



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**TWENTY-THIRD 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

**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.*

1. 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. <R>
2. 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. <R>
3. 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.  
<R>

4. 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. <R>

## 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.

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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)

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.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Len Peake, John Blacket

### ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid, Mary Siciliano

### PARISH COLLECTION 30th & 31st August

1st (Presbytery) \$888.05  
2nd (Parish) \$926.80

### VICTOR MORNING TEA 7th September

L. Sunman & J. Davidge

### 14th September

E. Dabinett & Y. Rogers

### VICTOR MEET & GREET September Saturdays

V. Cross

### September Sundays

R. Reid & E. Dabinett

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET September

C. Rivers

### MORNING TEA

### September

C. May, A. Turner, V. Attard

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199



**PRAY  
FOR  
THE**



**PEOPLE OF**

**UKRAINE and  
THE HOLY LAND**



### HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER 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 - Peace with Creation

#### Thanksgiving and praise for all that is

For the first song for his funeral on September 1st

Len Peake chose "*What a wonderful world.*"

A fitting song to start our Season of Creation.



Garden of Peace  
Isaiah 32:14-18

And from Wendy Baker:

*While there are pastures green and cool,*

*with the wide sky blue above,*

*while there are wildflowers on the hills,*

*white clouds, green trees, all things I love,*

*sunlight golden on the plains*

*and whispering, softly stirring trees ...*

*When I can watch an eagle soar,*

*and wind breathe softly on the grass,*

*how can I worship from behind*

*grey walls, and painted glass!*



Rose La Forgia sends us a  
a Peace Lily called Shaloma

And from Bill Woodhead a quote from Roger McKnight -  
not all of creation is to our liking but each has a gift to share.

#### Fine Red Line

*I can't abide a blowfly in the room - brazen, maggot laden. Lover of doom:  
often a small bushfly lives with me - unbidden. I leave it be.*

Blowflies, known for their metallic blue or green color, are part of nature's cleanup crew and help break down organic materials. They are not harmful to humans.

### FATHER'S 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

*Happy Father's Day to all the caring men in our lives.*

### Results KSC Father's Day Raffle

Victor Harbor	1st Prize	Carol Sutherland
	2nd Prize	Ellen O'Connell
	3rd Prize	Rosemary Kuske
Goolwa	1st Prize	Tony Siciliano
	2nd Prize	John Dunthorne
	3rd Prize	Lyn and David Healy

Thank you to all who supported the raffle with special thanks to Des Wallace and John Dunthorne for conducting the sales. Profit of \$470 was raised



## TEENAGE SAINT INSPIRES ALL AGES

The story of Carlo Acutis, the 15-year-old Italian teenager who used technology to promote the Eucharist and his love for God, has captured the imagination of young people around the globe. He is to be canonized on September 7th.

"God's Influencer" as he has been called, died from leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15. He used his computer skills to spread devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

A teenager deeply familiar with technology, Carlo instinctively understood its dangers and offered a compelling alternative. His mother, Antonia, recalled how Carlo received a PlayStation but committed himself to playing no more than one hour per week after learning about teenage gaming addiction.

*Father, we lift up our teenagers, seeking Your guidance and protection. Surround them with Your love and grace as they navigate their journey. Grant them wisdom to make right choices, strength to resist temptation, and the courage to themselves. May they always feel Your presence. Amen.*

## THANK YOU CATHY

A sincere thank you to Cathy May who has recently resigned from the Parish Finance Committee and the role of Work, Health, Safety (WHS) Coordinator. Cathy has held this position for 4 years and has made an outstanding contribution, ensuring compliance with relevant legislation and developing a good working relationship with our Maintenance Teams to identify and minimise risk. We will miss you and your expertise and wish you all the best in the future.

## COMORO NEWS

At our recent meeting, the Comoro Working Group agreed to support a Proposal from our Sister Parish to assist with funding an extra Facilitator (teacher) and internet for one year. The Computer Centre is thriving.

