



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

*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:

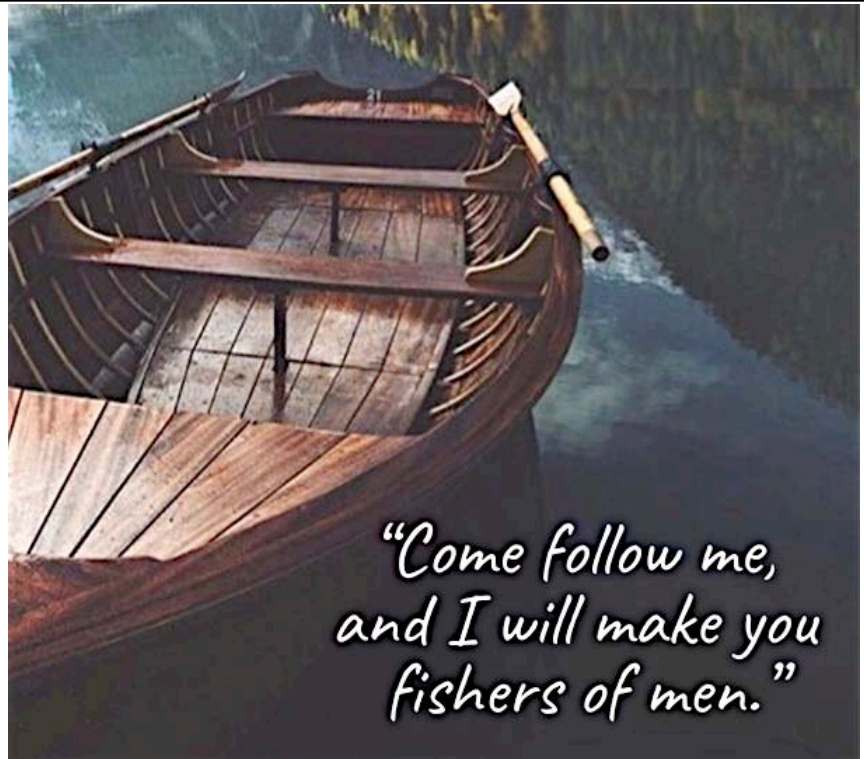
- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.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

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake

of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee,

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS (These names will be removed after one month. To keep names on this list please contact Parish Office)

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Bob Willis, Jeffery Family, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Rita Sullivan, Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris, Vin Slattery, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick, Ann & Kevin Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Ray, Bill Longworth

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brian Ferrari

PARISH COLLECTION

14th & 15th January 2023

1st (Presbytery) \$ 1080.00
2nd Parish \$ 1384.20

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

27th January & 3rd February

W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

10th & 17th February

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

22nd January

F. Hanna & M. Hatley

29th January

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR MEET & GREET

January Saturday

M. Farmer & M. Tuckey

January Sunday

R. Reid & A. Rose

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

January

A. Turner

MORNING TEA

Starts February

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS



JANUARY: For Educators:

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching community rather than

competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable of all.

KSC "45 CLUB"

"45 Club wishes you all a Happy New Year and invites you to make your contribution to the first of three series of 2023.

The first draw is on 4th February so please contact a member of the Knights or Robert Lee on 0409 945 019 to ensure a place in the draws. We thank you for your past involvement which has enabled the Knights to help those in need."

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

The Knights have recently donated \$500 to Catherine House who support homeless women, many of them the victims of domestic violence.



This donation was made possible by a kind donation of \$700 by the Victor Social Club as a result of their very successful Melbourne Cup Luncheon in November.

Our January BBQ raised \$60. The next BBQ will be held on Feb. 5th after 9 am Mass at Goolwa.

We remember the anniversary of member Bill Longworth this month, as well as past Parish Priest Fr Jim Honner. *The Knights are having a break in January with our next meeting being on Wed 15th February at 4 pm at Goolwa.*

CHURCHES OUTREACH

Our local family of Churches has an outreach this Sunday in the big Art Show tent on Warland Reserve. There is a Scripture Union SA presentation in the Art Show tent from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. All are invited.

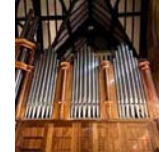


PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

WELCOME TO AN IMPORTANT VISITOR

We welcome Deacon Filipe Sarmiento to our Parish this weekend. Deacon Filipe is from Comoro and currently studying in Melbourne. He hopes to complete his study at the end of this year. We are very pleased to have him with us.

