



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

*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

*Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.'

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9*

*If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. <R>

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. <R>

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' <R>

## SECOND READING

*2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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**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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

John Blacket

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Dan Kennelly, Ian Reid,  
Mary Siciliano

**PARISH COLLECTION  
21st & 22nd September**

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

**VICTOR MORNING TEA**

**5th October**

L. Sunman & J. Davidge

**12th October**

F. Hanna & V. Coffey

**VICTOR MEET & GREET**

**October Saturdays**

E. O'Connell

**October Sundays**

R. Reid & M. Cunningham

**GOOLWA MEET & GREET**

**October**

A. Turner

**MORNING TEA**

**October**

J. Dunthorne, K. Luke, C. Grima

**ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP**

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF  
UKRAINE and**

**THE  
HOLY  
LAND**



# Bulletin Board



**HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER INTENTIONS:**

**FOR OCTOBER.** For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human solidarity.

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY  
FEAST DAY 7th OCTOBER**

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7th, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there.



**Pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land**

*Intense attacks continue to kill and injure Ukrainians. Homes, schools, playgrounds, hospitals – all have come under fire. In the last month alone, conflict has tragically killed a baby, a group of older people queuing for their pensions, and two humanitarian workers who were on duty. UNHCR*

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS WEEKEND 18/19TH OCTOBER**

We're excited to partner with your parish, as we support the Church in Zambia and other critical church-run mission programs around the world.



The support of Missionaries around the world and in Australia continues to grow our Church and need is greater than ever. Our current projects are located in 41 countries and 14 parishes in Australia, with this year's main appeal focus Zambia.

**WORLD TEACHERS' DAY OCTOBER 5TH**

Teaching is widely recognized as one of the most vital and noble professions worldwide.



The profession of teaching has been honored across cultures and history due to its role in guiding, inspiring, and empowering individuals. A teacher's influence transcends textbooks and classrooms; it touches the hearts and minds of students and shapes the fabric of society. Dr. S. Murugan

*We give thanks for those who teach today and celebrate their dedication, patience, and lasting impact. We give thanks for those who taught us in the past.*

**GOOLWA GARDEN GROUP**



**Tuesday 7th October 9.30-11.30**

**All help appreciated. Many thanks to all those  
who keep our large grounds so well maintained.**

**ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB**

**will meet at 1.30 on 14th October in the Annex.**

**MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS**

**meet on Wednesday 8th October at 9.30 at**

**St Joan's with morning tea to follow.**

**All welcome.**



**ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE MEETING**

**Saturday 11th Oct at 4.30 in the Annex.**

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45 Club first draw on last Sat 27/9 was No 10. Won by Loudi from Goolwa.

KSC BBQ after 9am Mass this Sunday. Just \$2 a sausage with bread and choice of sauces. A real bargain. Hopefully our visitors will support us.

## DEMENTIA MORNING TEA

Our Dementia Morning Tea to help raise funds for Dementia Aust continuing their research into this insidious condition will be held at St John's Church Goolwa on Tues 21st October at 9.30am. *A donation of \$5.00 and a small plate of morning tea to share would be very much appreciated.* Tea and coffee supplied. Some members of the Goolwa Ukelele group will entertain us. Dementia affects so many and we want to help Dementia Australia continue their vital research.

## MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4TH



at St John's Goolwa.  
\$20 a head and BYO drinks and glasses.  
11.30 for 12 noon start.  
Cold meat and salads and sweets provided.  
Emcee Joe Ryan.  
Raffle and sweeps available.  
Join in the fun and help us raise money for the forthcoming Vinnies Christmas Appeal.  
All enquiries Paul 0402852825.

## ATTENTION READERS AND MINISTERS FROM ST JOAN'S

I will soon be doing the Mass ministries for Victor Harbor for the next 4 months. If you are unavailable at any time during the months November to February inclusive, **can you please advise me by 11th October.**

**We would love to have new parishioners come on the roster as well.**

Contact me for further information. Carol Sutherland 0418856799

## SAVE THE DATE

28<sup>th</sup> November 2025      St Joan's Christmas Dinner at Victor  
7<sup>th</sup> December 2025      KSC Christmas Dinner at Goolwa

## MORE RECYCLING NEWS FOR ENCOUNTER

- More exciting news from the recycling team at St John's. Another \$30 towards our brothers and sisters of Comoro! This week a generous recycling of bottles and cans brought our grand total in our collections to \$80. Thank you everyone.

Well done. *Keep caring for our common home with your amazing efforts.*

- Our worms have been working overtime re-cycling our waste at St Joan's Worm juice on sale for \$5 a container.

