



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SEVENTH 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

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off, No one saw, no one knew, no one work up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of

the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4,8,10,12-13
The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:45-49
The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven.

As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven.

And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn13:34
Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

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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, Brian Smallacombe, Bob Willis, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Charlie Nicolson, Bette Higgins, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Emily Slattery, Eileen McCoe, Carmen Kernahan, J. Jeffery, Margaret & Len Peake, Ron Harris, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter McInnes

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bill Longworth, Don Williams, Patricia Regan, John Mezzino

PARISH COLLECTION 12th & 13th February

1st (Presbytery) \$ 808.95
2nd (Parish) \$1094.75
Candles \$418.50

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 18th & 25th February

W. & J. Baker & M. Cunningham
4th & 11th March
P. Mezzino & F. Harris

VICTOR MORNING TEA No morning tea until further notice

VICTOR MEET & GREET February Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson
February Sundays
L. Sunman & J. Schulze

GOOLWA MEET & GREET February

A. Turner

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FEBRUARY: FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS AND CONSECRATED WOMEN

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women ; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our time.



LENTEN PROGRAM 2022

You are welcome to use "Remember" for your personal prayer each day of Lent or use it as a group discussion. "Remember" helps you to live each day in Lent and it focusses on each Sunday gospel. It costs \$10.00 per copy.

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB



Dear Parishioners,
A meeting will be held on Thursday 24th February at 2.00 pm in St John's

Church to ask if there is any support in the Goolwa Parish to continue with the Social Club.

We need to consider the following:

For the Club to continue we would need a new influx of active and enthusiastic members.

Alternatively, do we disband the Club.

If the Club is disbanded, how best to close the Accounts and to distribute the Funds.

Further information can be obtained or discussed with Anne Turner, Paul Kennelly or Margaret Meade or myself.

Anne Fawkner

HAVE YOUR SAY!!

In October last year, Pope Francis launched the international journey towards the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod or Gathering of Bishops.

Catholics around the world have been invited to take part, responding to a series of questions under the themes of communion, participation and mission.

Remember the Holy Spirit is with all the church, lay and clerical. Even just a short message on your concerns will be helpful.

The deadline is February 27th.

<https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

A THANK YOU FROM BETTE HIGGINS

Bette would like to thank people for their support and prayers during her recent illness and recovery as well as for their friendship over the years. She is moving at the end of this month to Melbourne to be closer to her son and family and has a lovely home there and can take her dog as well. Bette has been a parishioner for 35 years at St. Joan's and St John's. If anyone wants to stay in contact with Bette, her phone number is 0448 752 447.

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD APPEAL

Feb 19th & 20th.

A special collection is being taken up this weekend in support of the work undertaken by Birthline

Pregnancy Support, Mothers without Medicare & Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc.

The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion. We thank you in anticipation for your generous support of those who work tirelessly with individuals and families who require these important resources and services



VICTOR HARBOR

REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP

The next General Meeting will be on Sunday 20th at 2pm at the Christian Gospel Centre, Victor Harbor.

Enquiries: Marjorie Keeble (Sec.)
0408 586 854

EASTER CELEBRATION

If you are available to help in any way with the Easter celebration Masses, please put your name on the sheets available in the porch at St Joan's.

DISPOSABLE MASKS

Can you put disposable masks in the recycling bin?

NO. The best way to dispose of disposable masks is in your general waste bin, the blue bin, making sure you **snip the straps that hold them on**, because if the masks do end up in the environment, the straps can entangle wildlife and cause problems. *Abc.net.au*

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YR.C

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless His holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all His blessings.

It is He who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the East is from the West
so far does He remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear Him.



THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER

Feast Day 22nd February

This feast brings to mind the mission of



teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined *ex cathedra*, and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium.

