



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

19<sup>th</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

**1 Kings 19:4-8**

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 33:2-9**

*Taste and see the goodness  
of the Lord.*

## SECOND READING

**Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2**

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise

your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Jn 6:51**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

**John 6:41-51**

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. *(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

**HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: FOR POLITICAL LEADERS**

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.



**THANK YOU!!**

South Coast Christian Community Care (SCCCC), Victor Harbor and Open Door, Goolwa, thank you for your generous donations of non-perishable food and toiletries. Items will be given to people living in our local region in need of a hand up. Your donations actioned our Parish Mission to "Reach out to those in need." Thank you! **And special thanks to Rose Mulraney our representative with SCCC for all her hard work.**

**GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP**

Sunday 5pm in the Annex  
You are welcome to join this group to reflect on the Gospel of the day.  
Phone Carol Sutherland.  
0418 856 799.

**MECHANICAL ENGINEERS**



Our next meeting is at St Joan's on 14th August at 9.30am. Morning tea to follow. All welcome..

**SAINT JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB** will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 13th August at 1.30pm in the Annex. All welcome.

**ROOM FOR RENT**

*A parishioner has a room available for rent in Leworthy Street, Victor Harbor. If you are interested please call 0477 366 635.*

**COMORO NEWS**



*Victor parishioners please take a moment to have a look at the notice board in St Joan's foyer showing the occasion when the soccer boots and balls that the parish collected were handed over to the Comoro young people. Thanks especially to Brian Fitzgerald and Patrick White for their special efforts.*

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOUTH**

12th August

*Half of the people on our planet are 30 or younger, and this is expected to reach 57% by the end of 2030.*



*So supporting our youth in their endeavours is vital for the future. The International Youth Day 2024 theme is "From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development." Those of us who are fortunate to have young people in our lives know the omnipresence of digital devices. We pray that these systems will be used for the good of all of us.*

**VOCATIONS APPEAL**

**THIS WEEKEND**

*There will be a third collection to support those in the Archdiocese who are studying to be priests and deacons. Let us offer them our support as they prepare for the future. We give thanks for our own priest Father Vinh and pray for his continued good health.*

**BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*Once again there is a special blessing in September for couples celebrating*



*milestone wedding anniversaries this year, for example an '0' or a '5' anniversary. Or there might be a personal*

*reason to have a special blessing on your anniversary this year.*

*Please contact Fran Hanna by Sunday 21st August by phone 0415 124 010 or by email. fran.hanna@bigpond.com*

**KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS WINE RAFFLE FOR FATHER'S DAY**

*Our box this year has 15 bottles of Premium Reds plus 3 bonus bottles of Chapel Hill Chardonnay.*



*Tickets are \$10 each with book of 35 available at each Mass Centre.*

*See: Des Wallace (OBE) Victor and Mike O'Halloran (getting closer to OBE honours) Goolwa. The draw will be on Father's Day 1st September unless sold beforehand.*

**PARISH COLLECTION**  
3rd & 4th August

1st (Presbytery) \$1,043.40  
2nd (Parish) \$1,421.20

**VICTOR MORNING TEA**  
11th August

A. Temme & M. Chalmers  
18th August  
M. Cunningham & F. Hanna

**VICTOR MEET & GREET**  
August Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson  
August Sundays  
R. Reid & L. Sunman

**GOOLWA MEET & GREET**  
August M. O'Halloran

**MORNING TEA**

August T. Curtis, E. Bourne, B. Hallion.

**ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP**

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.  
Claire Williams 0429 008 199



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



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**19th SUNDAY in ORD. TIME, YR.B-2**

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
 His praise always o my lips;  
 in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
 The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.  
 Together let us praise His name.  
 I sought the Lord and He answered me;  
 from all my terrors He set me free.

Look towards Him and be radiant;  
 let your faces not be abashed.  
 This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
 and rescued him from all his distress



**ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Solemnity, 15th August**

On 1st November 1950,  
 Pius XII defined the  
 dogma of the Assumption.  
 Thus he solemnly  
 proclaimed that the belief  
 whereby the Blessed  
 Virgin Mary, at the close  
 of her earthly life, was



taken up, body and soul, into the glory of  
 heaven, definitively forms part of the deposit  
 of faith, received from the Apostles. To avoid  
 all that is uncertain the Pope did not state  
 either the manner or the circumstances of  
 time and place in which the Assumption took  
 place — only the fact of the Assumption of  
 Mary, body and soul, into the glory of  
 heaven, is the matter of the definition.  
*Catholic Culture*

**ACBC RESEARCH PROJECT,  
 ABSENT FROM THE TABLE**  
*The Australian Catholic Bishops  
 Conference is undertaking a research  
 project aimed at investigating why  
 some Catholics do not participate in  
 regular weekly Sunday Mass (Sunday  
 Mass includes the Saturday Vigil).*  
<https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>




QR code:  
*The survey closes on  
 Tuesday August 20th, 2024.  
 Parishioners are encouraged to reach  
 out to those they know who could  
 participate in the survey.*

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION**

Each month, Pope Francis puts forward a  
 prayer intention and asks Catholics around  
 the world to join him in prayer.

