

Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

A living, vibrant
faith community

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VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

• PARISH TREASURER

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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

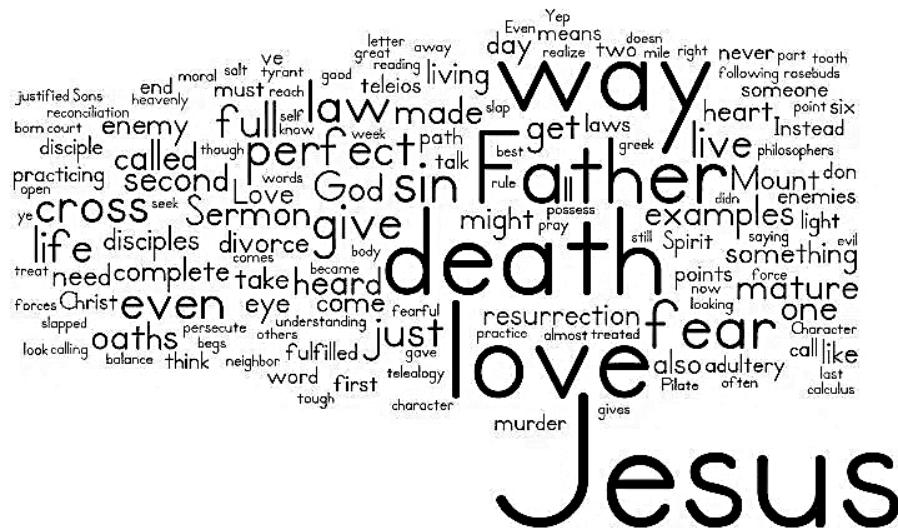
Sunday 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159
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Parish Office (Victor Harbor 8552 1084)



FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said:
‘Speak to the whole community of
the sons of Israel and say to them:

“Be holy, for I, the Lord your God,
am holy.

“You must not bear hatred for your
brother in your heart. You must
openly tell him, your neighbour, of
his offence; this way you will not
take a sin upon yourself. You must
not exact vengeance, nor must you
bear a grudge against the children of
your people. You must love your
neighbour as yourself. I am the
Lord.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were
God's temple and that the Spirit of
God was living among you? If
anybody should destroy the temple
of God, God will destroy him,
because the temple of God is sacred;
and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one
of you thinks of himself as wise, in
the ordinary sense of the word, then
he must learn to be a fool before he
really can be wise. Why? Because

the wisdom of this world is
foolishness to God. As scripture
says: *The Lord knows wise men's
thoughts: he knows how useless they
are; or again: God is not convinced
by the arguments of the wise.* So
there is nothing to boast about in
anything human: Paul, Apollos,
Cephas, the world, life and death, the
present and the future, are all your
servants; but you belong to Christ
and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.*

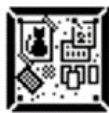
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have
learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye
and tooth for tooth.* But I say this to
you: offer the wicked man no
resistance. On the contrary, if anyone
hits you on the right cheek, offer him
the other as well; if a man takes you
to law and would have your tunic, let
him have your cloak as well. And if
anyone orders you to go one mile, go
two miles with him. Give to anyone
who asks, and if anyone wants to
borrow, do not turn away.

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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, 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, 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 15th & 16th February

1st (Presbytery) \$1179.65
2nd (Parish) \$1545.60

VICTOR MORNING TEA 1st March

J. Andrews & J. Whitbread
8th & 15th March
M. Cunningham & A. Wright

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 29th February

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons
7th & 14th March
M. Davis & F. Harris

VICTOR MEET & GREET February Saturdays

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

ST JOAN'S CHOIR :

Practice time is 10.30am each

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

Our prayer service is held on the third Wednesday of each month. The next one will be held on **Wednesday 18th March** at 10.15 after the 9.30 Mass.

GARDENING AND MAINTENANCE GROUP GOOLWA

On the first Tuesday of each month we need helpers at 9.30 to maintain the church gardens and surrounds . The more volunteers the better .



Please keep this date in your diary. Next meeting Tuesday March 4th. Tony Siciliano.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Thursday 27th February at Victor Harbor after the 9am Mass.

GOOLWA INTER CHURCH NEWS

Our meeting was held Thursday Feb. 13th. A brief summary of topics follows.

Christmas pageant Float was a success as well as nativity play held afterwards but more walkers needed to follow the float.

Messy Church The next service is at St. John's Goolwa on March 15 at 3.30 pm.

Christmas Day lunch at Anglican hall great success with 60 people attending. So many offered to help that people were turned away. Christmas spirit alive in Goolwa!

Healing Room At Uniting Church in Room 2 on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. A prayerful support for all people with physical and mental struggles in life.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY IN LENT

GOOLWA 3PM
VICTOR 5PM

CENTENARY NEWS

Two garden projects have been part of the Centenary preparation:



Project One: Centenary vines

White and red table grape varieties have been planted along the trellis fence on the north side of the church as a special Centenary project. Thanks to Rachela Caiapich for the idea, her brother John for sourcing these, Fr Vinh for planting and nurturing them (John has been passing on the finer points of vine-growing) and our thanks to the late Ian Reid for his consultancy role in this enterprise.



Project Two: Church Garden

Thanks to Colleen Pearsons and Peter Sampson for their work in the front garden. Colleen has updated and maintained an attractive garden of roses, low shrubs, Australian natives and bulbs. Peter looks after the new Memorial Garden with its archway which provides a focus for the area. A special thanks to Will Hayles who keeps the area tidy, sweeping up leaves and other debris.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

GOOLWA: 9.30AM
VICTOR: 7.00PM



The ashes are put on our foreheads in the sign of the Cross with the words:

Repent (change your hearts) and believe the Good News (of God's love).

