



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

24th 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.

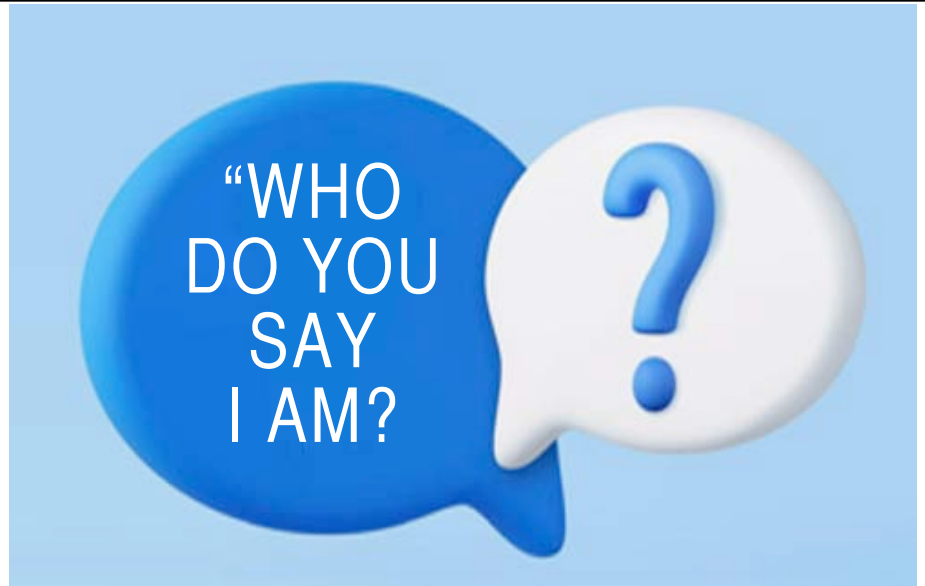
Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 9.00am

GOOLWA

Weekend - Sunday 9.00am.
Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

St Joan's, Victor Harbor - Saturday
11am - 11.30am, or by appointment.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 114:1-6, 8-9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat

plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, (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 McCoey, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, 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 Tregagle, Greg Hope, Mairead Cummings, Maire Ryan, John McAuliffe, Meg Klecko, Stephen Vernon, Graham Blacket

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Siciliano, Nora Worrad

RECENTLY DECEASED

Julie Bradley

PARISH COLLECTION 7th & 8th September

1st (Presbytery) \$897.20
2nd (Parish) \$952.05

Direct Debit Details :
BSB 085 005 A/C 489786431

VICTOR MORNING TEA

15th September
M. Cunningham & E. Dabinett
22nd September
W. & J. Baker

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.



HOUSE NEEDED FOR RENT

A local parishioner and his family are requiring a long term house to rent in the area. Please contact him on 0421 042 129 if you can help.



VINNIES – Extends a welcome to those interested, to our next meeting on Thursday, 19th September in the Annex, St Joan's, Victor Harbor after 9am Mass.

45 CLUB is open now and looking for participants as the first draw is due very soon. Please contact Robert Lee or any member of the Knights of the Southern Cross to have your name listed as potential winners. We thank you for your previous entries which has enabled us to support the many people and organisations in need. Phone or text 0409 945 019.

CONGRATULATIONS



TO JEANETTE WELLING WHO CELEBRATED HER 80TH BIRTHDAY RECENTLY!

KSC ANNUAL LUNCHEON

on 17th October at Goolwa Church Hall from 12.00 noon. This year we have two speakers. Des Wallace will speak on his many years driving freight trains. Our other speaker is Michael Riddle who will share about his recent visit to America and especially his visit to Graceland.

DETAILS: \$20 a head

Drinks: BYO - bring own glasses.
A combined mixed grill with lovely salad
Enquiries: Paul 0402 852 825.
Bookings open Sunday 16th September.

FUNERAL MASS FOR JULIE BRADLEY will be held on Tuesday 24th September at 10.30am at St. Joans.

