



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THE DEDICATION OF THE
LATERAN BASILICA - 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

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, "Do you see, son of man?" He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with

leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress, so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. <R>
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day. <R>
3. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord, the redoubtable deeds God has done on the earth <R>

SECOND READING

Romans 5:5-11

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's
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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,
Tony Mawdsley, Janet Murray,
Claire Galpin

ANNIVERSARIES

Dan Kennelly, Chris McCarthy,
Jim Huppatz, Dorothy Higgins

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kay Pickering, Fred Tee

PARISH COLLECTION 1st & 2nd November

1st (Presbytery) \$970.15
2nd (Parish) \$1019.65

VICTOR MORNING TEA 16th November

E. Dabinett & Y. Rogers

23rd November

F. Hanna & V. Coffey

VICTOR MEET & GREET November Saturdays

H. Anderson

November Sundays

R. Reid & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET November

R. Lee

MORNING TEA

November

V. Scriva, C. Rivers, P. Stone,
P. Lowe

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 NOVEMBER. For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

FIRST COLLECTION RENEWAL CAMPAIGN - SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS

This weekend at all Masses, a brief talk will be given as part of the 'First Collection Renewal Campaign'.

The First Collection at weekend Masses is the main means of financially supporting our Clergy, including Deacons and Retired Priests, through the Diocesan Presbytery Fund. The Fund covers the ever-increasing cost of stipends, medical benefits, motor vehicles, and ongoing formation.



Currently, income from the Fund is covering about 70% of costs.

Addressing this shortfall is crucial to ensuring we can continue to care for the evolving needs of our Archdiocesan Clergy.

When you leave Mass this weekend, please take home a fridge magnet that outlines how you can contribute - either through the First Collection at Mass or via the 'Good Giving' app and website.

THE ANNUAL VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

launches on the weekend of 15th/16th November with envelopes available. We thank our parishioners for their generosity towards those struggling to manage at Christmas, a time that should be one of blessed peace, not a struggle to meet basic needs."

2025 VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food to place in the Christmas boxes in both churches until Sunday 14th December 2025. Your generosity was much appreciated by 76 local families last year. Thank you!



2026 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

will be available for sale after weekend masses, starting on the weekend of 8th/9th November.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS with GIFT SUGGESTIONS FOR RESIDENTS AT EMMANUEL CARE AND VICTORIA HOUSE

Christmas is on our doorstep, a time for giving. Please remember our friends at Emmanuel Care and Victoria House this year. Pat Stone and Rose Mulraney at Goolwa and Margaret Chalmers at Victor Harbor will be handing out cards with suggestions to help choose a gift. **The dates that the cards will be given out after Mass are 8th & 9th and 15th & 16th Nov.** Your generosity is always amazing.

ADVENT TEA

Redeemer Lutheran Church invites everyone to their Advent Tea Sunday 30th November from 6-9pm at

St John the Apostle Church Goolwa

Please bring finger food, savoury or sweet to share and your BYO drinks and glasses.

There is a sheet at St John's entrance if you would like to attend or you can phone Betty 0423 635 400 or Mary 0477 978 344

There will be Carols and Quizzes to enjoy. This is always a very special night.



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CHRISTMAS DINNER 2025

*Step through the Christmas Arch into our
Social Club Christmas Dinner
at St Joan's on Friday 28th November at 6.00pm.*

*Start the Christmas Season with wonderful
company, food and BYO drinks and glass.*

Always a great night.

Organise your table or if you prefer we can do it for you.

The cost is the same as last year ...

*\$20 per head for turkey, ham and salad dinner with
Christmas pudding and custard or fruit salad and ice cream.*

*There will be a Christmas Hamper raffle and
maybe the chocolate wheel.*

*Ring or text Pat Clingan before 21st November
with your numbers and money on 0410 593 617.*

COMING EVENTS AT GOOLWA

GOOLWA COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

will be held on **Sunday Dec 7th from 6pm.** This is the night where the Knights thank all those who have supported us during the year by putting a cheaper than usual price on the night. We look forward to all in the Victor community who may wish to come. You will be made most welcome.

