



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

### OUR VISION:

To build a faith community centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and communal parish activities.

### OUR MISSION IS TO:

- Develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God
- Provide Faith Formation opportunities
- Care for each other particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled
- Witness to God's love for our earthly common home and all its creatures that abound

### WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill
- Engage with young people
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future
- Strengthen bonds with First Nation peoples

## MASS TIMES

### VICTOR HARBOR

Weekend - Saturday 6.00pm;  
Sunday 11.00am.  
Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,  
Friday 9.00am

### GOOLWA

Weekend - Sunday 9.00am.  
Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

## RECONCILIATION

St Joan's, Victor Harbor - Saturday  
11am - 11.30am, or by appointment.



### FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 18:25-28*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 24:4-9*

*Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

### SECOND READING

*Philippians 2:1-11*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 10:27*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 21:28-32*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God

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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)

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Jeffery Family, Natalie Millar, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Ron Harris, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson, Jesse Walker, Richard Eisenkoeck, Monsignor Robert Aitken, Rose Munro, Bill Woodhead, Andrew Nichols.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Adrian Langtry,  
Joe O'Shaughnessy

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Dr. Nigel Quadros, Ken Tillson  
Mons Rob Egar, Dorothy Hobbs,  
Dorothy Wheatland

**PARISH COLLECTION**  
23rd & 24th September

1st (Presbytery) \$795.10  
2nd (Parish) \$975.95

**VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER**  
6th & 13th October

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons  
20th & 27th October  
W. & J. Baker, F. Hanna

**VICTOR MORNING TEA**  
1st October

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden  
8th October  
A. Temme & M. Chalmers

**VICTOR MEET & GREET**  
October Saturdays

M. Farmer & M. Tuckey  
October Sundays  
R. Reid & W. Baker

**GOOLWA MEET & GREET**  
October A. Turner

**GOOLWA MORNING TEA**  
October P. Kennelly,  
J. Dunthorne, M. O'Halloran

**ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP**

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.  
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER :**  
**FOR THE SYNOD :** We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



**LECTIO DIVINA GROUP**  
Sunday 5pm in the Annex.  
You are welcome to join this group to reflect on the Gospel of the day.  
Phone Carol Sutherland. 0418 856 799.

**STOP PRESS!!!!** Last week we announced the wrong date for our Parish Annual General Assembly this year.



The correct date is **SUNDAY OCTOBER 29TH 12.00pm - 3.00pm at St Joan's**  
Come along, gain further insights into the Mass from our guest speaker, hear the latest about our parish, have your say, ask questions and contribute to a **really memorable event.**  
*A form to register your attendance and catering needs is inserted in the Encounter this week. Please return by 14th October.*

**Action : Cry of the Earth**

All of us are making choices about what we buy. Perhaps we are striving to avoid single use plastics wherever possible, to reduce, reuse and recycle. Some of us are tending our gardens, contributing to healthy soil, beautiful flowers, satisfying veggies. Spending time in nature, enjoying birds. We are striving not to waste food. Others are joining in community projects - community gardens, Coast Care - looking after our plovers - and many other deeds that are caring of the planet.

**Cry of the poor**

We are reaching out to those in need in our local community and in Timor-Leste.  
Today as we take our pledge let us renew our determination to continue to take these steps however small.

*From little things, big things grow.*

**FUNERAL NOTICE**

A funeral service for Dorothy Wheatland will be held at St John's Church, Goolwa on Saturday 7th October at 1.00pm followed by the interment in the Memorial Garden.

**SEASON OF CREATION**

*Let Justice and Peace flow like a mighty river*

**WEEK 5 - Action**

**"As never before in history, common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning... Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life"** Pope Francis Laudato Si



*Michael Riddle's poem speaks to that awakening of new reverence for life that Pope Francis talks of.*

**Enlightenment**

before the windscreen on stained glass wings plucky dragonflies dare to hover, glide and duck clipping the moment alerting the dulled to the presence of God



**CREATION PLEDGE**

**God's creation continues in me and through me. Today I pledge:**  
**To grow in prayerful gratitude for Creation of which I am a part, thanking God each day for its marvels.**  
**To live more simply, making choices that promote the well-being of God's creation.**  
**To act with others on behalf of our world and its people especially those in most need.**

God of love, as I remain in your presence, you enable me to grasp the infinite beauty of what you have created, of all that comes from you, of your inexhaustible compassion. Increase my attentiveness to others and to all creation.

Teach me to discover the value of everything and make me a bearer of peace in the human family.

(Adapted from the prayer of Brother Alois, Prior of Taizé Community, France).

**WELCOME TO**

Catherine Allen (Encounter Bay) and Rosanna D'Ottavi (Inman Valley)  
We hope you soon will make our parish your own.

**GOOLWA GARDEN DAY**

next Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 9.30am onwards. All help appreciated.



# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YR.A  
*Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path  
He teaches his way to the poor.



## SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Feast Day 4th October  
(b.1181 – d.1226)

Francis Bernardone was born in 1181 at Assisi, Umbria, Italy. Son of a wealthy cloth merchant, he lived a lavish and irresponsible life. At twenty he went to war against Perugia, but was captured and imprisoned. During his imprisonment he experienced a vision from Christ, and embraced complete poverty, taking the Gospel as his rule of life. In 1209 he founded the Friars Minor (Franciscans). The first person (recorded) to receive the stigmata in 1224, Francis died on October 4, 1226 at Portiuncula, Italy. He was canonized by Gregory IX less than two years later. In 1979, he was named patron of ecology.