SEASON OF CREATION SECOND SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER



GRATITUDE AND SHARING

Let us listen to the Cry of the Poor
This week we give thanks for all we have and reflect on the ways we can share with those in need. There are many causes we donate to during the year, directly or through fund-raising efforts. These donations may seem at times somewhat impersonal but nevertheless they are reaching into the lives of real people.

Here are some of them:

Aboriginal Appeal

Catholic Charities

Catholic Missions

Day of the Unborn Child

Knights of the Southern Cross

Project Compassion

Seafarers (Stella Maris)

Vinnies Winter Appeal / Christmas Hampers

THE RESULTS OF ONE APPEAL

Project Compassion 2024 raised \$603,548.02 in our Archdiocese. National total was \$9.77m. OUR PARISH GIVING - \$7,958.45.

Tracey Tessitore who visited us earlier in the year writes:

"This is an outstanding effort considering the high cost of living and shows the generosity and compassion of our local Church and values of solidarity and preferential option for the poor."

OUR SISTER PARISH COMORO NEWS

Here we are fortunate to have a personal connection. We can actually see the need for giving and the difference it makes in people's lives.

Dear Parishioners,

With the successful conclusion to Pope Francis' visit to Timor Leste, our Sister Parish will have the opportunity to refocus their attention upon a project where our financial assistance is absolutely essential. **The community of Tasi Tolu is the chosen area** where a water filtration system was initially proposed. However, subsequent investigations uncovered a major problem in that **they have NO water supply at all.** This just presents us with a challenge! *We will work in cooperation with this community to bring about better living conditions.*

Every little bit we can do makes a difference.
Mark Leaney 0412 607 891

We are currently being asked to contribute to the

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
in our Archdiocese**



RESPONSORIAL PSALM
24th SUNDAY in ORD. TIME, YR.B-2

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for He has heard
 the cry of my appeal;
 for He turned His ear to me
 in the day when I called Him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
 with the anguish of the tomb;
 they caught me, sorrow and distress.
 I called on the Lord's name.
 O Lord my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
 our God has compassion.
 The Lord protects the simple hearts;
 I was helpless so He saved me.

He has kept my soul from death,
 my eyes from tears
 and my feet from stumbling.
 I will walk in the presence of the Lord
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SAINT MATTHEW
Feast Day 21st September

Matthew was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. The Romans were unscrupulous about what the "tax farmers" gained. Hence the latter, known as "publicans," were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews.



The Pharisees lumped them with sinners" (Matt. 9:11-13). They were shocked to hear Jesus call such a man one of his intimate followers. The Gospel tells us that many tax collectors and "those known as sinners" came to the dinner at Matthew's home, again shocking the Pharisees.

Why did the supposedly great teacher associate with such immoral people? Jesus' answer was, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Matthew 9:12b-13). Jesus is not setting aside ritual and worship; he is saying that loving others is even more important. *Franciscan Media.*

REPORT ON SEASON OF CREATION

Goolwa On Sunday for our Season of Creation, Vivi had lovely cuttings of rosemary for everyone with a thoughtful - "thankful and joyous" card attached to each. This Sunday we are preparing some fruit (and vegetables) to give out to everyone - may we be fruitful on our earth's journey as we celebrate the goodness of God's creation.

Victor Last weekend we invited Chris Reid to share some of his wood creations. Chris has a special relationship with nature. He takes the time to ponder over the wood he collects - the wood almost speaks to him about what it may become.
<https://wildandwoody.com.au/>

INVITATION TO PRAY FOR PEACE

Chris Reid is a member of the Baha'i faith and has invited our Catholic community to join him at the Peace Pole that he designed at the end of Warland Reserve at 10.00am next Sat. 20th to pray for peace.

