



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME - YEAR B

A living, vibrant
faith community

Vol 12 : No 42

VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

OUR VISION:

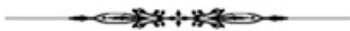
To build a faith community centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and communal parish activities.

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 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.'

Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take

notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech;

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid, Margaret Peake, Mary Siciliano, Nora Worrad

PARISH COLLECTION 31st August & 1st September

1st (Presbytery) \$ 795.50
2nd (Parish) \$1068.25

Direct Debit Details :
BSB 085 005 A/C 489786431

VICTOR MORNING TEA 8th September

A. Temme & M. Chalmers

15th September

M. Cunningham & E. Dabinett

VICTOR MEET & GREET September Saturdays

M. Farmer & E. O'Connell

September Sundays

R. Reid & M. Cunningham

GOOLWA MEET & GREET September L. Clayson

MORNING TEA

September C. May,

A. Turner, V. Attard.

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH:

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.



NEW ROSTERS AT ST JOAN'S

New rosters for Mass ministries in Victor Harbor are about to be drawn up for October – January inclusive.

If you are unavailable for any of this period could you please advise Carol by Friday 13th September. Phone number 0418 856 799.

RCIA CELEBRATION

Mark Wilcock and Stuart Cowley are celebrating their intention to become a Catechumen which marks another step of their faith journey. In other words, they graduate from "Inquirer" to "Catechumen". They will celebrate this step at 9am Mass at Goolwa this Sunday.

HOUSE NEEDED FOR RENT

Our local parishioners Mark and his wife Marie with their two children, are requiring a long term house to rent in the area. Please contact Mark on 0421 042 129 if you can help.



EXCURSIONS DURING SEPTEMBER SEASON OF CREATION

Nangawooka Native Garden

Spring Plant Sale Sunday 15th

Let Fran know if you would like to come.

Phone: 0415 124 010.

Signal Point Goolwa – date to be determined.

RESULTS KNIGHTS' WINE RAFFLE

The lucky winners were Pat Clingan at Victor and Greg Hope at Goolwa. Congratulations to you both and thanks so much to all who supported the draw.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND



SEASON OF CREATION SECOND SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

This week we ask for courage to acknowledge the current danger our planet faces and for Christian hope that believes always in the Resurrection.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

The problem is urgent. "Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years. Reducing greenhouse gases requires honesty, courage and responsibility. The problems are big and urgent. But hope remains if we act in honesty and love. "Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home . . . Truly, much can be done!" Pope Francis.

SEASON OF CREATION WELCOMED US ALL

as we entered the church at St John's. What a wonderful welcome this was for us. And will be over the next weeks. Thank you Vivi for organising the beautiful board and then so creatively bringing it to life so vibrantly.

Father Vinh spoke of Season of Creation during our Mass and in his homily - opening our hearts. A wonderful, pertinent message for us. Thank you.

Vivi's grandchildren kindly supported us in distributing the seeds - flowers and vegetables for our gardens. Our thanks.

Thank you to Di and Leonie for sharing poetry readings from Di's writings. We look forward to others sharing their talents with us during this special month.

St Joan's also welcomed Spring with native flowers, sharing of tasty greens at our produce table (thank you Edna and Jim) and a special entrance procession where Ron, Mary and Greg Taylor took up seeds, blossom and fruit and vegetables representing us all.

SAVE THE DATE: OUR PARISH ASSEMBLY

will be held on Sunday 27th October at St Joan's from 12 noon. Come along to hear reports about parish activities and to have your say about our future.





RESPONSORIAL PSALM

23rd SUNDAY in ORD. TIME, YR.B-2

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is He who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.



THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast Day 8th September



The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap.

This work has no historical value, but reflects the development of Christian piety. In this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

KSC ANNUAL LUNCHEON

on October 17th at Goolwa Church Hall from 12.00am. This year we have two speakers, and both from our own community.

Des Wallace will speak on his many years driving freight trains in the far north, which may sound dull, but not if you're a rail fan. Des tells us he has some hilarious stories to tell. Our other speaker is Michael Riddle who will speak on his recent visit to America and especially his visit to Graceland, the home of the late King of Rock, Elvis Presley. Michael's wife Marie will support him with some great photo shots.

DETAILS: \$20 a head . BYO drinks
- bring own glasses.

A combined mixed grill with lovely salad will be supplied.

Enquiries: Paul 0402 852 825.

Bookings open Sunday 16th September.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY



8TH September forms part of the National Child Protection Week, a national initiative to engage members of the

community in supporting families and protecting children. The theme for this year is **"EVERY CHILD, IN EVERY COMMUNITY, NEEDS A FAIR GO"**.

This message aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and in the future.

