



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF
THE LORD - 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

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him hwas conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and

glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved: he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone.

There in their presence he was transfigured: His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'

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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,

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bob Willis, Fr. Kevin O'Loughlin

PARISH COLLECTION

29th & 30th July

1st (Presbytery) \$ 773.85
2nd (Parish) \$1146.45

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

11th & 18th August

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

6th August

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

13th August

A. Williss & F. Hanna

VICTOR MEET & GREET

July Saturdays

M. Farmer & C. Huppertz

August Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson

August Sundays

R. Reid & J. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

August M. O'Halloran

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

August T. Curtis, E. Bourne

B. Helion

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER

INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST :

FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY :

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th August at 1.30pm in the Annex. Newcomers welcome.

VICTOR MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS



meet this Wednesday, 9th August from 9.30am - 10.30am followed by morning tea.

ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

meets next Saturday 12th August in the Annex at 4.30pm.

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

Sunday 5.00pm in the Annex.

You are welcome to join this group to reflect on the Gospel of the day.

Phone Carol Sutherland. 0418 856 799.

VOCATIONS APPEAL

NEXT SUNDAY 13th August.

This appeal supports the education and formation over several years of 5-7 men who are seeking to serve the people of the Archdiocese of Adelaide as priests and deacons. During this time we first acknowledge the unique call or **vocation that God has for each of us through our baptism.** Some of us are called to marriage or the single life. We also acknowledge the unique calls to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, to the Diaconate and to the Priesthood.

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH



Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will again be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment.

If you have an '0' wedding anniversary or a '5' one this year please ring, text or email

Fran Hanna on

0415 124 010

fran.hanna@bigpond.com

CONFIRMATION

THIS WEDNESDAY 9th August 7pm

St Joan's

One more applicant to add to our list:

Nam Hoang Dinh

Family: Hai and Va

Interests: Soccer, playing the guitar and gaming.

Nam will join our other four applicants whose details were in last week's Encounter:

Samantha Jade Roge,

Charli Roberts, Holly Roberts and

Jordan David Daniell

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive this Sacrament

Please come along if you can or be with them in spirit this coming Wednesday.

They will receive their First Holy Communion the following Sunday.



OUR PREPARATION FOR SEPTEMBER

SEASON OF CREATION MEETING took place

recently. Six people attended with apologies from two others. Planning has begun.

See you in September!!



FR TOM GLEESON -

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Fr Tom will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination on Friday 1st September.

You are invited to join with others to help him celebrate this significant event with an evening meal at "The Alma" Hotel, 15 Hill Street, Willunga - 6.00pm for 6.30pm start

Please ring Marie Andrews 0423 302 746

to book a place.

GAS HEATERS AT ST JOAN'S

We wish to have a few parishioners to turn on and off gas heaters in the Church. Training is provided. If you can help please contact

Elaine O'Shaughnessy on 0487 164 262

or at Saturday 6pm Mass and

Paul O'Brien on 0438 397 731

or at Sunday 11am Mass. If you are **NOT**

trained please do not operate them. *Fr Vinh*

August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

"...then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.'" MAT 17:5

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid." We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church?



RESPONSORIAL PSALM THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are His raiment;
His throne, justice and right.

The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim His justice;
all peoples see His glory.

For You indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits.



SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS Feast Day 8th August (1842 – 1909)

As a young woman Mary MacKillop was drawn to religious life but could not find an order that met her needs. In 1860, she met

Father Julian Woods, who became her spiritual director. Together they founded a new community of women—the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, also known as the Josephite Sisters.

Mary and her Sisters offered social services that few, if any, government agencies in Australia could. They served Protestants and Catholics alike. They worked among the aborigines, taught in schools and orphanages and served unmarried mothers.

She suffered many difficulties, both financial and clerical, including at one point ex-communication (later rescinded), but in the end, Rome proved to be Mary's best source of support. After a long wait, official approval of the congregation—and how it was to be governed—came from Pope Leo XIII.

Mary died at the age of 67. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1995. When she was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010, she became Australia's first saint.

Franciscan Media



**PRAY FOR THE
PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING VICTOR HARBOR



At the July PPC Meeting, Fran Hanna, parish representative to the Regional Assembly planning group, reported on progress (themes, dates, practical aspects). Fran and Vivi Scriva gave a detailed report on the progress of the planning group for Seasons of Creation, to be held in September. The PPC acknowledged the success of the recent Christmas in July celebration in bringing together our parish community. The PPC appreciates feedback from parishioners and spent some time in discussion of matters raised, as well as the needs of our local community. Minutes are placed in each church after they are ratified at the following monthly meeting.

