



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

23RD 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

Wisdom 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

*In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.*

SECOND READING

Philemon 1:9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war

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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, Bob Willis, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Rita Sullivan, Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick, Ann & Kevin Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Daniel Holliday, Cath Howard

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Peake

ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph O'Shaughnessy

PARISH COLLECTION 27th & 28th August

1st (Presbytery) \$862.55
2nd (Parish) \$1380.50

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 9th & 16th September

W. & J. Baker & M. Cunningham
23rd & 30th September
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA 11th September

A. Willis & R. Reid

18th September

F. Hanna & M. Mattsson

VICTOR MEET & GREET September Saturday

M. Farmer & H. Anderson

September Sunday

L. Sunman & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET September

R. Sadlon

MORNING TEA

September

J. Dunthorne, P. Kennelly,

M. O'Halloran

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

For The Abolition of the Death Penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



SEASON OF CREATION 2022



The Burning Bush

Listen to the Voice of Creation, to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

Today we hear the **Cry of the Earth** and the **Cry of the Poor** daily on our TVs. We read of drought in Spain, of floods in Pakistan. In our own country, people's lives have been changed forever by the effects of climate change.

Many of you cultivate **your own gardens** or care for the earth in various ways through the **groups you belong to**. And so we are asking you to bring along flowers, succulents, as well as fruits, vegetables and herbs and any other **suitable items you are able to share**.

Also bring along a **photo of you in your garden** (or send it to Rosemary by email gogoro507@gmail.com or Fran by email fran.hanna@bigpond.com or share to Fran on 0415 124 010). All entries win a prize.

And you also respond to the **Cry of the Poor** either through personal connection or by your generous support for various groups who minister to them. So you will be pleased to hear that the:

COMORO MONSTER SALE RETURNS! On Saturday 19th November



Anything you don't need to hang on to can be donated including plants. Of course, we ask that donated articles be in reasonable condition.

Contact details:

Mark Leaney Victor 0412 607 891

John Dunthorne Goolwa 0437 515 144

Further announcements will made at Mass.

FATHERS' DAY



God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for **fathers young and old**.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WEEKEND

Celebrations will take place on

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th Sept



with the theme "*Better Future with Migrants and Refugees*".

Parishioners and visitors are invited to attend our weekend Masses in multicultural dress and bring a traditional meal to share after 11.00am Mass.

Come along and celebrate this weekend of cultural diversity.

To coincide with this special day, we are **PLACING A PLAQUE FOR CONVENT AND SCHOOL** in front of what was the Sisters of Mercy Convent in Seaview Road, Victor Harbor, 2 doors down from the Church, commemorating the Convent and the School. We hope some Sisters of Mercy can attend on the day for a blessing of the plaque and to share in our multi-cultural luncheon.

Previous students can contact Colleen Pearsons on 0405 634 744 for further information

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR.C

*In every age, O Lord,
You have been our refuge.*

You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To Your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is Your anger for ever.
Show pity to Your servants.

In the morning, fill us with Your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands



THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Feast Day 8th September

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryhal *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 of her Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace. *Catholic Culture*

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



SEASON OF CREATION OUTINGS Wednesday September 21st after Mass

There will be a walk organised from St John's. If you would like to participate please phone or text

Rosemary Austin 0438 606 630.

Sunday September 11th

A visit to **Nangawooka Floral Reserve** on their open day which runs from 10.00-3.00 with a barbecue and cups of tea and coffee available. There is an entry fee of a gold coin donation. We will car pool and leave from the back of St Joan's at 12.15. Phone or text **Fran on 0415 124 010.**



ST JOHN'S GARDEN GROUP

meets this Tuesday 6th Sept from 9,30 - 11am. All welcome.

ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

Next meeting is on Saturday 10th Sept at 4.30pm in the Annex. .

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 13th Sept at 1.30pm. All welcome.

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE



ENGINEERS will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 14th Sept from 9.30 - 10.30am followed by morning tea.

