



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

14TH 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

Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

*I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (R)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R)

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R)

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 8:9,11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. *(Continued page 4)*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

Geoff & Rose Munro,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Christine Fitzpatrick, Mary Ferguson,
Pat Mezzino, Pat Chigwidden,
Stephen Chalmers, Lourdes Carle,
Sandy Lee, Tony Mawdsley,
Janet Murray, Claire Galpin,
Rosene Edwards, Vicki Cross,
Gemma Woodhead, Mary Jacobson,
Tanya Francis, Garry Hill, Les Hill,
Geoff Chalmers, Eric Temme,
Kevin and Cath Howard,

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis Edward Kennelly, Rita Sullivan
Molly Meade, Patrine Harris

PARISH COLLECTION

June 27th & 28th

1st (Presbytery) \$858.10
2nd (Parish) \$1143.10
Holy Father's Appeal \$493.45

VICTOR MORNING TEA

5th July

W. & J. Baker

12 July

E.. Dabinett & K. Pedrosa

VICTOR MEET & GREET

July Saturdays

C. Huppertz

July Sundays

R. Reid & W. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

July

J. Dunthorne

MORNING TEA

July

V. Scriva, C. Rivers, P. Stone,
T. Riding

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**PRAY FOR THE
PEOPLE OF UKRAINE
and
THE MIDDLE EAST**



Bulletin Board



HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



ABORIGINAL SUNDAY

This weekend, at the beginning of National Aboriginal Week, **A THIRD COLLECTION** will be taken up to support the **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC)** and **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM)**.

The **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (Otherway Centre)** in Stepney has served Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics in South Australia for more than 30 years. This year marks the **40th anniversary** of Pope Saint John Paul II's historic 1986 address in Alice Springs, where he affirmed the spiritual richness of Aboriginal culture and urged that Indigenous languages, stories, songs, dances and traditions be preserved.

Pope Saint John Paul II: ... *"Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear. Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost."*



BEARD SHAVE FOR COMORO

On behalf of our Comoro Sister Parish Working Group I sincerely thank everyone for their kind contributions and generous support of the beard shave fund-raiser. Over \$1,000 raised, so far.

Thanks also to Mark the barber! It was a fun event and also, thank you girls for a delicious morning tea.

Sincerely yours, John Baker, Treasurer. 0419-046-147

A FREE HAIRCUT FOR COMORO

Mark the barber (who did such a good job with John's beard) along with his assistant Condrado, is offering a **free haircut to anyone interested on Sunday morning July 12th after 11.00 Mass in the Annex.**

The cost of the haircut will be donated to Comoro.

Let Mark know this Sunday or speak to Fran if you are willing to be involved.



CONGRATULATIONS AND

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY to PAUL KENNELLY

Thank you Paul for your friendship and participation in the life of our parish and for your willingness to step up whenever you see a need. May there be more time for rest and relaxation for you and Jane.

SEA SUNDAY APPEAL

There will be a third collection next Sunday for seafarers and Stella Maris, the Apostleship of the Sea organisation.

REFLECTION ON THE SYNOD



For me, the Synod helped me better understand what **synodality** really means. Although the word sounds complicated, it's simply about **walking together** equally as a Church, listening to each other and to the Holy Spirit. I like to think of it as our whole parish going on a pilgrimage. Everyone has a place and a role because of our Baptism, even though we contribute in different ways. We all have access to the Holy Spirit.

Some of us listen and discern what is needed for the parish as members of the PPC, the Finance Committee; others listen to the call to serve the parish through prayer, music, hospitality, social activities, or practical work like maintenance and gardening. We all gather to celebrate the Eucharist, with its different ministries. Here we strive to make everyone feel welcome, valued and cared for. We are also called to reach out to people in need in our wider community. We are all called to listen to what the Holy Spirit maybe asking of us individually and communally.

The Synod's decisions aim to strengthen this synodal way of being Church by encouraging a more collaborative attitude, while also providing support and guidance and structures that will help this. A new Archdiocesan group will oversee the implementation of the Synod's decisions so that real progress is made and people no longer feel that "nothing ever changes."

Our parish is already doing many good things and the hope is that the Synod will help us build on these strengths and continue to grow together and reach out to our wider community. The actual decrees will hopefully be sent out in mid-August.

Thank you all for your support and prayers. They were very much appreciated. Fran

PLASTIC FREE JULY CAMPAIGN



Each July, millions of people around the world take part in *Plastic Free July*, a global movement that helps make it easier to reduce single-use plastic through simple, everyday choices.

