places in Western Australia gave me a bit of understanding of the beauty and vastness of the Australian land.

"I love the Australian Outback. Of course, it will take a bit of time for me to know the land, people, parishes, schools and other ministries."

## PARISH COLLECTION 12th & 13th September

1st (Presbytery)	\$774.00
2nd (Parish)	\$1,285.35
Holy Land	\$512.80

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

### 19th & 26th Sept

R. Munro & T. Clayton

### 3rd & 10th October

P. Mezzino, E. O'Shaughnessy

## 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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

*The Lord is near to all who call Him.*

I will bless You day after day  
and praise Your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
His greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all His creatures.

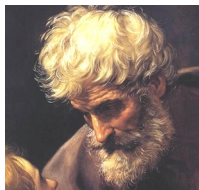
The Lord is just in all His ways  
and loving in all His deeds.  
He is close to all who call Him,  
who call on Him from their hearts.



## SAINT MATTHEW

Feast Day 21st September

Matthew was a publican, that is, a tax-collector for the Romans. Publicans were regarded by the Pharisees as



sinners, not allowed to trade, eat, or pray with other Jews. One day, while Matthew was seated at his table of books and money, Jesus looked at him and said two words: "Follow me." Matthew rose, leaving his pieces of silver to follow Christ. His new name in Christ, Matthew, means "Gift of God." St. Matthew was the first to put down in writing our Lord's teaching and the account of His life. He wrote his Gospel in Aramaic, the language that our Lord spoke and was written to convince the Jews that their Messiah had come in the person of Jesus. The only other outstanding mention of Matthew in the Gospels is the dinner party for Christ and His companions to which he invited his fellow tax-collectors. The Jews were surprised to see Jesus with a publican, but Jesus explained that he had come "not to call the just, but sinners."

Not much else is known about Matthew. According to tradition, he preached in Egypt and Ethiopia and further places east. *Catholic Culture, Franciscan Media*

## SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

(Padre Pio)

Feast Day 23rd September

(1887 – 1968)



Padre Pio, a farmer's son, was born in the Italian village of Pietrelcina. He joined the Capuchin Friars at sixteen and was ordained a priest in 1910. For fifty years at the monastery

of San Giovanni Rotondo he was a much sought after spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor who devoted his life to the Eucharist and prayer. While praying before a cross on September 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata. He is the first priest ever to be so blessed. Today there are over 400,000 members worldwide in prayer groups begun by Padre Pio in the 1920s.

In 1956 he founded the House for the Relief of Suffering, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968 at age 81.

*Catholic Culture*

## PARISH FINANCES

Dear Parishioners

When the Parish sent out your new Planned Giving envelopes at the beginning of July, you were advised that the **Parish Income** would be reviewed to determine the impact of the closure of the church during March, April and May as a result of Covid 19 restrictions.

I am delighted to report that our **Year to Date Planned Giving Income** as at 31st July was \$33,120 against a YTD Budget of \$34,120 (-\$1000).

**This is a wonderful result and our sincere congratulation and thanks to you all** for continuing your contribution to the Planned Giving Program.

Some Parishioners chose the direct debit option, others gave via the Archdiocese website and the remainder delivered their envelopes to the Parish Office Box – **a great commitment.**

As a result the Parish was able to meet ongoing expenses as well as install Solar Panels on the annex at St Joan of Arc and the Presbytery.

Thank you once again. God Bless you.  
Helen Taylor  
Chair Parish Finance Committee.

## This 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



## Next Week : 26th & 27th September

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

Commentator: F. Hanna

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 J. Randabel-Williamson

E.M. J. Jeffery

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

Commentator: R. Klecko

R1 J. Tregeagle

R2 T. Hounslow

E.M. A. Weygood

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 J. McMahon

R2 M. O'Halloran

E.M. M. Ryan

## 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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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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He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

## DID YOU KNOW?

- In the Greco-Roman world, casual labourers used to gather in the agora or town-square waiting for employers to hire them.
- In the early Church there was sometimes a jealousy between those who had believed in the risen Christ from the earliest days and thus suffered persecution for their faith and those, especially Gentiles, who came to belief later on.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel offers yet another challenge to human ideas about what is just and reveals the generosity of God. The Master makes a point of having those who came last, paid first. One must imagine the queue, with the newly arrived workers at the head and those tired from a full day's labour watching as the late-comers are paid in full. In many ways, the audience is drawn into sharing their disappointment and indignation. If those employed early had been at the head of the queue, they would have gone off happy with their contracted wage.

The problem arises only when they see the late-comers reaping the same reward. This is an indication of a problem which has arisen in Matthew's community. Those Jewish Christians who have risked all and believed from the beginning, are now seeing the new-comers to faith being offered the same reward. Jesus' answer is simple: the kingdom is God's. God can do as he likes and what God chooses is to welcome all and offer reward to all who come to belief, no matter at what stage.

## LIVING THE WORD

The 'vineyard' in the Hebrew Scriptures always referred to Israel, the people of God, while the 'master' was God himself. This parable would have been clearly understood to be about being gathered into God's people and who was welcomed into the kingdom. The unbounded generosity of God is highlighted.

- In what ways are we able to offer generosity to new-comers in our parish or local area?
- What welcoming ministries exist in our parish for those who move into the area or for new migrants?
- Who are the people in our society who are in need of generosity and welcome?

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS (21 - 27 September)

- **Monday, 21:** St Matthew (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13)
- **Tuesday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 23:** St Pius of Pietrelcina (Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-06)
- **Thursday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9)
- **Friday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22)
- **Saturday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 11:9 - 12:8; Lk 9:43-35)
- **Sunday 27:** 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32)

## 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).