HOMELESS SITUATION AND OUR PARISH RESPONSE

Some parishioners have spoken to a member of our Parish Pastoral Council about the possibility of opening both our church halls at night to those without a roof over their heads. For this to happen we would need members of the parish to organise and stay the night and unfortunately that is out of the question due to security concerns. The Parish does support those in need through the Vinnies group we have. If you would like to assist them speak to Kevin Phillips at Goolwa or Wendy and John Baker at Victor Harbor. The Knights also support financially not only the Vinnies but other groups supporting those in great struggle for their wellbeing on the South Coast. **PPC**

HOMELESSNESS WEEK 2023 MONDAY AUGUST 7TH TO SUNDAY AUGUST 13TH.

For those who are cold, afraid and hopeless.
we pray that you will provide
shelter, security and hope.

We pray for those of us with warm houses and
comfortable beds that we are not lulled into
complacency and forgetfulness.

**THE AUGUST SOUTHERN CROSS
is in our porches this weekend. There is
an article on Mother Mary of the Cross,
news of Pauline Connelly's retirement
from Centacare and a special feature on
Vocations Awareness Week \$2**

WAR ON WASTE

A challenging programme on the
ABC on Tuesday evenings
at 8.30 or on iview.

THIS WEEK 5th & 6th AUGUST

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 J. Ryan

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R. 1 L. Healey

R. 2 H. Harris

EMHC S. Muller



NEXT WEEK

12th & 13th AUGUST

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 S. Duong

R.2 B. Bullen

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 A. Weygood

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC A. Rose

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 M. Freeborn

R. 2 A. Fawcner

EMHC M. Ryan

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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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 (*All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening*)

• **PARISH TREASURER**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
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)



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

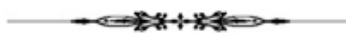
(*Current from 03/08/23*)

- 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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He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



A DIVINE DESIGN

(*Matthew 17: 1 - 9*)

Jesus was changed before their eyes. Have you ever seen a transfiguration? Have you ever seen a simple thing become a holy thing, like bread become sacred flesh? Have you ever seen a plain face become a radiant beauty when seen through the eyes of love? Have you ever seen a timid person become a loin when circumstances required strength beyond fear? Transfiguration is not an isolated incident, a one-time deal in salvation history. Transfigurations happen around us in surprising places, for those who have eyes to see.

Sitting with my dying friend for many weeks, I watched how a weakened body can become a temple of great holiness. The spiritual strength of a failing mortal life was so much stronger than the physical vigour he once displayed. Before his illness, he scaled mountains for pleasure. In his last illness, he ascended to spiritual heights that astonished me with their breathtaking vistas. Once, he saw the view from the peaks of the Sierras and hoped to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Now, his vision is on higher places, and the things he sees are lovelier than all of earth's delights. This is transfiguration, as surely as what Peter, James and John saw it on that fateful day.

Ponder

Get ready to participate in some powerful transfigurations! Ask God to change the rough, ugly, or impossible roads in your life into freeways for grace. Invite the Holy Spirit to make the valleys smooth, and the mountains

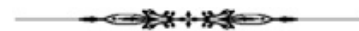
low. "Don't breathe a word of what you've seen. After the Son of Man is raised from the dead, you are free to talk".
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DID YOU KNOW?

- The event of the Transfiguration is traditionally associated with Mt Tabor where a beautiful church with magnificent mosaics commemorates this event.
- The three disciples who witness Jesus' glory will be the same ones who witness his agony in the garden prior to his arrest and crucifixion.
- There is great debate among scholars about the meaning of the term 'Son of Man' and whether Jesus used this title of himself or whether his disciples used it of him after his death. In the Book of Daniel, it is used as a term for God's final agent of salvation at the end times.

KIDS' CORNER

The disciples are confused and scared when they hear the voice from the cloud and see Jesus in his glory. But here on the mountain, they are told to listen to Jesus. That's good to remember anytime you're worried or afraid: Listen to what Jesus says to you. Trust that he loves you. Then, like the disciples, you can get up and get moving. You can have courage in God's love for you.
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(*7 - 13 August*)

- **Monday, 7:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 18 (Num 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21)
- **Tuesday, 8:** St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34)
- **Wednesday, 9:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Num 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28)
- **Thursday, 10:** St Lawrence (2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26)
- **Friday, 11:** St Clare (Deut 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28)
- **Saturday, 12:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 18 (Deut 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20)
- **Sunday 13:** 19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (1Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33)

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.