



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY  
TIME - YEAR B

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:

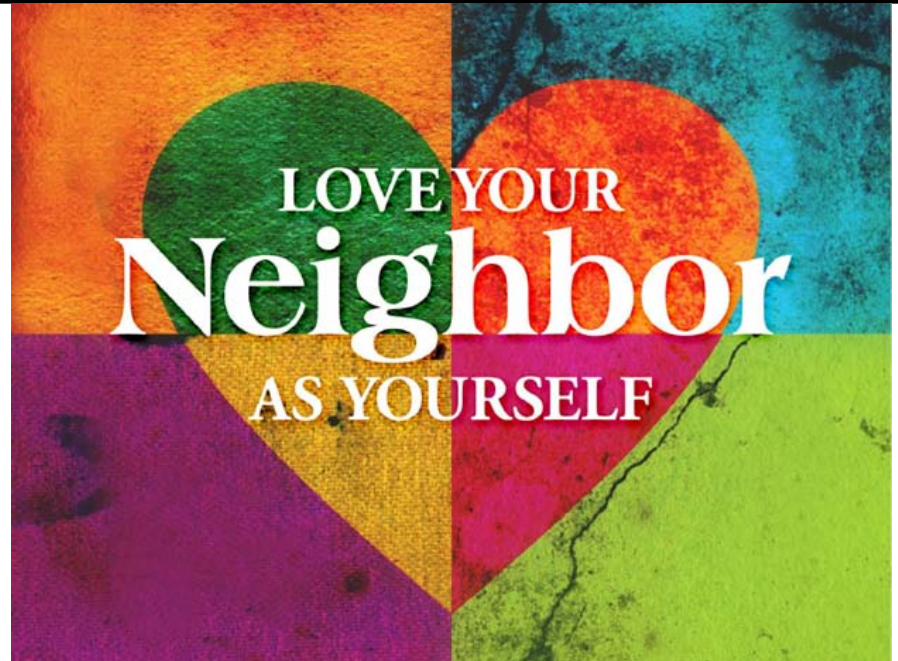
- Reach out to those in need
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill
- Engage with young people
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future
- Strengthen bonds with First Nation peoples

## 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

*Deuteronomy 6:2-6*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51*

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

### SECOND READING

*Hebrews 7:23-28*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 14:23*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Mark 12:28-34*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'

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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, Ann Tee, Bailey Smallacombe, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Geoff Munro, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Mollie Davis, David Lee, Evelyn Liston, Ann Hannagan, Trudi McNamara, Allen Odgers Elizabeth Nance, Rose Munro, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, William Ash, Eloise Ash, Gavin Schumacher, Jim Ryan, Leonie Hassan, Fr Vinh Tran, John Tregeagle, Greg Hope, Mairead Cummings, Maire Ryan, John McAuliffe, Meg Klecko, Stephen Vernon, Graham Blacket, Jo Andrews, Bill Pick.

## ANIVERSARIES

Ron Harris, Dorothy Higgins, Jim Huppatz, Reginald Meade.

## PARISH COLLECTION 26th & 27th October

1st (Presbytery) \$1,135.90  
2nd (Parish) \$883.20

Special collection \$ 256.10

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## VICTOR MORNING TEA

**November 3rd**  
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden  
**November 10th**  
A. Temme & M. Chalmers

## VICTOR MEET & GREET

**November Saturdays**  
M. Farmer & C. Huppatz  
**November Sundays**  
R. Reid & A. Rose

## GOOLWA MEET & GREET

**November :** R. Sadlon

## MORNING TEA

V. Scriva, C. Rivers, S. Butler

## ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.  
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

## HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER

### INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD :



Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or a daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

## ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

is meeting on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November in the Annex at 4.30pm.

## GOOLWA GARDEN DAY THIS TUESDAY

5<sup>th</sup> November  
9.30 to 11.30am at Goolwa Church.

**Volunteers warmly welcomed.**



## VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food to place in the Christmas boxes in both churches until Sunday 15th December. Your generosity was much appreciated by 76 local families last year !! Thank you !!

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

**Columban Calendars (\$10) and Christmas cards (\$5/pack)** will be on sale at St John's & St Joan's from 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Nov.

