



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIFTH 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:

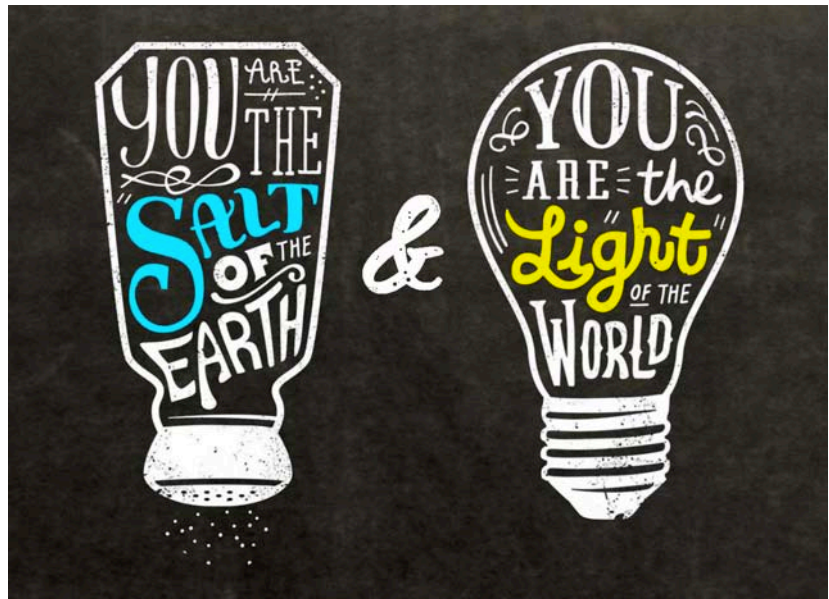
- Reach out to those in need
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill
- Engage with young people
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future
- Strengthen bonds with First Nation peoples

## 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

*Isaiah 58:7-10*

Thus says the Lord:  
Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor;  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then your light will shine like the  
dawn and your wound be quickly  
healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind  
you. Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the  
clenched fist, the wicked word, if  
you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed, your  
light will rise in the darkness, and  
your shadows become like noon.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 111:4-9*

*A light rises in the darkness for the  
upright.*

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

When I came to you, brothers, it was  
not with any show of oratory or  
philosophy, but simply to tell you  
what God had guaranteed. During  
my stay with you, the only  
knowledge I claimed to have was

about Jesus, and only about him as  
the crucified Christ. Far from relying  
on any power of my own, I came  
among you in great 'fear and  
trembling' and in my speeches and  
the sermons that I gave, there were  
none of the arguments that belong to  
philosophy; only a demonstration of  
the power of the Spirit. And I did  
this so that your faith should not  
depend on human philosophy but on  
the power of God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 8:12*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the light of the world, says the  
Lord; the man who follows me will  
have the light of life.*

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:13-16*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are  
the salt of the earth. But if salt  
becomes tasteless, what can make it  
salty again? It is good for nothing,  
and can only be thrown out to be  
trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A  
city built on a hill-top cannot be  
hidden. No one lights a lamp to put  
it under a tub; they put it on the  
lamp-stand where it shines for  
everyone in the house. (Cont. page 4)



# 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, Bob Willis, Jeffery Family, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Rita Sullivan, Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris, Vin Slattery, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick, Ann & Kevin Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers

## ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Longworth, Peter McInnes

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Rita Britza (née Wallace)

## PARISH COLLECTION

28th & 29th January 2023

1st (Presbytery) \$1115.10  
2nd Parish \$1200.00

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

10th & 17th February  
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

## VICTOR MORNING TEA

5th February  
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden  
12th February  
A. Williss & R. Reid

## VICTOR MEET & GREET

February Saturday  
M. Farmer & E. O'Connell

## February Sunday

L. Sunman

## GOOLWA MEET & GREET

February

C. Rivers

## MORNING TEA

February

T. Curtis, E. Bourne, B. Hallion

## ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday  
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

## THE HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS



February:  
For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

## GOOLWA GARDENING GROUP

meets this Tuesday,

7th February from

9.30am - 11am.

Newcomers welcome.

## VICTOR MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

meet this Wednesday, 8th February from

9.30am - 10.30am. Newcomers welcome.

## ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Our first meeting for 2023 will be held on Tuesday 14th February at 1.30pm in the Annex. Newcomers welcome.

## ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

Meets on Saturday 11th February at

4.30pm in the Annex. Our thanks to those

who take communion to the sick and keep

in touch with parishioners who are not well or not able to come to Mass.

## WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

February 5th

"We proclaim what we see!"

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.

As we listen to the Word of God in the readings at Mass, St Jerome (who dilligently studied the Scriptures) explained that Jesus is truly present and speaking to us as we listen. *Open my ears Lord, Help me to hear your voice. Open my ears Lord, Help me to hear.*

## LENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Di Shearer is offering a

**Lenten Celebration** at

her home in Port Elliot on

Shrove Tuesday (21st

February, the day before

Ash Wednesday) and

some

**Lenten Conversations** to follow over the weeks of Lent. If you are interested, please let Di (0448 536 835) or Father Vinh know. More information to follow.



## NOTES FROM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING Victor Harbor Thursday

19th January 2023

**Explorative Study: Youth and Young Family Engagement Strategy**



The engagement of youth and young families with the parish was an area raised by the survey of parishioners in 2022 and was also addressed by the Archbishop at the Annual General Assembly. The PPC agreed to form a Working Party to undertake an 'Explorative Study: Youth and Young Family Engagement Strategy'. The Working Party would investigate and present recommendations to the PPC.

## Parish Vision and Mission Action Plan 2023/2024.

PPC members were asked to nominate to lead the development of an area of the Action Plan, working with relevant groups in the Parish.

The 5 areas are Celebrate the Eucharist, Grow a personal relationship with the Trinity, Care for Each Other, Care for our environment, and Reach Out.

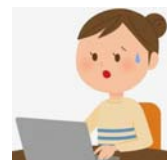
Other matters discussed, and for which there will be information provided to parishioners included:

- reverent behaviours in sacred spaces
- memorial plaques in the Memorial Garden at St John's
- publication of Reconciliation times
- progress with the project(s) for Comoro, our Sister Parish

**The next PPC meeting is Thursday 23rd February, 4pm, at St John's, Goolwa.**

## OUR OVERHEAD STARS!

At St John's we are amazed at 'the stars' working our overhead projector.



On the screen each Sunday morning there are reflective writings and art works before Mass. Then during Mass we are supported with songs, anthems and the psalms.

We are blessed with their technological expertise - quietly and busily liaising with the choir and Father Vinh during the week and even making adjustments on Sunday mornings! Their work continues for other special times at church and including being called upon for funerals.

Thank you amazing star team - currently Helen Taylor. Other supportive 'stars' Helen Harris, Joe Ryan and Briony Curtis.

# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Yr. A

***A light rises in the darkness for the upright.***

He is light in the darkness for the upright:  
He is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour.

The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory.



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

**Feast Day 11th February**

Today marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to fourteen-year-old Marie Bernadette (St. Bernadette) Soubirous. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Blessed Virgin appeared eighteen times, and showed herself to St. Bernadette in the hollow of the rock at Lourdes. On the feast of the Annunciation, the beautiful Lady announced her name, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Since then the report spread quickly of cures occurring at the grotto and a great number of Christians visited the hallowed place. Publicity given to these miraculous events, and the seeming sincerity and innocence of the girl, made it necessary for the bishop of Tarbes to institute a judicial inquiry. Four years later he declared the apparitions supernatural and permitted public veneration of the Immaculate Conception in the grotto. A chapel was erected, Lourdes became a place of pilgrimage and many cures and conversions have taken place. *Catholic Culture*



## PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



## ST.VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY, Victor/Goolwa Conference

Could you please spare a few hours a month?



Would you like to help, in a practical way, needy folk in our community?  
Vinnies needs your help, to help others!  
Please come along to our first meeting for the year - Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, after 9.30am Mass at Goolwa – to see what it's all about! You'll be most welcome. Questions? Please phone Wendy 0438 525 477

## DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

**February 11th and 12th, 2023**

A special collection is being taken up in support of the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support, Mothers without Medicare and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc.

***The Day of the Unborn Child*** assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of childbearing loss, whether miscarriage, stillbirth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion. We thank you in anticipation for your generous support of those who work tirelessly with individuals and families who require these important resources and services.