FESTIVAL OF HYMNS



On Sunday February 19th at 1pm, James Lloyd, Cathedral Organist at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral will give a free concert featuring well-loved hymns

played on the magnificent Cathedral Casavant Frères pipe organ to which we are warmly invited to both attend and join in singing. James is the regular organist at the Cathedral's 11am Sunday Solemn Mass. The concert is part of the 2023 Fringe Organ Recitals program at the Cathedral.

ST JOHN'S OUTER GROUNDS AND MEMORIAL GARDEN



Arriving at church you may walk across the lawns or along the paths.

Do you see or reflect on the gifts here? Have you taken time recently to visit the memorial

garden and take a quiet moment of reflection? Some children came to Mass last week with their parents and afterwards came into the Memorial garden. They played and spread their delight and joy as if in their very own secret garden! There is such care taking place quietly here that we may not see.

With Tony and the gardening team there is much that is done each month. Then there is more! During the week the gardening team quietly goes on. Eugene comes to mow, Paul waters the lawns and Tony waters the flowers and garden.

We thank you all, those who give their time coming to work here in God's creation, for the pleasure and comfort, peacefulness and joy that you bring as we come to St John's.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."

MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are called to put God first in everything.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Yr. A

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I fear?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold His temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in Him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!



ORDINARY TIME

The word 'ordinary' comes from the word ordinal which means 'counted'. Each week is known by a number, e.g. the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The use of the term Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar distinguishes it from the other seasons - Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter - which focus on particular aspects of Christ's life: his birth, suffering, death and resurrection.

Ordinary Time celebrates Jesus' teaching and ministry. It gives us time to reflect on how we live as Christians.

We have thirty-three weeks to examine and 'order' our lives while we focus on a particular Gospel, in a three-year cycle, and to enter it deeply. **We are presently in Year A, the year of Matthew.**

Year A – The Gospel of Matthew

Year B – The Gospel of Mark

Year C – The Gospel of Luke

The weekday Masses are organised in a two-year cycle: Years I and II.

GREEN, the colour of Ordinary Time, tells us much about its significance in the Church's life. It is the rich colour of growth and new life.

Ordinary Time deserves to be lived extraordinarily - in the depths of our own hearts, in our families and in the worshipping community.

AUSTRALIA DAY

THURSDAY JAN 26th



These days
Australia Day
raises many

competing ideas and feelings in our
Australian community.

Is Australia Day to be celebrated as the
beginning of a new nation in this country
which started with the arrival of
Captain Cook over 250 years ago and
with the arrival of migrants from many
lands has grown to be a multicultural
nation?

Is it to be seen as the Day of Invasion of
the lands of the Aboriginal people who
were already living here?

Hopefully it can be a day that encourages
us to think and pray about the way in
which these two meanings can be
reconciled.

This year importantly is the year that a
referendum will be held that allows us
to proudly **incorporate the existence of
Aboriginal people into our 1901
founding constitution** - an important
step in reconciliation.

The **referendum** will also ask us to
**approve a Voice to Parliament for our
Aboriginal people** - a representative
body that can **advise** the Government of
the day about issues relating to the
Aboriginal community.

**Bounteous God,
We give thanks for this
ancient and beautiful land,
A land of hope and sometimes despair,
A land of wealth and
abundant harvests,
A land of fire, drought and flood.
We pray that your Spirit may continue
to move in this land
and bring forgiveness, reconciliation,
and an end to all injustice;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Mary Help of Christians
come to our aid.**

**Mass for Australia Day
will be at 9.00am at St Joan's.**

THIS WEEK 21st & 22nd Jan

VICTOR HARBOR

Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 J. Jeffery

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 A. Williss

R. 2 R. Klecko

E.M. M. Taylor

GOOLWA

Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 M. Mulvihill

R. 2 C. May

E.M. S. Muller



NEXT WEEK 28th & 29th Jan

VICTOR HARBOR

Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator : E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Huppertz

R.2 J. Ryan

E.M. M. Farmer

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

E.M. P. Clingan

GOOLWA

Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 R. Lee

R. 2 E. Bourne

E.M. M. Glazewski

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 20/01/23)

- 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 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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and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

‘Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.’

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’ And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies given

to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(23 - 29 January)

- **Monday, 23:** Weekday Ord Time 3 (Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30)
- **Tuesday, 24:** St Francis de Sales (Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35)
- **Wednesday, 25:** The Conversion of St Paul (Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18)
- **Thursday, 26:** AUSTRALIA DAY (Is 32:15-18; Mt 5:1-12)
- **Friday, 27:** Weekday Ord Time 3 (Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34)
- **Saturday, 28:** St Thomas Aquinas (Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41)
- **Sunday 29:** 4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12)

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.