The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome has been celebrated from the early days of the Christian era on 18 January, in commemoration of the day when Saint Peter held his first service in Rome. The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated at Rome, on 22 February. At each place, a chair (cathedra) was venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass.
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WORLD SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

A Call for Social Justice in the Digital Economy



The digital economy is transforming the world of work. *Over the past decade, expansion in*

broadband connectivity, cloud computing, and data have led to the proliferation of digital platforms, which have penetrated several sectors of the economy and societies. Since early 2020, the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic have led to remote working arrangements and allowed for the continuation of many business activities, further reinforcing the growth and impact of the digital economy. *The crisis has also laid bare and exacerbated the growing digital divide within, between and across developed and developing countries,* particularly in terms of the availability, affordability and use of information communications technologies and access to the internet, deepening existing inequalities. *United Nations*

FROM VINNIES – A Big Thank you!

Are people aware that a big proportion of Vinnies' income to help our local needy Companions comes through the "Poorbox" at each weekend Mass? Many, many thanks to the Poorbox-holders at Goolwa on Sundays and at Victor at the Vigil and Sunday Masses – and many thanks to those who donate. The calls for assistance have been unusually high since Christmas, a sad reflection on the huge increase in rental costs combined with a lack of available rental property. So everything going through the slots in those boxes is appreciated!!



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." (LUKE 6:35)
Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

This Week : 19th & 20th February

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm
Commentator: C. Huppertz

- R.1 J. Ryan
- R.2 L. Blacket
- E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR Sunday 11.00am
Commentator : T. Hounslow

- R.1. L. Sunman
- R.2 M. Cunningham
- E.M A. Rose

GOOLWA Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriva

- R1 E. Bourne
- R2 K. O'Shea
- E.M. T. Siciliano



Next Week : 26th & 27th February

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm
Commentator: J. Ryan

- R.1 J. Jeffrey
- R.2 C. Sutherland
- E.M. M. Farmer

VICTOR HARBOR Sunday 11.00am
Commentator : P. O'Brien

- R.1. W. Baker
- R.2 S. Duong
- E.M J. Baker

GOOLWA Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

- R1 M. Mulvihill
- R2 Michael Riddle
- E.M. M. Glazewski

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 16 February, 2022)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3:4 sqm with social distancing of 1.5ms. Weddings and Funerals (previously viewed as a private activity) are regarded in our circumstance as a religious/faith-based ceremony and the 3:4sqm applies.
- QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Restricted numbers of people per pew and no kneeling.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. (*A medical certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.*)
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship, if they wear masks while doing so.
- No communal gatherings after Mass.
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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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 - ph 8552 1084 or 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 (Parish Office 8552 1084)

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

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GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

EXPLORING THE WORD

In last week's gospel, the disciples learned that to be a faithful follower of Jesus, they must be committed to a new order. This week's text tells them how they must live in that new order; in a sense it provides the practical details. What Jesus is suggesting should not be confused with passivity or simply inaction or resignation in the face of persecution and injustice. Quite the contrary! What Jesus is suggesting is radical action. It demands that we act towards others without being asked, that believers offer friendship and pardon constantly, without asking or hoping

for anything in return. In Jesus we find God's self-revelation, God's actions in and for the world, his plan for salvation and its fulfilment. Followers of Jesus must act in these ways precisely because they are the ways of God.

- Turn the other cheek; love your enemies; do good to those who hurt you! Why should we? How can we? How challenging do you find this directive?

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

This text follows immediately on from the Beatitudes of last week's gospel. It continues the theme of the radical reversal called for by the gospel. What the world considers as human nature and a natural response is not the way of the disciples of Jesus, who follow a different world order. They must act and respond in a certain way because that is the way of God!

DID YOU KNOW?

Today's gospel contains the most challenging of all the Christian commandments and probably the most difficult to keep: love your enemies and do good to those who hurt you.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(21 - 27 February)

- **Monday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (James 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29)
- **Tuesday, 22:** The Chair of St Peter, (1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19)
- **Wednesday, 23:** St Polycarp, (James 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40)
- **Thursday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (James 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50)
- **Friday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (James 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12)
- **Saturday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (James 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16)
- **Sunday, 27:** 8th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45)



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.