



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**EIGHTH SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

*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

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. <R>
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. <R>
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing sap when they are old, still full sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. <R>

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

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

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit?

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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)

Gregory Hope, Evelyn Liston, Trevor Smallacombe, Graham Blacket, John Blacket, John Slagter, Paul Fahey,

ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce Smallacombe
Kath & Tim Kennelly

PARISH COLLECTION 22nd & 23rd February

1st (Presbytery) \$974.10
2nd (Parish) \$1,026.65

VICTOR MORNING TEA March 2nd

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

March 9th

A. Temme & M. Chalmers

16th March

M. Cunningham & E. Dabine

VICTOR MEET & GREET

March Saturdays

M. Farmer & C. Huppatz

March Sundays

R. Reid & E. Dabinett

GOOLWA MEET & GREET March

K. Rivers

MORNING TEA

March C. May, A. Turner, P. Stone, P. Lowe

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF
UKRAINE and THE HOLY
LAND**



HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:



FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness,

rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

ASH WEDNESDAY

5TH MARCH – THIS WEDNESDAY!



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).

This year we might reflect and ask ourselves the question:

What is God inviting me to change this

Lent? It may be something that I don't *want* to change or acknowledge. I don't think I *can* change it. But that's where talking to God can make the difference. **I am not doing this alone; I am doing it with God.**

Creighton University Online Ministry

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

GOOLWA: 9.30am

VICTOR: 6.00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Victor: Fridays 5.00pm

Goolwa: Fridays. To Be Advised



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ON



FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

Time: 1.30 to 3.00pm

Victor: Newland-Pt Elliot Uniting Church, Victoria St.

Goolwa: Church of Christ, 9 Porter Street.

The World Day of Prayer is always a wonderful way for us to join with other Churches in our area and around the world.

OUR COMORO GARAGE SALE IS ON NEXT SATURDAY 8TH MARCH

There are **THREE** ways to participate in raising money for this and other projects.



You can donate goods.

Collection boxes are now placed in the foyers of each church and on Wednesday 5th March between 2.00 and 5.00 and Thursday 6th March between 10.00 and 1.00 the Annex will be open for donations. If you require more information re donations you can contact Mark Leaney on 0412 607 891 or Ellen O'Connell on 0414532406 or Paul Kennelly 0402 852 825.

You can come along on *Friday 7th* to set up or on *Saturday 8th* to help with selling

There are rosters in both church porches. Please put your name and number next to the times you can be there.

You can make a monetary contribution.

You can give money to Brian Fitzgerald in Goolwa and Mark Leaney or Ellen O'Connell in Victor.

- In response to Alex's sharing at our parish Masses on the last two weekends, generous donors contributed \$420 to assist our Comoro brothers and sisters.

Thank you to the recycling team at St John's. Thank you for your clean aluminium and 10cent bottles. We collected and raised a little for Comoro, \$20. Thank you to Lennie, Anne Fawkner, Marie Ryan, John Dunthorne, Lynne and Dave, Vivi, Chrisso and Marilyn! Rosemary 😊

GOODBYE ALEX

Sadly Alex is leaving us on Monday.

Thank you so much for your visit and for your generosity in sharing your life and the lives of our brothers and sisters in Comoro with us. May God bless you in your work Alex and hopefully you will come to visit us again.



**ADEUS
GO WITH GOD**

Bulletin Board



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 2ND MARCH



UNITE AGAINST POVERTY

Running through the
six weeks of Lent.

Project Compassion has been our
national fundraiser during Lent since
1965. Lent is a time of reflection and
preparation. We are called to
PRAY, FAST and GIVE ALMS..

**Envelopes and Boxes are available in
the foyer.**

DISUSED LAPTOP COMPUTERS

We are looking for disused laptop
computers to go to Timor Leste. They
must have the Password. They will
be cleaned of all files. Contact
Paul Kennelly or John Baker.

EARTHCARE REFLECTION

Join with the Earth and each other, to



*bring new life to
the land,
to restore the
waters, to refresh
the air,*

to renew the forests, to care for the

plants, to protect the creatures,

to celebrate the seas,

to rejoice in the sunlight,

to sing the song of the stars,

to recall our destiny,

to renew our spirits,

to reinvigorate our bodies,

to recreate the human community,

to promote justice and peace,

to love our children and love one

another, to join together as many and

diverse expressions of one loving

mystery,

for the healing of the Earth and the

renewal of all life."

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

**Almighty and Eternal God,
you are the everlasting health of
those who believe in you.**

**Hear our prayers for your sick servant
Francis for whom we implore the aid
of your tender mercy,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the
Sick, pray for him.**

RUNNING TO GOD:

[https://nce.catholic.org.au/culture/sports/
prayer](https://nce.catholic.org.au/culture/sports/prayer)

**A Collection of Prayers for Sport can be
viewed online or downloaded
from Google Play free of charge.
Numerous Australian Catholics
involved in sport wrote prayers for the
resource, including Fr Steve Ardill (Port
Pirie), Jenny Brinkworth (Adelaide),
Stephen Lawrence (Melbourne) and
Fr Jackson Saunders (Sandhurst).
Developed over the past 18 months,
the resource is part of a growing focus
on sport within the Church, both
nationally and globally.**

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome Asunta and Chandra Mathew
and their two children (Victor Harbor) and
Simon and Tanya Patterson (Goolwa). We
hope you soon feel at home in our Parish.

OUR COMORO PRAYER

Lord, please put your arms around our
sisters and brothers in Comoro
so they feel comfort and hope.

Grant them the means and skills to
sustain them, both physically and
spiritually.

Help them embrace the future and
trust in your will.

May the prayers of our parish be an
instrument of our love
in building a relationship with our
sisters and brothers in Comoro as we
work in your name, Lord. Amen.

LENTEN BOOKLET

Please pick up your Lenten booklet
"We Journey In Hope".

You are also welcome to join the
Sunday Lectio Divina Gospel Group at
5.00pm each Sunday during Lent in the
Victor Annex.

SAVE THE DATE

St Joan's Social Club will be holding
their famous Fish n Chip night on
Friday 11th April. More info soon.



THIS WEEK: 1st & 2nd March

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

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

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 A. Rose
R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R. 1 A. Fawkner
R. 2 C. May

EMHC A. Turner



NEXT WEEK: 8th & 9th March

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppatz
R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 M. Cunningham
R. 2 G. Ryan

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 E. Bourne
R. 2 D. Huppatz

EMHC M. Ryan

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NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

• PARISH TREASURER

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Email: 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)



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The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciples will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own?
How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

EXPLORING THE WORD

Luke continues with his examination of the new order ushered in by discipleship and turns to a very personal dimension of what it means to be a follower of Christ. The 'fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher'. Jesus offers himself as a model of non-judgement. This, after all, belongs only to God. There are echoes here of last week's text: 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge and you will not be judged yourselves; grant pardon and you will be pardoned.' The disciple must recognise their own shortcomings and work tirelessly to rectify these so that what issues forth from their hearts are the good fruits that only true goodness of heart can produce.

GOSPEL BACKGROUND

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you

can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(3 - 10 March)

- **Monday, 03:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (Sirach 17:24-29; Mk 10:17-27)
- **Tuesday, 04:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 (Sirach 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31)
- **Wednesday, 05:** ASH WEDNESDAY (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 06:** Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- **Friday, 07:** Friday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- **Saturday, 08:** Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)
- **Sunday, 09:** FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13)



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.