



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

*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

*Jeremiah 20:7-9*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 62:2-6, 8-9*

*My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.*

### SECOND READING

*Romans 12:1-2*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is

the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Eph 1:17, 18*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.  
Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, '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;  
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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)

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Jeffery Family, Natalie Millar, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Ron Harris, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson, Jesse Walker, Richard Eisenkoeck, Monsignor Robert Aitken, Rose Munro.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Ian Reid, Peg Page, Nora Worrad, Margaret Peake, Adrian Langtry.

**PARISH COLLECTION**  
26th & 27th August

1st (Presbytery) \$1,010.60  
2nd (Parish) \$1,427.50

**VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER**  
8th & 15th September

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

**VICTOR MORNING TEA**  
3rd September

No morning tea. Happy Father's Day

10th September

A. Williss & F. Hanna

**VICTOR MEET & GREET**  
September Saturdays

M. Farmer & E. O'Connell

September Sundays

R. Reid & A. Rose

**GOOLWA MEET & GREET**  
September L. Clayson

**GOOLWA MORNING TEA**

September C. May, A. Turner & S. Lee

**ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP**

Practice time 3.00pm Wednesday. Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER : FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MARGINS :**

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions ; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance



**LECTIO DIVINA GROUP**

Sunday 5pm in the Annex.

You are welcome to join this group to reflect on the Gospel of the day.

Phone Carol Sutherland. 0418 856 799.

**CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY**

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.00. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

**BEWARE SCAM !!**

If you receive a text message from Fr. Vihn please do not reply to it as it is someone pretending to be him. After you reply they will ask you to help Father with gift cards or money. It is a scam.

**GOOLWA GARDEN DAY** next Tuesday 5th Sept from 9.30am. All help appreciated.

**ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP**

Our next meeting is on Saturday 10th Sept. at 4.30 in the Annex.

**THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

The September edition of *The Southern Cross* is available this weekend. This issue includes detailed coverage of the 2023 Social Justice Statement, World Youth Day celebrations in Adelaide and other local events such as the Season of Creation and Catholic Schools Music Festival. Well worth reading.

**THANK YOU!**

South Coast Christian Community Care (SCCCC), Victor Harbor and Open Door, Goolwa thank you for your generous donations of non-perishable food to their food pantries . Food will be given to people in need of a hand up in our local communities. Your donation actions our Parish Mission that we will "Reach out to those in need in the local community." Your response was heartwarming!

**UPDATE:** On Monday, 4 September 2023, the Senate will conduct its hearing enquiry into the ACT Greens-Labor Government's unjust takeover of **Calvary Public Hospital.**

[communications@cg.org.au](mailto:communications@cg.org.au)

**SEASON OF CREATION**

*Let Justice and Peace flow like a mighty river*

**WEEK 1 - GRATITUDE**



God, thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days. Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth. Thank you that things are coming awake in the world.

Creator God, teach me to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, where everything speaks to me of you. Amen

**Question for Reflection**

What is the attitude I carry into my everyday life?

Do I appreciate all that I have been given?

What am I most grateful for?

Take some time to reflect on your answer.



**PHOTOS PLEASE**

As one activity this Season of Creation we are asking people to **send in photos of their most loved places/plants/animals/birds (pets are very welcome too) or print off a copy and bring it to church.**

To Vivi [vivscriva@gmail.com](mailto:vivscriva@gmail.com) or 0439 430 486

To Fran [fran.hanna@bigpond.com](mailto:fran.hanna@bigpond.com) or 0415 124 010

**NANGAWOOKA SPRING OPEN DAY**

**Sunday September 10th, 2023**

If you would like to join us on a visit to The Australian Plant Society Fleurieu group Spring Open Day and Plant sale at Nangawooka we will be leaving from the carpark at the rear of St Joan's at 12.30. Buy afternoon tea or a sausage from the sausage sizzle! We had a very enjoyable time last year. Let Fran know if you would like to come on 0415 124 010.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH**

(Please remember to take an envelope)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, I would like to thank you for your continued support of **Catholic Charities**. Many are the calls on our time, talent and treasure at the moment. It is because of your generosity that Catholic Charities can support the agencies which:

- reach out to members of our community who may be lonely and welcome them as part of the vibrant Aboriginal Catholic community at the **Otherway Centre**
- provide respite care for adults and young people living with intellectual disability
- provide dedicated teachers at our two special schools, **Our Lady of La Vang** and **St Patrick's**
- empower men and women confronting homelessness, domestic violence, mental illness, isolation and loneliness through **Centacare Catholic Family Services.**

# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God*

O God, you are my God, for you I long  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,  
In your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.



## THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast Day 8th September



The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap.

This work has no historical value, but it reflects the development of Christian piety. In this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning. The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

## PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



## CARING FOR OUR OWN

We are all aware of what we do for those in need in our area such as the work of the Vinnies and the Knights. What about our own parishioners who may be looking for assistance in various ways.

**TRANSPORT** To take people on medical appointments or just to go out and have a coffee or even just a drive in the area. Taxi pick ups are unreliable due to a shortage of drivers and bus trips often don't drop off where people want to go. We have one person who has offered to take people to the city for fuel only.

**VISITATION** There are some we are sure who would like a visitor just to have a chat to fill in the day, or maybe to receive a phone call to see how they are.

### GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT!

Next week we will start to take names of those who may be interested to help and if the response is good we will open up this assistance plan for those who may wish to use our support. If you do wish to put your name down as a helper we don't expect you to be available at all times. If you are busy on the day then hopefully we will have others to call upon.

**THINK ABOUT IT AND REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NEXT WEEK**

## FATHERS' DAY

God took the strength  
of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a  
summer sun,

The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad  
**THANKS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR DADS, GRAND-DADS AND GREAT-GRAND-DADS**



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION INFORMATION

Promotional Information/Resources for families considering Catholic education have been placed in our porches. More information can be gained from the following website :

<<https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/school-directory>>

## THIS WEEK 2nd & 3rd SEPTEMBER

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 P. Clingan

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R. 1 L. Healey

R. 2 R. Lee

EMHC A. Turner



## NEXT WEEK 9th & 10th SEPTEMBER

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Ryan

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P.O'Brien

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 F. Hanna

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 M. Freeborn

R. 2 D. Huppatt

EMHC M. Ryan

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

**CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE**

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**PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

• **PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;  
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Email: [Vinh2511@bigpond.com](mailto:Vinh2511@bigpond.com)

• **PARISH MANAGERS**

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)  
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
Email: [Parish\\_manager@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_manager@bigpond.com)

• **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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

• **PARISH TREASURER**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)  
Email: [parish\\_treasure@bigpond.com](mailto: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)



**COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS**

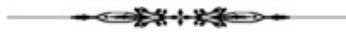
(*Current from 31/08/23*)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact.

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but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

‘For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.’



**WE DESERVE BETTER, DON'T WE?**

*Then Jesus went to town on his disciples. "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. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?" (Matthew 16: 24 - 26)*

Who among us hasn't thought: "I've worked so hard, been honest and true, I deserve rest and reward". That only seems fair and reasonable. Good people deserve good lives – it's the presupposition of most cultures – and the essence of the Australian dream.

Like Peter, we find it hard to believe that decent people could end in ignominious failure. Who wants to see themselves or their heroes ridiculed and reviled? Peter's "say it ain't so, Lord," is a very human response to such disheartening news.

But Jesus says not only is it so but to think otherwise is the work of the devil. The minute we begin to believe that we are entitled to a life free from sacrifice, we are not thinking as God does – for our God continually offers God's-self in sacrifice to us. Throughout his years in ministry, Jesus reminds us that true joy and rest come with discipleship – with following God's way of compassion and justice.

So perhaps it's time to take stock of your expectations. If you are hoping for your just rewards, you will be sorely disappointed, no matter how much money you make or fame you achieve. If, on the other hand, you are

preparing for the many difficult days ahead by strengthening your love and commitment to others and to God, then you have already tapped into your heavenly treasure.

**DUPED BY GOD**

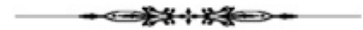
(*Matthew 16: 21 - 27*)

Peter must have felt duped by God when Jesus rebuked him. What did he say that was so bad? When Jesus foretold of his future suffering and death, Peter took what he considered an appropriate defensive stand. Not you, Lord! Never!

Only moments earlier, he had called Jesus the Messiah. Peter's understanding of that term meant conquering hero, not suffering servant of God's will. Peter liked to imagine victory achieved without a scratch. Victory gained at the cost of ultimate sacrifice was no victory in his mind. If Peter was duped, it was how own preconceptions about God and religion that betrayed him. Gaining the world at the price of the soul was no bargain. But losing everything for the sake of God's victory is the one purchase we all want to consider.

For what are you willing to suffer (love, money, justice, peace, the truth)? How much are you willing to suffer for these things?

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(*4 - 10 September*)

- **Monday, 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Thess 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30)
- **Tuesday, 5:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37)
- **Wednesday, 6:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44)
- **Thursday, 7:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11)
- **Friday, 8:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23)
- **Saturday, 9:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 22 (Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5)
- **Sunday 10:** 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20)

**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.