## REFLECTION

Love is the only force which can make things one without destroying them.... Some day, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for the second time in the history of the world, (we) will have discovered fire. *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

## THE CENACLE

You are invited to join us in The Cenacle held every Wednesday at 9.30am in St Joan of Arc Church. We start by praying the Rosary, reading, meditating and reflecting on one of the messages given to Father Gobbi by Mary our Mother and making an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Gemma Woodhead 0492 849 414**

## PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND



## PARISH ASSEMBLY 2024

The parish assembly was held last Sunday with about 50 people in attendance.

Fr. Paul Cashen began the day as our guest speaker, and spoke on the downturn in numbers attending church since covid. He spoke on the Gospel of the morning Mass concerning the blind man wishing to see, and that we may have to lead those who have gone "BLIND" to faith to lead them back. Other topics were discussed, and a number of questions put to Father on a host of different matters.

Then Fr. Vinh spoke on plans for the parish, and thanked all who supported him with prayer and messages during his break to have time off to fight his depression.

Paul gave a report of the PPC, and thanked Ray and Pat for their efforts in running the parish while Father was away.

Then Helen Taylor gave a complete summary of the parish's financial position which is strong at the present time.

Mark Leaney gave a report on our sponsorship of Comoro in East Timor. He listed the works so far that we had sponsored, and that our next project was to get a toilet block built

Fran Hanna spoke on behalf of the earth group committee in the parish, and their wish to educate us in what we can all do to care for our world today, as well as for the poor.

John Giles from the Archdiocese thanked us for the invitation to join us, and was impressed with the way our parish is running.

Special thanks to Pat who organised our Subway lunch for all, as well as the ladies who gave us a lovely afternoon tea.

Also to Ray who did a great job as MC for the day. Paul Kennelly

## CHRISTMAS and EMMANUEL CARE

Help is needed – we're asking for a couple of volunteers who would like to make up Christmas gift bags & deliver them to a few needy folk in Emmanuel Care's accommodation. Two Victor parishioners handle the Victoria House gift bags, but because Goolwa folk usually look after Emmanuel Care residents, it would be great if two Goolwa parishioners find it in their hearts to step up. You do not have to be a Vinnies member!

For information please contact **Joe Ryan 0401 671 476**





## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

31st SUNDAY in ORD. TIME, YR.B-2

*I love You, Lord, my strength.*

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to His king  
and shown His love for His anointed.



## ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

Feast Day 4th November

(b.1538 - d.1584)

St Charles was a member of a noble family and a nephew of Pope Pius IV. He was made a Cardinal at 23 and assisted the Pope in administering the affairs of the Holy See and in governing the Church. Soon thereafter he was made Archbishop of Milan.



His endeavours on behalf of the 19th Ecumenical Council of Trent (1545-1564) were especially meritorious and fruitful. He helped to direct and guide it and bring it to a successful conclusion. He then enforced its decrees in the Archdiocese of Milan and thoroughly reformed Catholic life in his See. During a plague he walked barefooted in the public streets, carrying a cross, with a rope around his neck, offering himself as a victim to God for the transgressions of his people.

***We pray for Bishop Charles Gauci whose feast day is this day.***

## RED NOVEMBER promoted by AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Founded in 1947 as a Catholic aid organisation for war refugees and recognised as a Pontifical Foundation since 2011, **Aid to the Church in Need** is dedicated to the service of Christians around the world, through information, prayer and action, wherever they are persecuted or oppressed or suffering material need. ACN supports every year an average of 6,000 projects in close to 150 countries, thanks to private donations, as the foundation receives no public funding. You can learn more about ACN on <https://acninternational.org/>

## MEDJUGORJE

Pope Francis has granted approval for devotion linked to Medjugorje, recognizing *"the abundant spiritual fruits received at the Sanctuary of the Queen of Peace."*  
"The positive fruits are most evident in the promotion of a healthy practice of a life of faith, in accordance with the tradition of the Church. The Pope recognizes "abundant conversions" of people who have discovered or rediscovered their faith, many people have returned to confession and sacramental communion, and numerous vocations have been confirmed, as well as "many reconciliations between spouses, and the renewal of marriage and family life."  
Numerous healings have also been reported.

## QUEEN OF PEACE

The title that Mary attributed to herself at Medjugorje is "Queen of Peace."  
*"I have presented myself here as the Queen of Peace to tell everyone that peace is necessary for the salvation of the world. Only in God can you find true joy, which is the source of true peace."*



<https://www.medjugorje.org/>

## PREPARATION FOR OUR 2025 JUBILEE

### YEAR Pilgrims of Hope

Next year, 2025, is a special year in the life of the Church – a Jubilee year, which is held every 25 years.