## REVERENCE IN SACRED SPACE AND SPEAK QUIETLY

The issue of reverence in our churches was raised at our last PPC meeting. I would like to ask all of us to be reverent in the church. When you cross in front of the Tabernacle or the Altar, please bow your head to show your reverence to the presence of God. Recently, most of us speak loudly in the church before and after the Mass. When you have to speak to someone in the church please speak quietly or wait until you are in the porch (Victor Harbor) and behind the partitions (Goolwa). I understand that old habits die hard. Let us try our best to overcome it and to make our church a Sacred Space to pray and worship God. *Father Vinh*

## THIS WEEK 4th & 5th February

### VICTOR HARBOR

**Saturday 6.00pm**

**Commentator :** L. Blacket

**R.1** S. Duong

**R.2** C. Sutherland

**E.M.** E. O'Connell

**Sunday 11.00am**

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R. 1** A. Weygood

**R. 2** W. Baker

**E.M.** J. Baker

### GOOLWA

**Sunday 9.00am**

**Commentator:** P. Kennelly

**R. 1** L. Healey

**R. 2** J. Henderson

**E.M.** A. Turner



## NEXT WEEK 11th & 12th Feb.

### VICTOR HARBOR

**Saturday 6.00pm**

**Commentator :** C. Huppatz

**R.1** L. Blacket

**R.2** J. Jeffery

**E.M.** E. O'Shaughnessy

**Sunday 11.00am**

**Commentator:** P. O'Brien

**R. 1** S. Duong

**R. 2** K. Dudley

**E.M.** L. Sunman

### GOOLWA

**Sunday 9.00am**

**Commentator:** M. O'Halloran

**R. 1** M. Freeborn

**R. 2** K. O'Shea

**E.M.** T. Siciliano



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

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• **PARISH MANAGERS**

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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*)

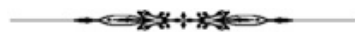
• **PARISH TREASURER**

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)



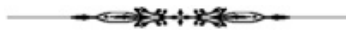
**COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS**

(*Current from 02/02/23*)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is recommended.
- 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.

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In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'



**FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS**

(*Matthew 5: 13 - 16*)

The disciples are called "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world". Consequently, their success will rest on not drawing attention to themselves. As salt is used for preservation and purification, the disciples are called to preserve what is good and purify what hinders God's reign. They cannot allow themselves to become "tasteless salt" that is diluted or dissolved by the cares and worries of the world. As light moves beyond itself and illumines objects in a room, the disciples are called to look beyond themselves by doing good works. This will lead others to glorify God, whom Matthew, for the first time, refers to as "your heavenly Father".

Ponder: How will I live out my vocation as salt and light?

**SYMBOLS AND IMAGES**

The people of Israel often described the Law of God as 'salt' because it gave zest and flavour to life and it preserved them as the people of God. Similarly, the Law was often compared to a light that showed them the path to God: 'Your word is a light to my feet and a lamp to my path' (Psalm 119:105). Jerusalem, the city on the hill, was a focal point and reminder of God's presence. Jesus gives a new focus to all these images when he applies them to those who hear his word and put it into practice. All Christians are called to be 'salt' and 'light', a 'city on the hill' giving witness to God's presence.

**GIVE FREELY AND OPENLY**

When Beth unexpectedly inherited a large amount of money, she was scared. She had never managed such a sum before, and she was intimidated by the prospect of handling this responsibility correctly. Her future would be secure as long as she didn't make any mistakes, so she set about learning how to invest wisely and working with trustworthy, expert professionals. And she resisted the

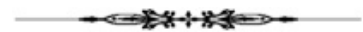
temptation to spend too much of it!

Through the process, she discovered confidence in herself. She could make smart financial decisions. That confidence led her to want to do more with the money - she wanted to help people with it and apply her newfound savvy. She became a philanthropist and she developed strategies to maximise the effectiveness of her gifts - one of which was widely telling others that she was giving to. She found her listeners then started donating to the same causes. She encouraged women in particular not to give anonymously, not to be too humble about their giving - in order to help other women realise they could do the same. It's not bragging if your intentions are charitable. Don't put your lamp under a basket indeed!

You can bring change by:

- Knowing the faithful way.
- Working quietly from the inside.
- Being ready to take the long-term approach.
- Listening to different points of view.
- Being willing to find the facts.
- Taking the time that is needed.
- Refusing to give in or give up.
- Shining light on the darkest path.

Bringing change is the way of Jesus Christ. *GPBS eNews*



**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(*06 - 12 February*)

- **Monday, 06:** St Paul Miki and companions (Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56)
- **Tuesday, 07:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (Gen 1:20 - 2:4; Mk 7:1-13)
- **Wednesday, 08:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (Gen 2:4-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23)
- **Thursday, 09:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30)
- **Friday, 10:** St Scholastica (Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37)
- **Saturday, 11:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10)
- **Sunday 12:** 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37)

**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.