



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIFTH 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

*Isaiah 58:7-10*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor; clothe  
the man you see to be naked and turn  
not from your own kin. Then your  
light will shine like the dawn and  
your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and  
the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer; call,  
and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the  
clenched fist, the wicked word, if  
you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed, your  
light will rise in the darkness, and  
your shadows become like noon.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 111:4-9*

*A light rises in the darkness for the  
upright.*

1. He is a light in the darkness for  
the upright: he is generous,  
merciful and just. The good man  
takes pity and lends, he conducts  
his affairs with honour. R.
2. The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news; with a

firm heart he trusts in the Lord. R.

3. With a steadfast heart he will not  
fear; open-handed, he gives to the  
poor; his justice stands firm for  
ever. His head will be raised in  
glory. R.

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

When I came to you, brothers, it was  
not with any show of oratory or  
philosophy, but simply to tell you  
what God had guaranteed. During  
my stay with you, the only  
knowledge I claimed to have was  
about Jesus, and only about him as  
the crucified Christ. Far from relying  
on any power of my own, I came  
among you in great 'fear and  
trembling' and in my speeches and  
the sermons that I gave, there were  
none of the arguments that belong to  
philosophy; only a demonstration of  
the power of the Spirit. And I did this  
so that your faith should not depend  
on human philosophy but on the  
power of God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

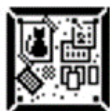
*Jn 8:12*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the light of the world, says the  
Lord; the man who follows me will  
have the light of life.*

*Alleluia!*

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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, Geoff & Rose Munro, Tommy & Eileen McCoe, Mairead & Neil Cummings, Christine Fitzpatrick, Mary Ferguson, Pat Mezzino, Pat Chigwidden, Robyn Kelly, Stephen Chalmers, Lourdes Carle, Sandy Lee, Tony Mawdsley, Janet Murray, Claire Galpin, Rosene Edwards, Vicki Cross, Gemma Woodhead.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Harris, John Mezzino

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Shaun Edwards, Frances Powell, John Tregeagle



### HOLY FATHER'S 2026 PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### FEBRUARY: For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

### DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD APPEAL

**Next Sunday** there will be a third collection to support three organisations which offer help for women during pregnancy: *Birthline Pregnancy Support, Mothers without Medicare and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc.*

"A society is healthy and truly progresses only when it safeguards the sanctity of human life and works actively to promote it." Pope Leo.



### SAVE THE DATE - COMORO GARAGE SALE



#### SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

Donations will be accepted on Friday 6th March from 10.00. Books are especially needed. No donations of clothes this year.

### PARISH COLLECTION 31st January & 1st February

1st (Presbytery) \$1134.25  
2nd (Parish) \$1098.40

### DEATH OF JOHN TREGEAGLE

We are sad to announce the death of John Tregeagle this week after a long and brave battle with cancer. John was a valued member of our parish until moving to McLaren Vale. You will remember his beautiful reading at Mass. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ros and the family. John's funeral will be held on Wednesday, 11 February at 2.00pm at St Joseph's Church, Willunga.

### CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME THIS FEBRUARY TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE SYNOD



During February we are asked to prayerfully consider and share our thoughts about the topics the Synod is going to examine. The whole Archdiocese is going to take part in **DIALOGUE WEEK** - February 22nd-28th 2026. Details to follow.

### THE CHALICE IS COMING BACK...

Our Archbishop has initiated a process to bring back the chalice at Mass. He asked every parish to "express interest" and offered a training prior to implementing it. Our Ministers have participated in this programme.

**Please note receiving Holy Communion from the chalice is an option that each person should decide for themselves.**

**Next weekend (14-15<sup>th</sup> Feb)**, our parish will offer Communion both as Body (Host) and Blood (Chalice) of Jesus. Currently, Fr Vinh is developing a roster for the next few weeks to see how it works out. Please be patient and let Fr Vinh know your recommendations for improving it.

### A REPORT FROM THE ALUMINIUM/ CAN AND BOTTLE RECYCLING TEAM!

Thank you to everyone helping to save for our Aluminium Collecting and we have grown to include, bottle and can collections!

**For our collecting we raised \$50 for our brothers and sisters in Comoro.**

Well done everyone including - Lennie Longworth, Anne Fawcner, Maire Ryan, John Dunthorne, Lynne and Dave, Marilyn Freeborn & Wendy and John Baker for aluminium collections, with Chrisso, Vivi and Alex collecting bottles and cans! It is so good to see the support and goodwill toward our recycling! Keep collecting.

Rosemary Austin. ☐

### VICTOR MORNING TEA

8th February

F. Hanna & V. Coffey

15th February

E. Dabinett & Y. Rogers

### VICTOR MEET & GREET

February Saturdays

H. Anderson

December Sundays

R. Reid & W. Baker

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET

February

C. Rivers

### MORNING TEA

February

T. Curtis, E. Bourne

### 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



## 45 CLUB - WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT



The 45 Club is a fundraising venture by the Knights of the Southern Cross to assist our support and sponsorship of Vinnies. There are 10 draws in the series and a weekly winner of \$25. In the final draw of the series the 1st winner receives \$150 and the 2nd \$50.

The winners come from the 1st supplementary number from Saturday Night's Lotto Draw. In the final series draw, the winners come from the 1st and 2nd supplementary numbers.