NAME TAG DRIVE

Next Sunday we will be asking you to let us know if you need a name tag.



Please do not ask if you already have one. Many of you in our parish survey noted the friendly and welcoming atmosphere at our Masses. Wearing your name tag is one of the best ways you can help that friendly atmosphere to flourish.

THANKS TO OUR GARDEN AND MAINTENANCE GROUPS WHO CARE FOR OUR SHARE OF THE EARTH

The Parish Pastoral Council recently discussed how grateful we are **to those who keep both our church grounds so presentable.** Beside the rostered days we are aware many of you drop in to do the little extras from time to time. Fr. Vinh made a lovely gesture when he invited each group for a meal at his place. The word is that the theme for the Goolwa night was the colour red and we suspect the same for Victor.

THIS WEEK 3rd & 4th September

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppatz

R.1 L. Blacket
R.2 C. Sutherland
E.M. E. O'Connell

Sunday 11.00am

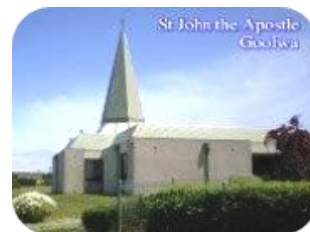
Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 L. Sunman
R. 2 S. Duong
E.M. P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R. 1 M. Freeborn
R. 2 L. Healey
E.M. S. Muller



NEXT WEEK 10th & 11th Sept.

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer
R.2 J. Jeffery
E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 P. O'Brien
R. 2 A. Williss
E.M. M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 C. May
R. 2 K. O'Shea
E.M. T. Siciliano

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 01/09/22)

- 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 strongly 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.

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• PARISH MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• 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)

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against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is a chance for couples to reflect on what works for them as a couple, for their children and for the family. Advertisements for Fathers' Day usually focus on blokey things: tool sets, snippers, after shave and Grand Final replays. Presumably they sell well. They all project an image of what men are like, what they do in the home and what their gifts are. They also show what fathers are in their families. They are physical, practical, strong and support the family through their work.

That image corresponds to reality in agricultural societies where most men are occupied in demanding physical work and where women care for the children, the house, and have no other work. Even there such an image often led men to underestimate the physical demands involved in washing, cleaning, preparing meals and caring for children. Increasingly in our society, however, women work outside the home, often earning higher salaries than men, and more men and women work with computers or in services that rely more on computer skills than on physical strength.

In such families it is natural for men and women to share household chores and the daily care for their children. In families where both parents are of the same gender and in single families, too, the division of tasks into those done by men and by women is irrelevant. We then need to think not of mother and father but of mothering and fathering – of providing for children the range of care, companionship and support that we associate with mothers and fathers. These will have a variety of patterns. This complexity makes Fathers' Day an opportunity for couples to reflect on what works well for their children in

their relationships and what needs to be strengthened.

That said, many men will still be expected to support their family in traditional ways. Their role will above all to be a good human being whom their children can look up to, perhaps imitate, and be a compass bearing for them as they grow into adulthood. This means spending time with their children, being a source of strength and predictability when they are in need, being firm and reasonable in their expectations of them, and listening to them.

These receptive qualities run counter to the images of masculinity often promoted to young men. These often emphasise toughness, disregard for feelings, being in control and refusal to acknowledge weakness. Relationships can be defined in terms of control and submission. These attitudes, particularly if young men inherit them from their own fathers, can impact on men's ability to be good fathers for their children or to negotiate better forms of relationship with their partners. The brittleness of their attitudes and conduct can also engender a frustration that expresses itself in domestic violence.

If our society supports young men in forming rich and respectful relationships, they will grow into good partners and fathers in which strength and gentleness, leading and listening, are happily joined.

Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(05 - 11 September)

- **Monday, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11)
- **Tuesday, 06:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Wednesday, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 08:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23)
- **Friday, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27; Lk 6:39-42)
- **Saturday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49)
- **Sunday 11:** 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32)

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.