



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

17TH SUNDAY IN
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*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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MASS TIMES

• VICTOR HARBOR

Weekend - Saturday 6.00am
Sunday 11.00am.
Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 9.00am

• Goolwa
Sunday - Sunday 9.00am.
Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

**ALL MASSES CANCELLED:
COVID-19 STAGE FIVE LOCKDOWN**



FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said. But his servant replied, "How can I serve this to a hundred men?" "Give it to the people to eat," he insisted, "for the Lord says this, 'They will eat and have some left over.'" He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22

*The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

*A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick, Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat.' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there,

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WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY – JULY 25th



has been instituted by Pope Francis with the theme this year: **“I am with you always” (cf Mt.28-20)**

There's a special bond between grandparents and grandchildren. It can sometimes bring pain when we fear for their welfare but it is a **relationship based on love, appreciation, fun and pure joy, a wonderful gift of God.**

ELDERLY PEOPLE'S MISSION

one we can all aspire to

(from Pope Francis)

To dream of a world of justice, of peace, of solidarity and to grow closer to the God who longs for this too.

To remember the lessons of the past and share our stories and insights

To pray. “More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.”

OUR MISSION TO THE ELDERLY

There are many ways in which we can bring God to older people. One way is to



VISIT THEM. And of course we all know what a difference **A PHONE CALL** can make.

A further part of **our mission as a parish is BRINGING COMMUNION** to those who are unable to come to Mass because of age, frailty or sickness. We currently take Communion to up to 25 parishioners at home or in residential care. If you feel called to join in our mission to the elderly and sick please speak to Father Vinh.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

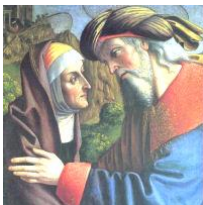


“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for

so many?” JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

SAINTS JOACHIM and ANNE PARENTS OF MARY GRANDPARENTS OF JESUS Feast Day 26th July



The two feasts of the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary have been joined and are celebrated today. The couple early became models of Christian marriage. St Anne's two great shrines — that of St Anne d'Auray in Brittany, France, and that of St Anne de Beaupre near Quebec in Canada — are very popular. We know little else about the lives of Mary's parents, but considering the person of Mary and of her child, they must have been two very remarkable people to have been given such a daughter and such a grandchild and to have played so important a part in the work of the Redemption. *Catholic Culture*

PRAYER FOR THE ELDERLY and for all of us



I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness,

You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.

Make me a channel of your peace, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.



VINNIES welcomes donations of **clean clothing** to the collection bin at Victor and to the boxes in St John's foyer at Goolwa. It would be appreciated please if all contributions could be in **plastic bags**, and remember that clean, saleable small household items and toys are best taken directly to the shop in Victor. Many thanks!

BIGGEST MORNING TEA JULY 20



On Monday morning we had a solid team to put up the tables and

chairs and with all the decorations the hall looked wonderful. Then mid-afternoon news came through that all our efforts were to be in vain, as our state was heading for lockdown. So back we all go and again with plenty of helpers we got our great display down again. Thankfully Robert Lee took some photos before all was taken down, so we will be able to go back and think how good it all looked.

We drew the raffle prizes then and after the Catholics got off to a great start the Lutherans made a stunning comeback and it probably was about a draw at the end. A lot of good banter between everyone there as the different members cheered if one of their parishioners won a prize. Those of our Catholic people who had a win will find their prizes are at the church ready to be collected at the next Sunday Mass.

Many thanks to those who came on the organising committee and especially Betty from the Lutheran church and our own Vivi who both put so much time into organising the morning. We will give results of money raised later and thank all who financially supported the day. If anybody wishes a refund on money paid, please see Paul or Vivi. I think that was the saving grace that the money was paid in before the event. But as far as the morning was concerned the biggest morning tea became



THE SMALLEST MORNING TEA!

Dear Lord,
Please don't let Brussel Sprouts be a part of the cure of Covid-19 Virus.



COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current from 20 July, 2021)

COVID-19 LOCK DOWN

With the Premier announcing a hard lock down from 6.00pm on Tuesday night (20 July), churches will be closed as of that time. There will be no live-streaming of masses permitted, due to the restriction on all work except essential services.

This means parishes must also close their offices and no ceremonies are to take place including any masses, weddings, funerals and confirmations until further notice.

It is envisaged, at this stage, that the lockdown will be for a period of seven days.

Most importantly, please take care of yourself and members of your family.

You may wish to access:

[Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

CORONAVIRUS POEM

*When this is over,
May we never again take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of Communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.*

*When this ends,
May we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be,
We hoped to be,
and may we stay
that way – better
for each other
because of the worst.*

Laura Kelly Fanucci

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and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted: So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world ' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Sea of Galilee is also known as the Sea of Tiberias and as Lake Gennesaret, both of which were sizeable towns on the Lake's western shore.
- The Philip of this episode is mentioned in all four apostolic lists (Mt 10:3, Mk 3:18, Lk 6:14, Acts 1:13). He came from Bethsaida on the northern shores of the lake and is referred to most often in John's Gospel.
- Two hundred denarii is a large sum of money. A denarius was a Roman silver coin and one denarius represented a worker's daily wage.
- 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' One of the great symbols of the coming of the Messiah often used in the Hebrew Scriptures was the abundant feast. Here Jesus provides abundantly, thus he is presented as 'the prophet who is to come'.
- The twelve hampers' full that were gathered up could well represent the twelve tribes of Israel. Jesus gathers all the people to himself.
- God fed the Israelites in the desert with manna from heaven.

EXPLORING THE WORD

For the next five weeks we will follow the story of the multiplication miracle and the long discourse which follows it in John's Gospel.

The 'bread of life' discourse provides important teaching on the Eucharist. It is significant that the setting is shortly before the Passover which was the Jewish feast recalling the escape of the people from slavery in Egypt and their being fed by God with bread (manna) from heaven in the desert. One of the expected signs of the coming of the Messiah was another, even greater, feeding with manna. The people have been attracted to Jesus because of his cures of the sick and now they come looking for more.

Jesus provides more than enough; there is an abundance. The actions of Jesus in this text remind us of the Eucharist. He takes, gives thanks and gives out the bread. But the crowd misunderstands his gift. They seek a Messiah who will liberate them from Roman oppression or who will provide their material needs. Jesus is not interested in being that kind of 'king'.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(July 26 - August 01)

- **Monday, 26:** Sts Joachim and Anne (Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35)
- **Tuesday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Ex 33:7-11, 34:5-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46)
- **Thursday, 29:** St Martha (1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27)
- **Friday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Lev 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 01:** 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).