### Please look for new photos at each church.

An amazing \$3000 donation from a Comoro Friends group within our Parish, together with a \$2000 contribution from the Comoro account, will fund the proposal. Also discussed, was the timing of the next Garage Sale. This is our only major source of funding for our Sister Parish, other than donations. Please keep praying for our brothers and sisters in Comoro.



## ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB AGM

9th September at 1.30pm in the Annex.

## MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

Meet on Wednesday 10th September from 9.30 - 10.30 followed by morning tea.

## ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE MEETING

Saturday 13th September at 4.30 in the Annex.

## SEPTEMBER CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL - CENTACARE

Centacare's Domestic Violence and Homelessness Services support and empower women, children and young people to reclaim and maintain their fundamental human right to safety and freedom. **With four specialist domestic violence services in regional South Australia, Centacare is the state's largest provider of best-practice support for at-risk women and children outside of metropolitan Adelaide.** Your donation envelopes can be placed on the plate at any Mass. Or online at [charities@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:charities@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

THIS WEEK: 6th & 7th September

## VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppatz  
R.2 V. Cross

EMHC A. Fawcner

## Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 M. Cunningham  
R. 2 G. Ryan

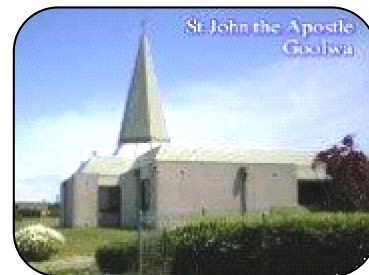
EMHC F. Hanna

## GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 R. Lee  
R2 D. Huppatz

EMHC M. Ryan



NEXT WEEK: 13th & 14th Sept.

## VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppatz

R.1 L. Blacket  
R.2 C. Allen

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

## Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 W. Baker  
R. 2 A. Rose

EMHC J. Baker

## GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 M. O'Halloran  
R2 Michael Riddle

EMHC T. Siciliano



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RAMINDJERI land

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### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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#### • 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

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#### • INTEGRITY and SAFEGUARDING

- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept  
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- Victor Harbor/Goolwa  
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• CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare) please contact the Parish Office.



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### 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 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.'

### NO HALF-BUILT DISCIPLES: COUNTING THE COST, LIVING THE CALL

A young couple bought a block of land on the edge of town. They had big dreams – a family home with a wide verandah, a veggie garden, and plenty of room for the kids to run. They started strong: plans were drawn, foundations poured, and walls began to rise. Neighbours stopped to admire their vision. But as time went on, costs mounted, sacrifices grew, and their enthusiasm faded. The house stood half-finished – walls exposed, roof missing, weeds creeping through the site. What began with promise became a monument to what could have been.

Jesus speaks directly into this kind of reality in this week's Gospel. He tells

the crowd to "sit down and calculate the cost" before following him. In other words, discipleship cannot be a half-finished project. Following Christ requires commitment – not just when it's easy of inspiring, but especially when it's costly.

And costly it is. In our world today, being a disciple means making choices that set us apart: prioritising family prayer when weekends are full of sport, being generous with time and money when everything urges us to protect our own comfort, forgiving when the world says "cut them off." Jesus is blunt – if we are not prepared to take up the cross, to go all the way, we risk becoming like that half-built house: a life of good intentions but no true witness.

This is not meant to crush us – it is meant to wake us up. Jesus is not asking for half-hearted fans; he is calling for faithful followers. The "cost" he asks us to count is real – but so too is the joy. A finished house is a home where love is lived. A life given fully to Christ becomes a witness that draws others to hope, healing, and salvation.

The question for us is simple but piercing: *Do I want to be a half-built house, or am I ready to let Christ complete his work in me, no matter the cost?*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(08 - 11 September)

- **Monday, 08:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23)
- **Tuesday, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38)
- **Friday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42)
- **Saturday, 13:** St John Chrysostom (1 Tim 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49)
- **Sunday 14:** 24<sup>th</sup> THE EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS (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.