



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**FIFTH 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

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-5, 7-8

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. <R>
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. <R>
3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' <R>
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. <R>

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. *(Continued page 4)*



Bulletin Board

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

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Jeffery Family, Natalie Millar, Ann Tee, Bailey Smallacombe, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Mollie Davis, David Lee, Evelyn Liston, Ann Hannagan, Allen Odgers, Rose Munro, Geoff Munro, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, William Ash, Eloise Ash, Gavin Schumacher, Jim Ryan, Leonie Hassan, John Tregeagle, Greg Hope, Mairead Cummings, Maire Ryan, John McAuliffe, Meg Klecko, Stephen Vernon, Graham Blacket, Jo Andrews, Paul Fahey,

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter McInnes,
Bruce Smallacombe

PARISH COLLECTION 1st & 2nd February

1st (Presbytery) \$1,151.45
2nd (Parish) \$1,146.35

VICTOR MORNING TEA February 9th

A. Temme & M. Chalmers

February 16th

M. Cunningham & E. Dabinett

VICTOR MEET & GREET February Saturdays

M. Farmer & E.O'Connell

February Sundays

R. Reid & L. Sunman

GOOLWA MEET & GREET February C. Rivers

MORNING TEA

February T. Curtis, E. Bourne,
B. Hallion

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:



FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE:

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS COLUMN

We are updating our *Special Intentions Column*. If you would like to keep your name or that of a family member or friend in the list please text or email Pat Clingan by Tuesday 11th February or email: catholicvhg@bigpond.com or 0410 593 617

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Sunday 5pm in the Annex

You are welcome to join this group to reflect on the Gospel of the day.
Phone Carol Sutherland. 0418 856 799.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.00. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

THE CENACLE

You are invited to join us in The Cenacle held every Wednesday at 9.30am in St Joan of Arc Church. We start by praying the Rosary, reading, meditating and reflecting on one of the messages given to Father Gobbi by Mary our Mother and making an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
Gemma Woodhead 0492 849 414

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

will hold their first meeting of 2025 on Tuesday 11th February at 1.30pm in the Annex. All welcome.

MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS



meet this Wednesday 12th February at 9.30 at St Joan's with morning tea to follow.
All welcome.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND



SPECIAL VISITOR FROM COMORO

ALEX GUSMAO

FEBRUARY 14TH – 28TH

Alex Gusmao, representative for our Sister Parish in Comoro, appointed by the Parish Priest Fr. Apolinario, will be with us for two weeks. He is being sponsored to Australia by Mark and Vicki. He aims to engage with as many people as possible during his two weeks stay.
Please seek him out and ask whatever questions you would like answered.



COMORO WORKING GROUP REPORT

Members of our Working Group are making preparations for our **2025 GARAGE SALE ON THE LONG WEEKEND, 8TH MARCH**. Please think about what you might be able to donate. Arrangements for donations of goods are still being sorted out and will be announced soon.

WE PRAY TODAY FOR OUR OWN PARISHIONERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK

God of all goodness,

Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted.
Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them.
When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties.



When they are afraid, give them strength and courage.
When they feel alone, send them someone to listen and to care.
When they are confused, provide reassurance and direction.
When they are in pain, ease their suffering.
When they despair, give them hope.
May they experience your healing presence in the comfort of a caregiver's calm gaze and tender touch.
We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

Our prayers and best wishes to those who are about to undergo major surgery – Peter Sullivan from Goolwa and John Baker from Victor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAT CHEADLE WHO CELEBRATED HER 90TH BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK



AND TO



ANNE RENDALL WHO CELEBRATES HER 80TH BIRTHDAY NEXT WEEK!!



OUR LADY OF LOURDES Feast Day 11th February

Today marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to 14 year-old Marie Bernadette (St. Bernadette) Soubirous. Between 11th February and 16th July 1858, the Blessed Virgin appeared eighteen times



and showed herself to St. Bernadette in the hollow of the rock at Lourdes. On the feast of the Annunciation, the beautiful Lady announced her name, "I am the Immaculate Conception." The report spread quickly of cures occurring at the grotto and a great number of Christians visited the hallowed place. A chapel was erected, Lourdes became a place of pilgrimage and many cures and conversions have taken place.
Catholic Culture

SAVE THE DATE: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Date: Friday 7th March
Time: 1.30 to 3.00pm
Theme: The Cook Islands
Location:
Victor: Newland-Pt Elliot
Uniting Church, Victoria
Street.