If we can fill all the membership, our branch will receive \$1,320 over the year which will allow us to sponsor either The Vinnies Winter or Christmas Appeal.

***At the present time we have vacancies for the coming year. If you would like to support us, see Paul or John at Goolwa and at Victor please place \$20 in an envelope with your name on it and put in the 2nd collection.***

All members and their respective numbers will be placed on both church notice boards and winners will be announced in the Encounter every week

***Payment to be made by Feb 22nd please. We look forward to your support.***

## VALE JUNE CARBONE

The Goolwa Catholic community greatly mourns the passing of June, who was a member of the Goolwa Lutheran Church. She was known to many of us through working on the Goolwa Catholic / Lutheran committee. After her cancer went into remission, she set about organising the first *Biggest Morning Tea* at the church. Through great effort she drew wonderful support from the Goolwa business community and the morning teas were strongly supported resulting in a large donation to the Cancer Council. *A Memorial Service for June will be held on Saturday 14th February at 1.30pm in St. John the Apostle Church, Goolwa. All welcome.*

## GRATITUDE FOR ADVENT REFLECTIONS

I would like to thank Fr Vinh for arranging the 2025 Advent and Daily Reflections Book. I found it to be a wonderful tool for preparing for the coming of Christmas. I have in previous years read the daily Reflections but somehow this year's book really made a huge impact on me. The art work was particularly beautiful.

With grateful thanks, Anne Fawcner

(Look out for the Reflection Booklet for Lent)

## ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

meeting Tuesday 10th February at 1.30pm in the Annex.

Newcomers welcome.

## MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

Meet on Wednesday 11th February

from 9.30 - 10.30 followed by morning tea.

All welcome.

## ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE MEETING

Saturday 14th February at 4.30 in the Annex.

## CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY RETREAT DAY

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

All welcome. Venue: The Shed next to the Catholic Parish House

St Jude Street, Willunga

9.30 Morning Tea 10.00am start the day 3.30pm finish the day

RSVP is necessary. Please notify Robyn 0414 365 234

THIS WEEK: 7th & 8th February

### VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC E. O'Connell

### Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 A. Weygood

R. 2 V. Coffey

EMHC F. Hanna

### GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 M, Mulvihill

R2 M. O'Halloran

EMHC M. Ryan



NEXT WEEK: 14th & 15th February

### VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Allen

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC - Host : J. Jeffery

- Chalice 1 : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2.: A. Fawcner

### Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 R. Klecko

EMHC - Host : F. Vinh

- Chalice 1 : P. Clingan

- Chalice 2. : F. Hanna

### GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: A. Fawcner

R1 E. Bourne

R2 L. Hayward

EMHC - Host : A. Turner

- Chalice 1 : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2. : J. Ryan



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NGARRINDJERI and  
RAMINDJERI land

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• **PARISH MANAGER**

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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 & SAFEGUARDING**

We are a safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

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- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept  
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- CSHW SA (Work, Health and Safety) please contact Jim Dabinett  
(0460 033 529)



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**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 5:13-16**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house.'

In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

**SYMBOLS AND IMAGES**

The people of Israel often described the Law of God as 'salt' because it gave zest and flavour to life and it preserved them as the people of God. Similarly, the Law was often compared to a light that showed them the path to God: 'Your word is a light to my feet and a lamp to my path' (Psalm 119:105). Jerusalem, the city on the hill, was a focal point and reminder of God's presence. Jesus gives a new focus to all these images when he applies them to those who hear his word and put it into practice. All Christians are called to be 'salt' and 'light', a 'city on the hill' giving witness to God's presence.

**GIVE FREELY AND OPENLY**

When Beth unexpectedly inherited a large amount of money, she was scared. She had never managed such a sum before, and she was intimidated by the prospect of handling this responsibility correctly. Her future would be secure as long as she didn't make any mistakes, so she set about learning how to invest wisely and working with trustworthy, expert professionals. And she resisted the temptation to spend too much of it!

Through the process, she discovered confidence in herself. She could make smart financial decisions. That confidence led her to want to do more with the money - she wanted to help people with it and apply her newfound savvy. She became a philanthropist and she developed strategies to maximise the effectiveness of her gifts - one of which was widely telling others that she was giving to. She found her listeners then started donating to the same causes. She encouraged women in particular not to give anonymously, not to be too humble about their giving - in order to help other women realise they could do the same. It's not bragging if your intentions are charitable. Don't put your lamp under a basket indeed!

You can bring change by:

- Knowing the faithful way.
- Working quietly from the inside.
- Being ready to take the long-term approach.
- Listening to different points of view.
- Being willing to find the facts.
- Taking the time that is needed.
- Refusing to give in or give up.
- Shining light on the darkest path.

GPBS eNews

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(09 - 15 February)

- **Monday, 09:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 8:1-7, 9-13 ; Mk 6:53-56)
- **Tuesday, 10:** St Scholastica (1 Kg 8:22-23, 27-30 ; Mk 7:1-13)
- **Wednesday, 11:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 10:1-10 ; Mk 7:14-23)
- **Thursday, 12:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 11:4-13 ; Mk 7:24-30)
- **Friday, 13:** Weekday Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 11:29-32; 12:19 ; Mk 7:31-37)
- **Saturday, 14:** Sts Cyril & Methodius (1 Kg 12:26-32; 13:33-34 ; Mk 8:1-10)
- **Sunday 15:** 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37)

**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.