



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

20TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.

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

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 39:2-4, 18

Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne.* Think of the way he



stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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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)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Barry Wilks, Bob Willis, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Rita Sullivan, Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Margaret & Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick, Ann & Kevin Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Daniel Holliday, Cath Howard

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid

PARISH COLLECTION 6th & 7th August

1st (Presbytery) \$719.90
2nd (Parish) \$872.20

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 19th & 26th August

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

14th August

A. Temme & M. Chalmers

21st August

F. Hanna & M. Mattsson

VICTOR MEET & GREET August Saturday

M. Farmer & H. Anderson

August Sunday

R. Reid & W. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET August

M. O'Halloran

MORNING TEA

August

J. Dunthorne, E. Bourne,

B. Hallion, T. Curtis

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

For Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium businesses; in the midst of economic and social crises, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH LECTIO DIVINA is held each Sunday night at 5pm in the Annex.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.30. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Monday afternoons 2-4pm. Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson on 0402 341 071.

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.

AUGUST SOUTHERN CROSS NOW AVAILABLE

This month's Southern Cross has an article about our parish's efforts to care for our environment including our worm farm project. There are also some very informative articles on the Plenary Council.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS WEEK 7th - 14th August



On this second Sunday of Vocations Week we pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate and the Religious Life.

Please note that there will be a third collection for Vocations this weekend.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS FATHERS' DAY WINE RAFFLE

At Goolwa the prize will be 1 doz. rich reds with a bonus of 3 bottles of Salena Estate Black Label Barossa Valley Shiraz. At Victor there will be 6 reds and 6 whites as well as the same bonus prize. Tickets are \$10 each. We ask parishioners to buy their tickets from the Mass centre they regularly attend as we wish both winners to come from either Victor or Goolwa.

45 CLUB SERIES

The Knights of the Southern Cross thank all participants in the recent 45 Club series which completed last week. We thank you all for your participation which enables us to help the needy in our parish. The final series for this year is now open and will be completed before Advent. We look forward to your participation. Please contact Robert Lee in Goolwa or on 0409 945 019 as soon as possible to ensure a chance at a weekly prize and to help the needy.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS NEWS AUGUST 2022

DONATIONS: \$200 each was donated by the Knights to Retired Priest Foundation, Catherine House, and also to Vinnies Winter Appeal (our second donation as the original appeal fell \$200,000 short on budget)

FUNDRAISING: Our wine raffle is now open in both mass centres. The new 45 club series is also now open, and we hope for your renewal. Our monthly B B Q at Goolwa raised \$64.10. The next B B Q will be on Sunday Sept. 4. We are always grateful to all of you who support our fund raising, which makes the donations listed above possible.

SICKNESS: We offer prayers each month for parishioners in our parish struggling with health issues

ANNIVERSARIES: Vic Davoren and Geoff Oates as well as Fr. Peter Ward, former parish priest, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is on Wed. 17th August at Goolwa at 4 pm. The Knights stand for Christianity and service. We are not an exclusive club. Ring Paul on 0402 852 825 if you are interested in being involved.

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YR.C

Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and He stooped down to me;
He heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay.



ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Feast Day 15th August

On November 1, 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

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



NOTES FROM 27TH JULY 2022 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Annual General Assembly - The next meeting of the Working Group will be held Tuesday 23rd August (Sharon Duong, Paul Kennelly, Ray Klecko, Father Vinh, Fran Hanna).

Victor Harbor/Goolwa Parish Action Plan 2021-2022 - This has been reviewed and updated and is available on the noticeboard at Goolwa and in St Joan's Annex.

Recommendations to the Diocesan Assembly. To be included in next week's Encounter.

Around the Parish - There is an Inter-church meeting (19th August 2022).

Father Vinh:

had a happy holiday; thanked Father Paul Cashen, Vicar General Dean Marin and Monsignor Dempsey for saying Mass in his absence; and parishioners for leading the weekday liturgy

Church Maintenance - Parishioners are reminded that when Parish maintenance tasks are to be undertaken that a risk assessment must be made; and Cathy May, CSHW SA (Safety, Health and Welfare) contacted to discuss further action.