It starts not with big changes or perfect solutions, but with one small step. Last year, 174 million people across more than 190 countries took part, helping to avoid an estimated 290 million kilograms of plastic waste.

WHAT SMALL STEP CAN I TAKE

Perhaps choose one of these

- plastic bags (re-use them, substitute cloth bags);
- water bottles (re-fill empty plastic bottles from the tap);
- takeaway coffee cups (bring your own, drink in shop);

Check out their interesting website:

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge/>

MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

Meet on next Wednesday 8th July from 9.30 – 10.30 followed by morning tea. All welcome.

ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE MEETING

Saturday 11th July at 4.30 in the Annex.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

is the official spiritual and educational journey adults take to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Currently there are three people in our area who are interested in becoming Catholics. If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested please contact Father Vinh.

THIS WEEK: July 4th & 5th Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 A. Fawkner

EMHC - Host: J. Jeffery

- Chalice 1: T. White

- Chalice 2: Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC - Host: K. Dudley

- Chalice 1: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2: P. Clingan

Goolwa 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R.1 M. Wilcock

R.2 Michael Riddle

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: S. Muller

- Chalice 2: A. Turner



NEXT WEEK: July 11th & 12th Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC - Host: E. O'Shaughnessy

- Chalice 1: A. Fawkner

- Chalice 2: Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 A. Willis

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: E. Dabinett

- Chalice 2: L. Sunman

Goolwa 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R.1 A. Cowley

R.2 J. Small

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: V. Scrivera

- Chalice 2: M. Freeborne

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RAMINDJERI land

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protection of children, young people and
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(8210 8150 - select Option 2)
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Safety) please contact Jim Dabinett
(0460 033 529)



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth, you have revealed to
little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father,
Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding
these things from the learned and the
clever and revealing them to mere
children. Yes, Father, for that is what it
pleased you to do. Everything has been
entrusted to me by my Father; and no
one knows the Son except the Father,
just as no one knows the Father except
the Son and those to whom the Son
chooses to reveal him.
'Come to me, all you who labour and
are overburdened, and I will give you
rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from
me, for I am gentle and humble in
heart, and you will find rest for your
souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my
burden light.'

TRAVEL LIGHT

Life today seems to reward people who
carry more. More commitments. More
expectations. More pressure. More
noise. We wear busyness like a badge
of honour and exhaustion has almost
become normal. Families rush from
one activity to the next. Parents worry
about providing everything. Young
people feel the pressure to succeed.
Many people quietly carry grief,
loneliness or anxiety that no one else
sees.

Into this reality Jesus speaks words that
are as radical today as they were two
thousand years ago.

"Come to me, all you who labour and
are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Notice that Jesus does not say, "Sort
your life out first." He does not say,
"Come back when you have every-
thing under control." He simply says,
"Come."

The challenge for us is that we often
choose to carry burdens that Jesus has
already offered to share. We trust our
calendars more than prayer. We rely on
our own strength instead of God's

grace. We fill every moment with
activity but leave little room for the
One who can truly renew us.

As Catholics, we know where Jesus
waits for us. He is present in the
Eucharist. He is found in the
Sacrament of Reconciliation. He
speaks through Scripture. He is
encountered in the community of the
Church. Yet how often do we look
everywhere else for peace before we
look to him?

This Gospel is not an invitation to
escape life. It is an invitation to live
differently. Christ does not remove
every challenge. He changes the way
we carry them. His yoke is light
because we no longer carry life's
weight alone.

Perhaps the greatest witness our
parish can offer today is not to appear
busy, but to be deeply rooted in
Christ. A family that prays together. A
parishioner who chooses forgiveness
over resentment. A young person who
finds identity in Christ instead of
social media. These are signs that the
Gospel is alive.

This week, ask yourself one simple
question. What burden am I still
trying to carry alone that Jesus is
asking me to place in his hands?

The strongest people are not those
who carry the most. They are those
who know when to let Christ carry
them.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(06 - 12 July)

- **Monday, 06:** Weekday, Ord Time 14
(Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26)
- **Tuesday, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 14
(Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38)
- **Wednesday, 08:** Weekday, Ord Time
14 (Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7)
- **Thursday, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 14
(Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9; 45:1-5; Mt
10:7-15)
- **Friday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 14
(Hosea 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23)
- **Saturday, 11:** St Benedict (Is 6:1-8;
Mt 10:24-33)
- **Sunday 12:** 15th SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME (Is 55:10-11; Rom
8:18-23; Mt 13:1-3)

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.