



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

23RD 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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

O that today you would listen to 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

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself*. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain

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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,
Richard Gubbins, Di Shearer
Baby Alfrey, Carolyn Labram,
Delia Lewis, Patricia Haynes,
Giovanni Mignanelli.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid, Colin Galvin, Nora Worrad

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Roberts

PARISH COLLECTION

August 29th & 30th

1st (Presbytery) \$ 1091.70

2nd (Parish) \$ 1332.85

VICTOR MORNING TEA

September 6th

F. Hanna & V. Coffey

September 13th

E. Dabinett & K. Pedrosa

VICTOR MEET & GREET

September Saturdays

M. Tuckey

September Sundays

R. Reid & E. Dabinett

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

September

C. Rivers

MORNING TEA

September

A. Turner, V. Attard, M. Busby,
P. Lowe

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 SEPTEMBER

FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF CREATION:

Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

SEASON OF CREATION

Our theme this year is *Living Water*.

Our biblical inspiration is the *Vision of*

Ezekiel who saw living water flowing from

God's temple in Jerusalem at a time when the

People of God could see no end to their troubles.

"Creator God, we thank you for the gift of water.

**Thank you for the rain that feeds the plants,
the rivers that run fresh and the cool glass to drink.**



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

FATHER'S 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, great grandfathers and uncles** who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

KSC FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS GOOLWA

1st Briony Curtis 2nd Ms Psung 3rd Eugene Bourne

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you all for supporting this raffle.

Also thanks to John Dunthorne (the Tax Collector) for selling tickets at Goolwa and to Des Wallace, with help from Ellen and Steve for taking care of the Victor Harbor Raffle.

45 CLUB

Winner for last week No 26 Greg Hope

THIS WEEKEND IS THE BIG DRAW WITH

**\$150 FOR THE FIRST NUMBER DRAWN AND \$50 FOR SECOND WINNER
GOOD LUCK TO ALL PLAYERS!**



**Parishioners from St Joan's enjoyed a delicious
SOUP CUPPA ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF WINTER.**

**Thanks to Pat, Edna and Josie for sharing their
cooking skills with us.**

WOW and WOW again! Thank you, Di Shearer, for the generous gift of your latest poetry book, printed only recently for your family, friends and Goolwa/Victor parishioners. We continue to prayerfully walk with you during your current health challenges. Vivi

SHARING SYNOD DECREES

OUR PPC HAS AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING PLAN

On the weekend of 12th/13th September Fran will give a brief introductory talk at all Masses.

For five consecutive Sundays after that we will print out copies of each of the five decrees with highlights in the Encounter.

If you want to read the documents before then the following is the online connection: <https://www.togetherontheway.au/>

The decrees will also be reported in this month's Southern Cross.

THANK YOU FROM CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CARE

We recently took part in a collection of food for **CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CARE**. CCC have sent the following thank you.

"Please pass on to the members of your parish our deep gratitude for the generous donations of food from your food drive. Together we are making a difference, bringing hope and love to those facing difficult times."

NEPAL DISASTER

If we are able the Archbishop has encouraged us to donate for Nepal directly through Caritas at

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/>

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

In the month of September, we are promoting the *Catholic Charities Appeal* which supports the following agencies in South Australia: **Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry,**



Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools. Please take a leaflet with you to find out more about the September Appeal.

Donations can be made via the reply-paid slip on the leaflet or online at <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc> or click the QR code.

INTERCHURCH CONNECT REPORT

Next Messy Church meeting Sunday 13th Sept with theme "Hands and Feet" with games and craft with parents and children. A light meal is served. All denominations welcome. 3.30-5.30pm

Anglican report

- Men's shed 2nd Friday of the month is now proving very popular.
- 4th Tues of month a ladies' group have a sharing time and discuss items of interest with afternoon tea, also very popular.
- Family BBQ for older singles is held monthly
- The Mt Compass Anglican community are sending produce to the Goolwa Open Door pantry each week.
- About 40 people attend the Mt Compass service

Church of Christ Goolwa

Each Tuesday there is a social group open to all to enjoy table tennis, bowls, morning tea and craft.

Lutheran Goolwa

The Lutheran community entertained visitors from Point Pass and Eudunda and enjoyed wonderful friendship.

Church of Christ Victor held a seminar last Sunday afternoon entitled "*Making the Most of Faith Conversation*". It was attended by Fr Vinh and Anne Fawcner, our PPC Chairperson.

THIS WEEK: September 5th & 6th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 C Sutherland

EMHC - Host E. O'Shaughnessy
- Chalice 1 E. O'Connell
- Chalice 2 Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 K. White
- Chalice 2 P. Clingan

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R.1 R. Lee

R.2 M. Busby

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 A. Turner
- Chalice 2 V. Scriva



NEXT WEEK: Sept 12th & 13th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC - Host E. O'Shaughnessy
- Chalice 1 A. Fawcner
- Chalice 2 Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 G. Ryan

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 E. Dabinett
- Chalice 2 A. Rose

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R.1 M. Freeborn

R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 S. Muller
- Chalice 2 T. Riding

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• PARISH ENCOUNTER

Please forward items for the news-letter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084,

catholicvhg@bigpond.com

(All items for the newsletter by Wed)

• PARISH TREASURER

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• 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.

• Andy Nicholls
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andrewnicholls6@gmail.com)

• Integrity and Safeguarding Dept
(8210 8150 - select Option 2)

• CSHW SA (Work, Health and Safety) please contact Jim Dabinett
(0460 033 529)



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any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

WHEN RELATIONSHIPS GET MESSY

(Matthew 18:15-20)

If your sister or brother should commit some wrong against you, go and point out the error, but keep it between the two of you. If she or he listens to you, you have won a loved one back; if not, try again, but take one or two others with you, so that every case may stand on the word of two or three witnesses. (Matthew 18:15- 6)

Jesus reminds us that faith is lived in the messy reality of relationships. Jesus knows that people will hurt each other, misunderstand each other and sometimes simply get things wrong. The question is not whether conflict will happen. The question is what we choose to do when it does.

It is tempting to walk away. To shut down. To replay the argument in our head. To tell the family member who will take our side. To bring someone else into the story before we have had the courage to speak directly to the person involved.

Jesus offers another way. It is a way that requires courage, humility and a willingness to listen. It asks us to value the relationship enough to have the conversation. Not to win. Not to prove our point. Not to make the other person feel guilty. But to create a possibility for understanding.

This matters in our families. It matters in our parish communities. It matters wherever people are trying to live, work, worship and belong together.

Being Christian does not mean avoiding difficult relationships. It means refusing to let resentment have the final word. Sometimes reconciliation begins with a simple decision: I care enough about us to talk about what has happened.

Questions for Reflection

- When relationships become difficult, what is your usual response: confrontation, avoidance, silence or conversation?
- Is there someone in your family or community whose story you need to hear rather than simply assume you know?
- What might become possible if we approached difficult conversations with the goal of understanding rather than winning?

Action Response

Think of one relationship that has become strained, distant or unresolved. You may not be able to fix everything today. But you can choose not to let silence, pride or resentment make the decisions for you. Reach out. Start gently. Listen before defending yourself. Own your part. Make space for the other person. You might be surprised by what becomes possible when someone is brave enough to make the first move.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (07 - 13 September)

- **Monday, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11)
- **Tuesday, 08:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Micah 5:1-4; Mat 1:1-16, 18-23)
- **Wednesday, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38)
- **Friday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 9:16-29, 22-27; Lk 6:39-42)
- **Saturday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49)
- **Sunday 13:** 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35)

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.