*Catholic Culture; Franciscan Media*

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Remember to turn your  
clocks **forward** 1 hour.



**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

## AND THEY'RE RACING



to St. Johns Church, Goolwa for our  
**MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON 2023.**

There will be **sweeps** with "desperate " Des Wallace along with "honest " John Dunthorne as organisers, perhaps with a little help from Peter "Mr Best Bets" Sullivan. We have 2 TV sets to cover the big race.

**Catering** is being arranged by *Saigon Memories* of Port Elliot - delicious! - as well as salads and lovely sweets.

On top of our sweeps your ticket puts you into **3 cash prizes** - 1 at \$50, 2 at \$25. Prizes also for **best dressed lady** as well as **best dressed gentleman.**

**Admission** is \$25 per head  
**Start** 12.00 noon on Tues. November 7th  
**BYO drinks.**

**Bookings to Paul on 0402 852 825.**

**THIS DAY IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE  
LOCAL BRANCH OF KNIGHTS OF THE  
SOUTHERN CROSS  
WHO ARE THE ORGANISERS**

## KSC ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 20TH SEPTEMBER.

The following positions were filled

**Chairperson:** Paul Kennelly  
**Vice Chairman:** Des Wallace,  
**Secretary:** John Dunthorne  
**Treasurer:** Peter Sullivan.

Our emergency committee is all of the above as well as Tony Siciliano. Many thanks to Mike O'Halloran who has been our secretary for the past 7 years but was looking for a break. Equally thank you to John Dunthorne for putting his hand up to take over the role.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." Philipians 2:3*

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

**THIS WEEK 30th SEPT & 1st OCT.**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** S. Duong

**R.2** B. Bullen

**EMHC** M. Farmer

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** P. Clingan

**R. 1** R. Reid

**R. 2** W. Baker

**EMHC** J. Baker

**GOOLWA 9.00am**

**Commentator:** V. Scriva

**R. 1** M. Freeborn

**R. 2** P. Kennelly

**EMHC** C. May



**NEXT WEEK 7th & 8th OCTOBER.**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** M. Mulvihill

**R.2** J. Jeffery

**EMHC** E. O'Connell

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** P. O'Brien

**R. 1** R. Klecko

**R. 2** K. Dudley

**EMHC** L. Sunman

**GOOLWA 9.00am**

**Commentator:** D. Huppertz

**R. 1** R. Lee

**R. 2** L. Healey

**EMHC** T. Siciliano

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA**  
NGARRINDJERI and  
RAMINDJERI land

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**PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

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• **PARISH MANAGERS**

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Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
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• **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084, [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com) (All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)

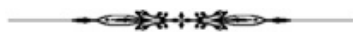
• **PARISH TREASURER**

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

• **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)  
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)  
Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

• **CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare)**  
Cathy May (0401 584 237)



**COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS**

(Current from 28/09/23)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact.

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before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

**IS GOD FAIR?**

(Matthew 21: 28 - 32)

I have a work colleague/employee who drives me crazy. He does nothing I ask him to do, is always late, leaves early, takes endless breaks, follows my directions only when it suits him. Most of the time he does just what he wants to do and is completely ungovernable.

Why don't I fire this guy? Because, although he does nothing I ask him to do, he does everything well. He does what needs to be done, and sometimes more than I would ever expect from anyone. Though I tear my hair out about his blatant disregard for my wishes, I have to admit he's the best I've ever seen. He's like the first son in the parable: he says "No" but does "Yes".

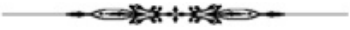
Lots of people say No but do Yes in the reign of God. They don't go to church, baptise their babies, or live by the Book in the way we would like. They don't seem to worship the same God we do, or any God at all. Yet God has a different abacus than ours, and the tally may come out better for them than for faithful churchgoers who live by the Book but have no love in their hearts. Is this fair? Not while we are pushing the beads, perhaps. But God doesn't stoop so low as fairness, and all kinds of unlikely people are making their way toward the Kingdom. *GPBS eNews*

**THE BIG GAME**

The season was winding down. One more win and our eighth grade under 15's basketball team would be in the championship game against arch-rival Saint Sebastian. I played point guard, which was considered a good position to get in our team. So, it was no surprise, but it still stung me hard when I was told by the coach that I was being benched and my spot taken by a new classmate, Frank, who just arrived at our school and was quickly determined to be a better athlete than the rest of us. I sat on the bench hurt

and upset but trying not to show it. Frank proved to be the difference, he knew the game and played like no one else. Each time I patted him on the back and congratulated him while the word "Unfair!" screamed in my head. In the last moments of the game, Frank turned his ankle making a great pass to save the game. We won. But Frank's foot would be in a cast for the big game. I was back in, vindicated. I felt bad, kinda, for him. But God knew I deserved to play! I didn't get much action in the game. But then again, most of us didn't. At least I passed one ball that helped along the way.

We lost. I was surprised that no one seemed that upset. At least we could say we made it to the championship game. We all felt good, including our new friend Frank. I had an early lesson in what Saint Paul calls "being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing".



**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(2 - 8 October)

- **Monday, 2:** The Holy Guardian Angles (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10)
- **Tuesday, 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56)
- **Wednesday, 4:** St Francis of Assisi (Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62)
- **Thursday, 5:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Neh 8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Friday, 6:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16)
- **Saturday, 7:** Our Lady of the Rosary (Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24)
- **Sunday 8:** 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43)



OCTOBER IS MISSION MONTH

**PASTORAL CARE**

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8552 1084 or in an emergency 0429 098 802.