**Next meeting: 24th August 2022
7.00p.m. Goolwa**

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY 19th August



Every year, millions of people need humanitarian assistance because of disasters both natural and man-made. World

Humanitarian Day reminds us of the increasing need for humanitarian workers who can give selflessly of their time and sometimes even their lives.

United Nations

FATHER VINH AWAY ON RETREAT

Father Vinh is going on Retreat with the Parish Lectio Divina Group at Sevenhill Retreat House this week. He will stay a further three days on his own Retreat. Father asks for our prayers.

There will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion during the week in our Parish.

THIS WEEK 13th & 14th August VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 J. Jeffery

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 L. Sunman

E.M. P. Clingan

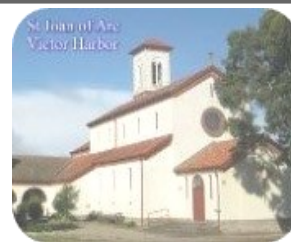
GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R. 1 J. McMahon

R. 2 Marie Riddle

E.M. M. Glazewski



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Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. M. Farmer

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 T. Hounslow

E.M. P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 M. Mulvihill

E.M. T. Siciliano

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 11/08/22)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the SA Health instructions in regard to isolating and other government health protocols. Stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended. (Show you care and wear a mask.)
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.

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

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EXPLORING THE WORD

This is a difficult text because it challenges our notions of what Jesus was like. The imagery that Jesus uses has a long history in the Old Testament, where we frequently read of people passing through the fire of testing and judgment. John had prophesied about the one who would come bringing a baptism of fire and judgment, but it had never occurred to him that the one who was to come may be the first to undergo that baptism! This rare glimpse into the mind of Jesus reveals an agonising mixture of impatience and reluctance. Convinced that God's redemptive plan requires him to bring upon earth the fiery baptism of judgment—not by inflicting it upon others but by undergoing it himself—he feels handicapped and thwarted until this mission can be accomplished.

The reference to households being divided may well be directed at Luke's community itself. Faith in Jesus could well be the cause of division in families. While predominantly Gentile, Luke's community did have Jewish Christians. Some Jews failed to recognise Jesus as the Messiah, and in the late first century, Jews expelled Christians from their synagogues. To persist in Christian belief would have caused great division.

PRINCE OF PEACE?

Wow. Some Prince of Peace this guy was. Splitting up families, causing division. You sure you want in on this?

Jesus almost sounds sad in this Gospel passage. Maybe this story recalls one of the first times he realised people wouldn't accept his Good News. Maybe that reality crushed him.

I've seen that happen to a lot of young people after youth group meetings, retreats, or community service trips. They feel filled with Good News but run into friends and family members who call them unrealistic, naïve, or Bible-bashers. I've also seen conflict sparked when young people stand up for what's right, in front of friends or classmates.

Yeah, Jesus was right. Conflict is definitely part of the package. The peace Jesus brings isn't a calm in

which no one gets angry. Jesus makes it clear he stands for the peace that can come only when all people find respect and justice. But the people who call others to respect all people and to live justly – hopefully, you and me – quite often spark conflict.

So the real question is: How will you deal with conflict as a Christian?

Here are some tips from a guy who has faced it, made some mistakes, and learned from them. First, don't back down from it. Conflict can strengthen relationships if you deal with it non-violently. Every time you stand up non-violently for your beliefs despite conflict, your self-esteem grows. Second, remember that our God is nonviolent. Resolve conflict without name-calling, yelling, or becoming physically violent. That can be hard. But the more you practice, the better you get. Third, you're not alone. Pray for strength to remain faithful, even during conflict, and reach out to other Christians – especially those who can walk with you – for support and advice when times get tough.

So, yeah, conflict is part of the deal for Christians. And it can get ugly. But the Lord had been through it and won't leave you in the lurch.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(15 - 21 August)

- **Monday, 15:** The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14)
- **Friday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 20:** St Bernard (Ezek 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Sunday 21:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13)

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.