In the parish of Victor Harbor/ Goolwa we have very few children attending our churches, due to the demographics, but we are all exposed to children in our lives, whether this is in our family or in our community. This Safeguarding Sunday gives the opportunity to remind us all that **"EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS"** whether in our churches or in the community.

Conversations are powerful tools to keep our children and young people safe and well.

The Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and those at risk in our community. As parishioners of the Victor Harbor/Goolwa parish may we all uphold this commitment to safeguard all the children and young people in our lives. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-2024>

In the foyers of both churches there are flyers for a **colouring competition** for any child who wishes to enter.

Cathy May, Child Safe Contact Person

THANK YOU CATHY

Our thanks to Cathy May for undertaking this important role as well as that of Safety, Health and Welfare Officer. Don't forget to note down any health and safety issues you see in the book provided in the foyer of our Churches.

PRAY FOR WORLDWIDE GATHERING OF BISHOPS, PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS, AND LAYPEOPLE - OCTOBER 2024



The second October assembly is a continuation of the multiyear Synod on Synodality, which began in October 2021 and has included stages of discernment and discussion at various levels of the Church.

Our parish has previously sent in our ideas for the future of the Church so we are present in spirit at the Assembly's deliberations.

Our own Parish Assembly is also in October. Let us pray for that too.

THIS WEEK: 7th & 8th September

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 M. Mulvihill

R. 2 D. Huppatz

EMHC R. Austin



NEXT WEEK: 14th & 15th September

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 R. Klecko

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 C. May

EMHC T. Siciliano

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

32 Seaview Road (PO Box 464)
VICTOR HARBOR SA 5211
Telephone: 8552 1084 (*Please leave a message if the Office is unattended - we will get back to you asap*)
Email: catholicvhg@bigpond.com
Web: www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;
in an emergency - 0429 098 802)
Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• PARISH MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
Email:
Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• 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)

KID'S CORNER

Where is God when it's dark and stormy at night? Where is God when we are worried about someone we love? Where is God when we are scared to try something new? God is always with us. God is here now. God is in every here and every now. When you feel afraid, try this: Close your eyes, take a deep breath and imagine the love of God wrapping you up like a blanket. Remind yourself that God is with you, no matter what.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What 'human regulations' in today's world do you find difficult to conform to?
- What rituals and traditions have been handed down in your family?

(Continued from page 1)

and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

LISTEN UP!

The story of Jesus healing of the man who could not hear or speak used to gross me out. Spitting and touching the guy's tongue? Sticking fingers into his grimy ears? Even the groaning of Jesus, uttering "Ephphatha!" was a visceral reminder that the Incarnation isn't all roses and rainbows.

But such details blinded me to something huge: how important it would be, in biblical times, to have one's hearing and speech restored.

Consider: most people in Jesus' day couldn't read or write. Anything not grasped by the naked eye – ideas, human complexity of any kind, stories from the past and basic news of the day – depended upon hearing (and relaying) word-of-mouth communication. Within this oral culture, people who could not hear or speak were at such a loss, they were classified by Jewish law (and seen in Greek society) as mentally defective.

Individuals who could not hear or speak also missed out on the great tradition – passed down, orally – of trusting in God's saving ways. Moreover, it's a faith tradition that values hearing and speaking. As the Bible tells us, God speaks all of creation into being – and later voices the Ten Commandments. "Hear, O Israel" being the proclamation of many a prophet. Jesus talks incessantly about hearing the word of God. The psalms are peppered with repeated requests that God hear our pleas, our prayers, our songs of praise. It's a good reminder to really listen –

and respond – the next time we're at Mass and hear the word of God proclaimed. *GPBS eNews*

DID YOU KNOW?

- Tyre and Sidon are cities on the Mediterranean coast in the far north of Israel, now southern Lebanon. They were the leading cities of the Phoenicians. This was not Jewish territory. Jesus has entered the realm of Gentiles.
- The Decapolis was a federation of ten cities with a largely Greek culture. Most were in the area of the eastern side of the Jordan River to the south of the Sea of Galilee.
- 'Ephphatha' is an Aramaic word. Aramaic was a commonly spoken Semitic language and probably the language spoken by Jesus.
- The Gospels were written in Greek but we sometimes encounter evidence of an earlier written Aramaic source of stories about Jesus or evidence at least of earlier oral traditions which preserve the Aramaic sayings of Jesus.
- The deaf hearing and the dumb speaking are signs of the coming of the Messiah and the advent of the kingdom of God. Jesus the Messiah is bringing the kingdom of God to fulfilment now!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(September 09 - 15)

- **Monday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11)
- **Tuesday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38)
- **Friday, 14:** St John Chrysostom (1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27; Lk 6:39-42)
- **Saturday, 15:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17)
- **Sunday 16:** 24th SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35)

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.