



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THE COMMEMORATION OF
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

*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 25:6-9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26:1, 4,7-9, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? <R>
2. 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. <R>
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. <R>

4. 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! <R>

SECOND READING

Romans 5:5-11

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 6:39*

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.

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)

Graham Blacket, Paul Fahey,
John Tregeagle, Betty Berry,
Geoff & Rose Munro, Mark Kelly,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Mary Ferguson, Pat Mezzino,
Pat Chigwidden, Robyn Kelly,
Stephen Chalmers,
Loudi Carle, Sandy Lee,
Tony Mawdsley, Janet Murray,
Claire Galpin

ANNIVERSARIES

Dan Kennelly, Chris McCarthy,
Jim Huppatz, Dorothy Higgins

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kay Pickering, Fred Tee

PARISH COLLECTION 25th & 26th October

1st (Presbytery) \$778.95
2nd (Parish) \$946.15

VICTOR MORNING TEA 9th & 16th November E. Dabinett & Y. Rogers

VICTOR MEET & GREET November Saturdays H. Anderson November Sundays R. Reid & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET November

R. Lee

MORNING TEA November

V. Scriva, C. Rivers, P. Stone,
P. Lowe

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF
UKRAINE and
THE HOLY LAND**



HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER INTENTIONS:

FOR NOVEMBER. For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS



*Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.*

*We pray in hope for our families, relatives and friends,
for parishioners who have died*

and for all the dead who are known to You alone.

In company with Christ, who died and now lives,

may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.

Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever.

The Remembrance Book will be brought to the Altar in the Entrance Procession.

DEATH OF FRED TEE

With sadness we announce the death of parishioner, Fred Tee.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. Fred's funeral will be held at St Laurence's Catholic Church, North Adelaide at 11am on Saturday, Nov. 1st.

COMORO UPDATE

Recently, an amount of \$4026 was sent to our Sister Parish in Comoro,



Timor-Leste. A large part of the funds was raised by a Comoro Friends Group whose primary aim is to ensure the ongoing needs of the Computer Centre.

The remainder was drawn from Working Group funds.

The objective of the assistance is for an additional teacher at the Computer Centre and internet coverage.

In the longer term, we aim to encourage self sustainability.

THERE WILL BE A THIRD COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR SUPPORTING OUR CLERGY CAMPAIGN

**A day to value and support our Priests and Deacons serving in
the Archdiocese of Adelaide**

Goolwa Garden Morning - this Tuesday 9.30-11.30. All Welcome.

KSC Barbecue after 9.00am Mass this Sunday.

2025 VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food to place in the Christmas boxes in both churches until

Sunday 14th December 2025. Your generosity was much appreciated by 76 local families last year. Thank you!



Our thanks to Ellen, Maryanne, Anne and Jenny for repairing and updating our St Joan's hymn books! Well done!

Bulletin Board



CHRISTMAS DINNER 2025



Step through the Christmas Arch into our Social Club Christmas Dinner at St Joan's on Friday 28th November at 6.00pm.
Start the Christmas Season with wonderful company, food and
BYO drinks and glass. Always a great night.
Organise your table or if you prefer we can do it for you.
The cost is the same as last year ...
\$20 per head for turkey, ham and salad dinner with
Christmas pudding and custard or fruit salad and ice cream.
There will be a Christmas Hamper raffle and
maybe the chocolate wheel.
Ring or text Pat Clingan before 21st November
with your numbers and money on 0410 593 617.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE SYNOD

will take place on the following dates in 2026

Session One: Friday 29th May, Saturday 30th May.

Session Two: Saturday 27th June.

Fran Hanna is a delegate to the Synod.

In the past we have been involved in assemblies of various kinds and have put forward our hopes for the Church. A Synod has power to make rulings for the Archdiocese and will hopefully draw together the findings of previous assemblies.

There will be opportunities for us all to view the discussion papers and give our opinions.

From this Sunday we will be praying the special prayer composed for the Synod.



ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE
**SYNOD
 2026**

**Saturday 8th November
 10.30am – 12 noon**

The Garden is grateful to Meg Klecko and Chris Blacket for their hard work in grant writing. Rebekha Sharkie will be acknowledging both retired and continuing founding members.

Port Elliot Community Garden

Come & Join
 Spend time with friends, make new ones, learn new garden skills, enjoy coffee and chat. Share with us even if you can do very little physical work. Visit us any time and take home something seasonal from the harvest.

24/7 Member Access

Open Wednesdays 9am-12noon / 2nd and 4th Saturdays 9am-12noon
 End of Elliot St, off Tottenham Ct Rd **Contact:** dishearer@icloud.com

THIS WEEK: 1st & 2nd November

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC A. Fawknor

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC J. Baker

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 M. Mulvihill

R2 V. Scriva

EMHC T. Siciliano



NEXT WEEK: 8th & 9th November

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 A. Fawknor

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 G. Ryan

EMHC E. Dabinett

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 P. Kennelly

R2 M. O'Halloran

EMHC M. Ryan

Our 45 Club winner this week is once again Anne Fawknor. Congratulations.

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
CATHOLIC PARISH**
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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in an emergency - 0429 098 802)
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• **PARISH MANAGER**

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12 noon)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• **PARISH ENCOUNTER**

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084, catholicvhg@bigpond.com
(All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)

• **PARISH TREASURER**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• **INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING**

We are a safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children, young people and adults at risk. We believe that all God's children, young people and adults at risk have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

- Andy Nicholls (VH/G contact - (0475 893 521))
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8150 - select Option 2))
- CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare) please contact the Parish Office.



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GOSPEL

Luke 7:11-17

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up.' And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

**THE LANTERNS
BY THE LAKE**

On the evening of All Souls' Day, the parish youth group gathered by the lake, each holding a paper lantern. The sky was turning violet, and the air was still.

Fr Ken said, "Tonight we remember, but we also hope. Jesus promised that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life, and that he will lose no one. Not one person is forgotten."

Chad looked down at his lantern. He had written Nana Rose across it, his grandmother who had died that year. She used to tell him, "Heaven is home, just with better tea."

He smiled a little, then placed his lantern on the water. One by one, the others did the same, until the lake shimmered with tiny lights, each one a prayer, a memory, a promise.

As the lanterns drifted away, Chad felt that ache of missing her, but also a deep peace. The lights did not disappear; they just moved out of sight, still glowing, still held in the dark. He whispered, "See you again, Nana. Just not yet."

And in that quiet moment, he understood that in Christ, love does not end; it is raised up.

GPBS eNews

REFLECTION

One of the burdens people bore around Jesus' time was that of a heavy, law-centred religion. Some of the religious people of Jesus' time had very strict interpretations of the law, and Jesus is challenging this overburdening religion.

The same happens often in any religious people – some can be over-demanding and their piety may seem overbearing.

Jesus' message is challenging and demanding, in a way that is fulfilling for the person, offering rest from the burdens of life and from the rigours of religion.

True religion brings out the best in people, not berates them for the worst. It is based on love and nourishes our deepest desires for love.

Religion is meant to be a support for the anxieties of life, not add to them. True religion is not guilt-ridden like it sometimes has been; it is caring for others, and loving God and knowing we are infinitely loved by God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(3 - 9 November)

- **Monday, 03:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Rom 11:19-36; Lk 14:12-14)
- **Tuesday, 04:** St Charles Borromeo (Rom 12:5-16; Lk 14:15-24)
- **Wednesday, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33)
- **Thursday, 06:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10)
- **Friday, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8)
- **Saturday, 08:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15)
- **Sunday 09:** The DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA (Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22)



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.