EXCURSIONS DURING SEPTEMBER

SEASON OF CREATION

Nangawooka Native Garden
 Spring Plant Sale Sunday 15th
 Leave Victor Church after Mass.
Signal Point Goolwa -
 Friday 20th at 11.30. Car pooling available for Victor Parishioners.
 If you are interested in either excursion ring Fran on **0415 124 010**

KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS NEWS - SEPTEMBER 2024.

BBQ Our last BBQ raised about \$60. Thanks for your support, The next BBQ will be held on 6th Oct.
WINE RAFFLE. Well done to winners (Pat from Victor and Greg from Goolwa) and to all who supported our sell-out wine raffle at both Mass centres. Watch out for our big wine raffle at Christmas.
DONATIONS At our last meeting it was decided to donate \$150 each to Flying Doctor, Hutt St Centre and Mary Potter hospice.
MEETINGS The Knights' Annual Meeting will be held on 18th September at 4.00 pm followed by our monthly General Meeting.

AT OUR MEETINGS THE KNIGHTS ALWAYS PRAY FOR THOSE IN POOR HEALTH IN THE PARISH.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND



THIS 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



NEXT WEEK: 21st & 22nd September

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Sutherland
R.2 L. Blacket
EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 R. Klecko
R. 2 A. Williss

EMHC L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 L. Healey
R. 2 Michael Riddle

EMHC A. Turner

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084,
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(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)

DID YOU KNOW?

- Caesarea Philippi is a Gentile northern frontier town in upper Galilee, on the slopes of Mount Hermon. It is one of the sources of the River Jordan. The site was known in antiquity as a shrine to the Greek and Roman nature gods. When Herod the Great's son Philip became tetrarch of the region, he rebuilt the city and named it after himself and the Emperor.
- By this point in Jesus' public ministry, John the Baptist had been killed by Herod Antipas because John criticised Herod's actions in marrying his brother's wife.

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to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

THE SIXTEENTH ITEM

(Mark 8: 27 - 35)

Calling the crowd to join his disciples, Jesus said, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all." (Mk 8:34- 35)

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A quick run through the supermarket wasn't the place Jennifer expected to learn a lesson in faith, but faith overtook her one Thursday in the checkout line.

Jennifer had figured on just swinging by the shops to grab a few things before picking up the kids at school. One of those basic hand-baskets was all she needed, and she got into the "15 items or less" line to speed up the process. But her run through the store ground to a halt when the elderly couple in front of her started having problems. First the woman forgot something on her list and sent her husband shuffling off to retrieve the item. Then came the inevitable struggle with the card reader. She swiped it upside down. Credit? Debit? PIN number? "Honey, what's our PIN number?"

Jennifer kicked herself for coming to the store on Senior Discount Day. The words "stupid" and "idiot" began to flash in her thinking. Then a little booklet in the magazine rack caught her eye. Nestled between "Amazing Astrology" and "Celebrity Diet Secrets" was "Bible for Busy Mums." She took it out and flipped it open to where Jesus talked about taking up the cross. It occurred to her that one of life's little crosses was being offered to her right then and there. She changed her mind, offered up a kindly prayer for the old couple, and dropped the little booklet into her basket.

KIDS' CORNER

If a brother or sister has nothing and one of you says, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? (James 2:15-16)

It's important to take part in the Mass and worship the Lord. But Jesus also calls us to act on our faith. We can bring groceries to church for the food pantry. We can put our own money in the collection basket for people left homeless by disasters, earthquakes and wars. We can also keep our eyes open for people in need all around us. Is there someone who seems lonely at school? Does a friend need someone to listen to them? In all these ways, we show our love for God and each other.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(September 16 - 22)

- **Monday, 16:** Sts Cornelius and Cyprian (1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10)
- **Tuesday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31; Lk 7:11-17)
- **Wednesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13; Lk 7:31-35)
- **Thursday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50)
- **Friday, 20:** Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gön and Paul Chông Ha-sang & companions (1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3)
- **Saturday, 21:** St Matthew (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13)
- **Sunday 22:** 25th SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37)

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.