More details next week. Phone enquiries Paul 0402 852 825

**On Nov 29th (Sat) from 9.30am we ask volunteers to come
to put up our Christmas decorations.**

PARISH PASTORAL CARE MINUTES OCTOBER 2025

- Parish manager Pat Clingan gave a report on recent baptism and confirmation ceremonies held in the parish.
- Recent parish audit by Risk Tech was held at both churches on October 16th. We received a pass mark. Many thanks to Helen Taylor for her assistance on the day.
- The recent morning tea for Dementia raised \$1,253 which was an incredible effort for a disappointing attendance.
- Safeguarding officer Andy Nicholls gave a report on the training sessions at Victor Harbour and Goolwa. All groups such as choir, gardeners etc need to complete a risk assessment.
- Fran Hanna has been selected by the Archdiocese as our delegate to the Diocesan Synod next year.
- Mark Leaney sent a Comoro report and is hoping a priest from that area will come to our parish shortly subject to permission from different levels.
- Many thanks Vivi for your *All Souls Display* in the church foyer at Goolwa.

We are most fortunate to have such a talented person!

Steve Muller winner of 45 Club draw this week.

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Tuesday 11th November at 1.30pm.

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

Wednesday 12th November at 9.30 pm at St Joan's with morning tea to follow.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 12th November 11.00am at Victor Harbor.

THIS WEEK: 8th & 9th November

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 A. Fawkner

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 G. Ryan

EMHC E. Dabinett

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 P. Kennelly

R2 M. O'Halloran

EMHC M. Ryan



NEXT WEEK: 15th & 16th November

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R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 C. Allen

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 V. Coffey

EMHC A. Rose

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R1 E. Bourne

R2 R. Lee

EMHC S. Muller

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
CATHOLIC PARISH**
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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VICTOR HARBOR SA 5211
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Web: www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;
in an emergency - 0429 098 802)
Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• **PARISH MANAGER**

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12 noon)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• **PARISH ENCOUNTER**

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

• **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
(VH/G contact - 0475 893 521 or andrewnicholls6@gmail.com)

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

• CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare) please contact the Parish Office.



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temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Chr 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

MAKING SPACE

It was the Monday after a busy weekend at Saint Mary's School. Ms Rivera, a teacher known for her creative lessons, stepped into her classroom and immediately felt overwhelmed. Desks were cluttered with half-finished art projects, backpacks overflowed, and sticky notes with reminders covered every surface. Even the prayer corner, usually a calm, sacred spot, was buried under worksheets and lunchboxes.

She sighed. "How did it get like this so fast?" she whispered.

Across town, the Nguyen family was having a similar experience. Between soccer practice, music lessons, work calls, and homework, the dinner table had become more of a storage space than

a place to connect. Mum tried to start a prayer before dinner, but it was drowned out by notifications and chatter. Even the small prayer space in the corner felt forgotten, buried under mail and school papers.

That evening, both Ms. Rivera and the Nguyen family reflected on Jesus in the Temple, clearing out the chaos to make room for what truly mattered. And they realised something important. It wasn't about blame or perfection. It was about space. Space for God. Space for connection. Space for the things that count.

The next day, Ms. Rivera asked her students to help "clear the clutter." They organised supplies, set up the prayer corner, and created a small wall of gratitude. By the end of the morning, the room felt lighter, calmer, and more alive.

At home, the Nguyen family cleared the table, lit a candle, and shared one thing they were grateful for. Phones were put aside. Laughter returned. And their small prayer space was cleaned and adorned with fresh flowers. For the first time in weeks, they felt God's presence again.

Jesus' actions in the Temple remind us that holiness isn't about perfection. It's about courage. Courage to see what distracts us, clear it out, and make space for what matters. Whether in classrooms, homes, or parish life, God is asking us to create living spaces where faith, love, and presence can flourish. Clutter becomes clarity, noise becomes presence, and ordinary spaces become sacred.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(10 - 16 November)

- **Monday, 10:** St Leo the Great (Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6)
- **Tuesday, 11:** St Martin of Tours (Wis 2:23 - 3:9; Lk 17:7-10)
- **Wednesday, 12:** St Josaphat (Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 32 (Wis 7:22 - 8:1; Lk 17:20-25)
- **Friday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 32 (Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37)
- **Saturday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 32 (Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8)
- **Sunday 16:** 33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Mal 3:19-20; Lk 21:5-19)

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.