A Jubilee Year is like going on a year long retreat. It is time to take stock of ourselves and renew our commitment to God and to our faith. It can be a time of great grace in our lives and in our world.

**The insert in the Encounter "Teach us to Pray" is part of the Church's preparation for this 2025 Jubilee Year.**

The Pope hopes that in this lead up to the Jubilee *"We will rediscover the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world."*

*"I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live this event of grace well and to experience the power of God's hope."*

You will see that the prayer card has prayers for every part of our day, morning and evening prayer, grace before meals, prayer of thanksgiving, prayer of petition etc. There are prayers for the success of the Jubilee year. Perhaps we could choose one or more of these prayers to say regularly each day.

## THIS WEEK: 2nd & 3rd November

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 B. Bullen

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R. 1 M. O'Halloran

R. 2 M. Freeborn

EMHC S. Muller



## NEXT WEEK: 9th & 10th November

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC A. Fawkner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 M. Cunningham

R. 2 P. Clingan

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Joe Ryan

R. 1 P. Kennelly

R. 2 R. Lee

EMHC Maire Ryan

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

NGARRINDJERI and  
RAMINDJERI land

### CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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#### • PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084,  
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Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

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

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The first commandment which Jesus quotes is the great Jewish prayer known as the Shema (Deut 6:4-5). Even today this prayer is recited each morning and evening by practising Jews.
- In traditional Jewish practice the Shema is written on a slip of paper and placed inside the mezuzah, a small box beside the front doors of Jewish homes. Each time a person passes through the door, they touch the mezuzah in a symbolic action of reciting this great prayer. It is a way of reminding themselves often during the day of God's greatness and their obligation to love him.

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The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

### CLOSE TO THE KINGDOM

*One of the religion scholars came up. Hearing the lively exchanges of question and answer and seeing how sharp Jesus was in his answers, he put in his question: "Which is the most important of all the commandments?" Jesus said, "The first in importance is, 'Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion, prayer, intelligence, and energy.' And here is the second: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' There is no other commandment that ranks with these." (Mark 12:28-31)*

Play the Scripture game. Name a person in the gospels you would most like to be. For me, the unnamed scribe in this passage is a great choice. Of all the things that Jesus says to anyone in the four gospels, this is the one thing I dearly want him to say to me: "You're almost there, right on the border of God's kingdom."

This anonymous scribe hits the jackpot. Like so many people of his generation, he heard about the great teacher and decided to check out the story. Being a student of Scripture, he wanted to see if Jesus was more learned than he was. Scholarship makes some people arrogant, but this man had come to be humbled by his education. If Jesus knew more about God than he did, he was ready to learn from him.

So he asks his question, which may well have been the guiding principle of his entire career. Which law is first among the commandments? What does God want most from us? If you have only one chance to ask a question, you want to be sure it's the most important one. And the man is so impressed by the answer Jesus gives,

he responds with sincere praise. For his part, Jesus finds himself in the presence of a rare understanding disciple. So he in turn praises the man with those thrilling words: you're almost there. May each of us hear those words someday!

If you boiled down the mission of your life to one question, as the scribe in the gospel did, what would it be?

### KIDS' CORNER

*Jesus said, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." (Mark 12:31)*

Aiden's little brother Lucas has been driving him crazy. Last week, Lucas went in Aiden's room and messed up Aiden's science project. And lately, whenever Aiden's friends come over, Lucas hangs around wanting to play too. On Saturday when Aiden's friends were over, Aiden locked the door to his bedroom and kept Lucas out. Later that night, his dad had a talk with Aiden. "Lucas looks up to you," he said. Aiden thought about that. He apologised to Lucas and spent some time playing with him. And do you know what? Aiden actually had fun. Who looks up to you? How can you love them today as Jesus does?

Jesus, help me to be kind to others.  
Amen. *GPBS eNews*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(November 04 - 10)

- **Monday, 04:** St Charles Borromeo (Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14)
- **Tuesday, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24)
- **Wednesday, 06:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33)
- **Thursday, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Phil 3:3-8; Lk 15:1-10)
- **Friday, 08:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8)
- **Saturday, 09:** Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Jn 2:13-22)
- **Sunday 10:** 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (1Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44)

### 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.