**In August, Pope Francis has asked us to  
 pray for political leaders around the  
 world.** Let us pray for political leaders  
 worldwide, that God may bless them with  
 wisdom, understanding, discernment, and  
 knowledge to make decisions that will  
 positively impact our communities

*Don't forget the **Click to Pray App** which  
 reminds us to take some time  
 during our day to reflect on our  
 lives and pray for the  
 Pope's Intention for the month.*

**ENCOUNTER NEWSLETTER**

*Could we all at Goolwa please take our  
 Encounters home rather than returning  
 them to the bench after Mass. Beside  
 reading at leisure at home what is  
 happening in the parish, the back page  
 also has some great articles on the  
 gospel of the day to give us a little  
 more to think about. We have a great  
 team who print the Encounter up for us  
 every week so let's take a little extra  
 time at home to read "the good news".  
 (Good advice for all the parish).*

**GOOLWA NOTICE BOARD**

*Vivi Scriva has changed our notice  
 board for August. The theme this  
 month is for our Goolwa members who  
 have health issues, and they all have  
 their names listed so you can check it  
 out and keep them in  
 your prayers.  
 Thanks to Vivi I am sure  
 we have the most  
 colourful and best laid  
 out church notice board  
 around. Since coming  
 to our parish Vivi has been a wonderful  
 volunteer in many ways and we are  
 most grateful to her for the time she  
 gives.*



**ANIMAL WELLBEING PROGRAMME**

*The Southern Cross has a wonderful  
 story of Centacare's Animal Wellbeing  
 Program which provides wellbeing  
 sessions aimed to improve engagement  
 and reduce isolation of people with  
 complex needs in educational,  
 disability or community-based settings.  
 They bring their own animals which  
 include a dog, joeys, small goats and  
 lambs, ducks, a rooster and chickens,  
 lizards, stick insects and guinea pigs.*

**THIS WEEK: 10th & 11th August**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** L. Blacket  
**R.1** M. Mulvihill  
**R.2** J. Jeffery  
**EMHC** E. O'Connell

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** R. Klecko  
**R. 1** R. Reid  
**R. 2** P. Clingan  
**EMHC** M. Taylor

**GOOLWA 9am**

**Commentator:** V. Scriva  
**R. 1** M. O'Halloran  
**R. 2** R. Lee  
**EMHC** R. Austin



**NEXT WEEK: 17th & 18th August**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** C. Huppertz  
**R.1** L. Blacket  
**R.2** C. Sutherland  
**EMHC** M. Farmer

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** P. O'Brien  
**R. 1** M. Cunningham  
**R. 2** K. Dudley  
**EMHC** L. Sunman

**GOOLWA 9am**

**Commentator:** Marie Riddle  
**R. 1** E. Bourne  
**R. 2** Michael Riddle  
**EMHC** T. Siciliano

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

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RAMINDJERI land

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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, [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com)  
(All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)

#### • PARISH TREASURER

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#### • CHILD PROTECTION

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Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)  
Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

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

### DID YOU KNOW?

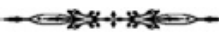
- The Gospel of John contains several 'I am' sayings. When God revealed his name to Moses at the burning bush he called himself 'I am who am'. Jesus' use of this term is a pointer to his true identity as Son of God.
- The 'manna' of the desert experience is indeed a real phenomenon. It is a highly nutritious substance which forms in the early morning possibly from the secretions of beetles which feed on the tamarisk plant.

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It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life.

'I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'



### MAKE A CHOICE

Most shopping centres have large food courts with a number of different styles of food. Certain streets feature one fast food restaurant after another. Some neighbourhoods become noted for their upscale restaurants. Even university accommodation, boarding schools and hospital cafeterias, once notorious for bad food, now sport elaborate food stations.

So much of the world subsists on a particular starch – like rice or pasta or potatoes – as a basis of its food intake, and the same food is prepared and eaten in the same way day after day.

But in our land of incredible bounty, we insist on variety. Feel like a hot dog for lunch? There are all sorts to choose from – regular, all beef, low fat, vegetarian, kosher, chicken, turkey, etc.

Jesus offers us a choice today. He never forces himself on us. It is an invitation. And included in that invitation is the gift of eternal life in heaven. It's there for our taking, no matter how bad we may be feeling about ourselves. After all, Elijah prayed for death, but instead the angel of the Lord brought him food.

So among the many choices available to us, we can choose Jesus as our Bread of Life and be guaranteed eternal life. What more could we ask for?

### GET UP AND EAT

At this, because he said, "I am the Bread that came down from heaven," the Jews started arguing over him: "Isn't this the

son of Joseph? Don't we know his father? Don't we know his mother? How can he now say, 'I came down out of heaven' and expect anyone to believe him?"

Some people liked it when Jesus criticised the religious leaders of his day – though it didn't go down well with the leaders, obviously. And some liked it when he upheld every jot and title of the law. Unless they were lawbreakers, who liked it when he broke the law. Jesus was popular when he held out hope for sinners, though not with the righteous. The problem with Jesus was, he couldn't please ALL of the people ANY of the time.

But he could manage to offend everyone at once. When Jesus said he was manna from heaven, nobody was happy with that. It sounded like blasphemy, a claim that reached too high. How could anyone say they were from heaven? This bread from heaven thing was going too far.

Jesus offers himself as living bread to feed that part of us that will never die. When Jesus says, "get up and eat," it's a bad time to start doing theology. The right response is to tuck in your napkin. I know people who run around in circles trying to decide what they believe about the Eucharist, whether or not they're worthy to receive, whether or not they can take the Host from a layperson or a gay person. If Jesus is the bread of life, and dinner is served, I don't want to be the one who says no, thank you.



### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(August 12 - 18)

- **Mon, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 1:2-5, 24-28; Mt 17:22-27)
- **Tue, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14)
- **Wed, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Ezek 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20)
- **Thu, 15:** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Fri, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Sat, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 18:1-10, 13, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15)
- **Sun 18:** 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58)

### 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.