Goolwa: Church of Christ,
9 Porter Street.

The World Day of Prayer is always a wonderful way for us to join with other Churches in our area and around the world.

PPC REPORT FOR THE ENCOUNTER

Paul Kennelly welcomed the PPC and Rosemary Mulraney who attended to give new members a broad insight into the 2024 – 2026 Parish Action Plan and the bi-annual review process. The Mission Statement is printed each week in the Encounter. Council members will be updating the document with events and progress which has been made during the past 12 months. Fr Vinh reported that Christmas and holiday Masses have been very well attended this year. The Pastoral Associate sub-committee decided that a Pastoral Associate is currently not necessary as all parish matters are being well covered.

Anne Fawknor is attending Inter Church Council meetings where preparations are underway for production of a comprehensive Welcome Pack for new residents to the Victor Harbor area. Thank you Anne!

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all those in the parish who sent texts and phone calls during my recent illness. Also to Fr Vinh who made numerous calls to check on my health and visited me in hospital to give me communion. It is nice to belong to a faith filled parish who show so much care.

Paul Kennelly

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY

Next Meeting: After a 2-month layoff the Knights will resume meeting on Feb 19th at Goolwa church at 4 pm.

Our first 45 club for the year has been sold out. We thank you for your support.
Our first BBQ for this year was held last Sunday and a profit of \$137 was made and we thank you once again for your support and donations.



ANNIVERSARIES

January: Bill Longworth,
Fr Jim Honor (Former PP)
February: Peter Mc Innes,
Frank Refchange and Wally West.
All enquiries for Knights, ring Paul on 0402 852 825.

JUBILEE OF THE ARMED FORCES, POLICE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL

In our Jubilee Year the Church recognises that military personnel can contribute enormously to the stability of our world and to the establishment of peace. This special Jubilee celebrates the efforts all members of the armed forces and police, municipal police, security operators, veterans, military associations, military academies, chaplaincies and military ordinariates provide for peace.



Lord our God, we thank you for the service and sacrifice of all who have made possible the freedom we enjoy and the heritage we have been given.

We commend to you all who serve our nation in the Armed Forces, Police and Security. Shelter them in danger, and in time of peace keep them from all evil. For ourselves, we pray that you will help us to persevere in loyalty and courage and grant us to be worthy of those who have gone before us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEXT WEEK: 8th & 9th February

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Sutherland
R.2 A. Fawknor

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 T. Hounslow
R. 2 G. Ryan

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 E. Bourne
R. 2 R. Lee

EMHC M. Ryan



NEXT WEEK: 15th & 16th

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket
R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC A. Fawknor

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 K. Dudley
R. 2 M. Cunningham

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: M. Riddle

R. 1 D. Huppertz
R. 2 M. Freeborn

EMHC S. Muller

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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• **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Please forward items for the
newsletter to the Parish Office -
8552 1084,
catholicvhg@bigpond.com
(*All items for the newsletter by
Wednesday evening*)

• **PARISH TREASURER**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

• **CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare)**
Cathy May (0401 584 237)



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Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come follow me, says the Lord, and I
will make you fishers of my people.*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at

the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This text tells Luke's story of the call of Simon to become a disciple of Jesus. Jesus already knew Simon; he had cured his mother-in-law after 'they interceded with him about her' (Luke 4:38). Jesus had already spent time in Capernaum, Simon's home town, and had performed miracles and cures. The large crowd who had witnessed these things now pressed on Jesus and he made use of the 'pulpit' of the boat. When asked to 'put into the deep', Simon, despite his misgivings, complies. The sheer wonder of the unprecedented catch of fish hints that somehow the action of God is to be traced in this extraordinary event. Simon—now with his Christian name, Peter, added to his Hebrew name—confesses his unworthiness and addresses Jesus as 'Lord'. It is only then, in the face of Peter's faith, that Jesus reveals the vocation and the mission of the disciple, and Peter, James and John immediately accept that mission wholeheartedly. They leave everything and follow him.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(10 - 17 February)

- **Monday, 10:** St Scholastica (Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56)
- **Tuesday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (Gen 1:20 - 2:4; Mk 7:1-13)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (Gen 2:4-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23)
- **Thursday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30)
- **Friday, 14:** Sts Cyril and Methodius (Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37)
- **Saturday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10)
- **Sunday, 16:** 6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26)

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.