GOSPEL REFLECTION DURING LENT

This year we are using the Lenten Program, "Grace" from Wollongong. There are reflections for every day of the week with special focus on the Gospel of each Sunday. The booklets are \$10.00 each. You are invited to attend one of two Lenten discussions as follows :



Victor Harbor Tues 25th Feb. 10.00am after Mass

Goolwa Fri 29th Feb at 2.00pm before Stations of the Cross

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord is kind and merciful.

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 the Lord 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
compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

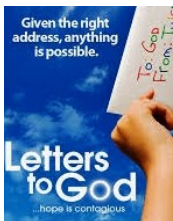
As far as the East is from the West
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear Him.



WRITE TO GOD DURING LENT

Take time during Lent to sit down and write a letter to God. 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 Churches there will be a sealed box left in the foyer 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. The boxes with the letters will be burnt during the Easter ceremonies. **God always wants to hear from you.** "Ask and you shall receive, knock and the door will be opened, seek and you shall find" *Matt 7:*



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This Ecumenical event takes place on Friday March 6:

GOOLWA at 1.00pm at Uniting Church,
organised by



World Day of Prayer
AUSTRALIA

Goolwa Christian fellowship.

VICTOR HARBOR at 1.30pm at the Lutheran Church.

The theme this year is

Rise! Take your mat and walk!

Come and join with other Churches to support people in ZIMBABWE.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Boxes and envelopes at back of Church

Support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. Your gener-



osity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

FAREWELL TO MARGARET AND LEN FRACEK

Dear Margaret and Len, our thanks for all the ways you have contributed to our parish, among other things through your membership of the St Vincent de Paul Conference and the Victor Pastoral Care Group, for your contribution to the Bulletin/Encounter and for your personal kindness to many of us. We wish you well in your new life. We will miss you. **All parishioners are invited to a farewell cuppa and cake for Margaret and Len after the 11.00 Mass on this Sunday 23rd February.**

KNIGHT LIFE

Make sure you examine the most recent newsletter of the Knights of the Southern Cross. There are copies in the foyer of both Churches. Phil Burns is featured on the front cover and Paul Kennelly has written a wonderful tribute to Phil.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Ash Wednesday
St Vincent de Paul Meeting
Stations of the Cross
Lenten Discussion Groups

This 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. Huppatz

R1 R. Lee
R2 L. Longworth

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



Next Week : 29th Feb. & 1st March

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 J. Jeffery
R.2 C. Sutherland
E.M. M. Farmer, E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : R. Klecko

R.1. S. Duong
R.2 T. Hounslow

E.M R. Kuske, L. Sunman, P. Clingan, K. Howard, A. Weygood.

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

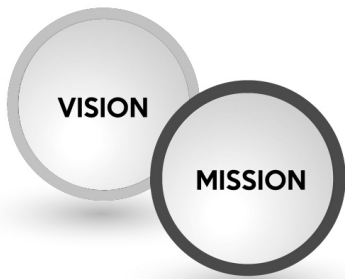
Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1 J. McMahon
R2 D. McMahon

E.M. L. Healey, T. Siciliano, J. Ryan, M. Ryan, Marie Riddle.

**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: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’



FIRST COMMUNITY DAY 2020

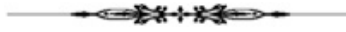


Grief, the Environment and Jesus

You are invited to a Day of Reflection

Date: Sunday, March 1
Place: St Joseph's Parish Hall, St George's Street, Willunga
Time: 9.30am - 3.00pm
(You may wish to join in the Parish Mass in St Joseph's at 8.30am)

Please bring something to share for lunch and morning tea. Tea and coffee provided. All are welcome.
Any queries, please contact:
Clare - clarealiceh@gmail.com or
Fr Tom - tegleeson@bigpond.com



DID YOU KNOW?

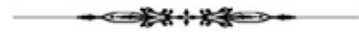
- ‘An eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth.’ This notion of justice and retribution from the Old Testament is often misunderstood. Rather than a dire punishment aimed at vengeance, it is in fact a way of limiting retribution. In effect, Old Testament law on this point says that you may not extract more punishment than was inflicted.

- In Jesus' time, a Roman soldier had the right to command any man to carry his kit one mile but no further.
- Tax collectors were reviled by the Jews because they cooperated with the Romans and collected Roman taxes on their behalf. Because of their association with Gentiles, they were considered unclean.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel continues the theme of going beyond what is required by law, but here Jesus takes the teaching much further. More than honouring the spirit of the law over the letter of the law, Jesus advocates what must have sounded like the ravings of a mad man to his hearers: don't just allow a person to strike you once; offer him the other cheek as well. If asked, don't just give away your tunic; give your cloak as well! Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. What was Jesus thinking?

It is the final verse of this text that gives us the clue to the meaning of this demanding passage. In essence, what Jesus is saying is that believers must emulate God's own actions. God is a God of total self-giving. God is a God of unbounded generosity, even to those who may not seem to deserve such magnanimity. God is a God whose love and self-giving embrace all, both the honest and the dishonest. The offer of the kingdom of heaven is open to all who seek to be God-like in their dealings with others.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(24 February - 01 March)

- **Monday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (James 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (James 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Ash Wednesday (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 27:** Thursday, after Ash Wed (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- **Friday, 28:** Friday, after Ash Wed (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- **Saturday, 29:** Saturday, after Ash Wed (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)
- **Sunday 30:** FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11)

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).