## MENTAL HEALTH DAY 10TH OCTOBER

We pray for and reach out to those who suffer from mental illness.

May the peace of Christ fill their hearts and minds.

May they feel supported by our care.

## NAMES FOR MEMORIAL BOOK FOR NOVEMBER

Please write the names of those deceased relatives and friends you would like prayed for in November in the Memorial Book in our porches. If you have already recorded it previously there is no need to do so again.

THIS WEEK: 4th & 5th October

## VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppatz

R.1 A. Fawkner

R.2 C. Allen

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

## Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 M. Cunningham

R. 2 K. Dudley

EMHC F. Hanna

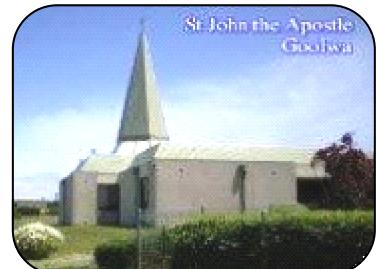
## GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R1 M. Freeborn

R2 M. O'Halloran

EMHC T. Siciliano



NEXT WEEK: 11th & 12th October

## VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 A. Fawkner

R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC E. O'Connell

## Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 W. Baker

R. 2 A. Weygood

EMHC J. Baker

## GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 A. Cowley

R2 Michael Riddle

EMHC S. Muller

## **VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH**

NGARRINDJERI and

RAMINDJERI land

## **CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE**

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## **PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

### **• PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084; in an emergency - 0429 098 802)

Email: [Vinh2511@bigpond.com](mailto:Vinh2511@bigpond.com)

### **• PARISH MANAGER**

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617) (Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12 noon)

Email: [Parish\\_manager@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_manager@bigpond.com)

### **• PARISH ENCOUNTER**

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)

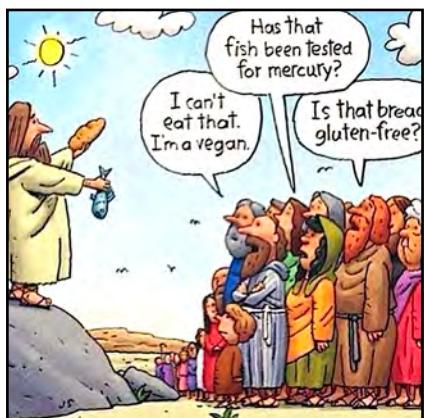
### **• INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING**

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 ACCLAMATION**

***1 Pet 1:25***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***The word of the Lord stands for ever: it is the word given to you, the Good News.***

***Alleluia!***

## **GOSPEL**

***Luke 17:5-10***

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"?

Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

## **THE MUSTARD SEED PROJECT**

In a busy suburban parish, a small group of students decided they wanted to make a difference. They weren't looking to build a massive community centre or solve all the problems in the world – they just wanted to help in some small way.

One day, they approached their parish priest and said, "Father, we want to do something meaningful, but we don't know if what we do will really matter. We feel like our efforts are tiny."

The priest smiled and said, "Even faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains. Start small. Plant a seed, and see what grows."

Inspired, the students began "The Mustard Seed Project." Each week, they committed to small acts of kindness around their school and parish: leaving notes of encouragement for classmates, helping clean the church after Mass, visiting elderly parishioners, sharing snacks with

friends who forgot lunch, or simply offering a listening ear to someone who was having a rough day.

At first, it seemed like nothing had changed. But slowly, the energy began to shift. Other students noticed and joined in. Families saw the joy in their children's eyes and started volunteering. Teachers began integrating the small acts of kindness into classroom routines. Over time, these little seeds of faith and love grew into something extraordinary – a community alive with care, hope, and generosity.

The students realised what Jesus meant: it doesn't take huge gestures to make a difference. Small acts, rooted in faith and love, ripple outward in ways we cannot always see. One mustard seed can become a tree that shelters, nourishes, and inspires.

By the end of the year, the parish and school had a new culture – one of generosity, compassion, and hope. The students learned a powerful lesson: faith, even tiny, is never wasted.

**Simple message:** Start small, act with love, and trust God to multiply your efforts. Every kind word, every small act, every prayer is a seed that can grow into something amazing.

*GPBS eNews*

## **THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

*(06 - 12 October)*

• **Monday, 06:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Jonah 1:1-2:1,11; Lk 10:25-37)

• **Tuesday, 07:** Our Lady of the Rosary (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42)

• **Wednesday, 08:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Jonah 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4)

• **Thursday, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Mal 3:13-20; Lk 11:5-13)

• **Friday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26)

• **Saturday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Joel 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28)

• **Sunday 12:** 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (2Kg 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19)

## **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.