



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

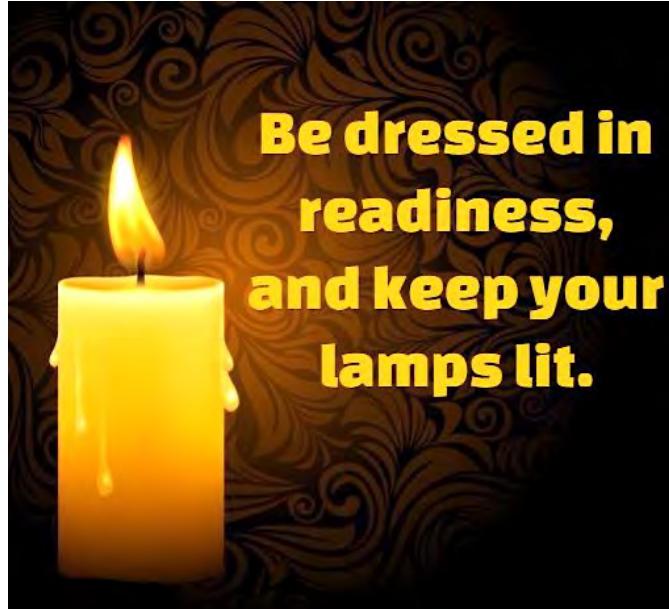
Weekend - Saturday 6.00pm;
Sunday 11.00am.
Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 9.00am

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 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:1,12,18-20,22

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. <R>
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. <R>

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. <R>

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

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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, John Blacket,
 Paul Fahey, John Tregeagle,
 Betty Berry, Geoff & Rose Munro,
 Mark Kelly, Pat Mezzino,
 Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
 Mairead & Neil Cummings,
 Mary Ferguson, Pat Chigwidden,
 Robyn Kelly, Stephen Chalmers

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maureen Farmer, Brian Fitzgerald

ANNIVERSARIES

Sheila Hanna, Mollie McGee,
 Ian Reid

PARISH COLLECTION 2nd & 3rd August

1st (Presbytery) \$ 941.90
 2nd (Parish) \$ 1030.10

VICTOR MORNING TEA 10th August

E. Dabinett & Y. Rogers

17th August

F. Hanna & V. Coffey

VICTOR MEET & GREET August Saturdays

C. Huppatz

August Sundays

R. Reid & L. Sunman

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

August A. Turner

MORNING TEA

August

T. Curtis, E. Bourne, B. Hallion

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 AUGUST: For mutual coexistence

 Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult, might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR VISITING PRIESTS

Father Michael Brennan will celebrate weekend Masses on 9th and 10th.

Father Brennan celebrated his 50th Anniversary of Ordination in 2022.

In the Southern Cross interview he did that year he speaks of the value of the ordinary.

"When Father Brennan celebrates the Eucharist, he is reminded that while Jesus is in the bread and wine, it's also "the work of human hands that becomes Christ.

People's lives are sacred, if only we'd just stop and permit it to touch us."

Father Brennan has also walked major sections of the Camino de Santiago and, closer to home, the Heysen Trail." Southern Cross November 2022

Perhaps Father Michael can share some fitness tips!!

INVITATION TO A TALK BY FATHER RODERICK - AUGUST 24TH

IN THE ANNEX AFTER 11AM MASS

FAITH AND FORGIVENESS:

INSIGHTS FROM THE LIFE OF JAN RUFF-AHERNE.

Fr Roderick O'Brien, who will be with us on the weekends of the 16/17th and 23/24th August, is presenting a talk in the Annex after 11am Mass on 24th August on **Faith and Forgiveness:**

Insights from the Life of Jan Ruff-Aherne.

Many of you will have heard of Jan Ruff who was the first European woman to speak out about the experience of the so-called "comfort-women" during WW2 on the island of Java where she lived. It will be a worthwhile event. Father's talk will go for an hour and a Subway sandwich will be provided for lunch with a cuppa.

Please contact Pat Clingan on 0410 593 617 if you are attending.

THE LITURGY COMMITTEE

will meet on Wednesday 13th August at 10.00am at Goolwa.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS SECOND WEEK

Third collection to help our Seminarians

For the Weekend of 9th/10th August, the second weekend of National Vocation Awareness Week throughout the Church in Australia, we celebrate, affirm and pray for all vocations to the Consecrated Life of Sisters, Brothers and Priests, as well as to the Diaconate and Diocesan Priesthood. We pray that each of these unique calls be heard and responded to with great generosity of heart as we journey together during this Jubilee Year with Christ as our Anchor. Fr Dean Marin

KSC FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

1st Prize \$100 meal voucher.

For V.H ... Whalers Restaurant

For Goolwa ... Goolwa Hotel

2nd Prize \$50 for each parish

3rd Prize Bottle wine for each parish

Tickets \$5.00 ea or 3 for \$10

Victor parishioners please see Des Wallace.



Bulletin Board

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CARE (CCC), VICTOR HARBOR

& OPEN DOOR, GOOLWA thank you for your generous donation of non perishable food and toiletries. Items will be given to people in our region in need of a hand up. Your donation actioned our Parish Mission to "Reach out to those in need." Thank you!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed at St Joan's and St John's.

Can you spare some time and energy.

See Anne Turner re the following:

Goolwa: Meet and Greet

Morning Tea

See Helen Taylor re the following:

Volunteer to prepare and run PowerPoint for Mass as back up

See Fran Hanna re the following:

Victor: Meet and Greet on Saturday evenings/Sunday Mornings

Morning Tea Sunday morning

Church Laundry - we would like to form a roster for this if possible.

Garden/Maintenance Groups. I am sure Mike McBride in Victor and Henry and Tony in Goolwa would welcome anyone who could come once a month to tidy the Church Grounds. Dates in the Encounter for these groups.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - JULY MEETING

The council has now completed the Parish Vision and Mission statement review and would like to thank Rose Mulraney for her leadership and John Dunthorne who held several meetings to get the statement up to date. Prayers were said for parishioner Maureen Farmer who recently died suddenly as well as thoughts for her family. All other business matters were dealt with accordingly. Full copies of the minutes available on the Notice Board of each Church.



COME AND HELP PLANT GREVILLEAS ON THE FARM

Come along on Friday 15th to Mark and Vicki's farm to help them



plant grevilleas around their dam.

Grevilleas (low growing ones) can be purchased at local plant nurseries or Bunnings for around \$15.00 or you can arrange for Fran to buy them for you.

Everyone is welcome whether able to help with the planting or as a supportive presence. A delicious soup meal will be provided.

We will leave St Joan's at 10.00am on Friday 15th.

Please let Fran Hanna (0415 124 010) know if you are coming by Sunday 10th August.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER VINH

Dear Parishioners,

I arrived safely at my family's home at 5am on Wednesday!!! My brothers and sisters were still asleep. A great surprise for them!!!

Thank you to all who are helping out while I am away.

Special thanks to our visiting priests, Fr Michael and Fr Roderick.

I am thinking and praying for you all. Regards Fr Vinh



If you do not receive your Encounter by email as usual, please text Fran Hanna on 0415 124 010 with your email address, or check it out online - go to www.victorgoolwaparish.org.au and click on the Encounter link at the bottom of the home page.

THIS WEEK: 9th & 10th August

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 V. Cross

R.2 A. Fawkner

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R.1 T. Hounslow

R.2 G. Ryan

EMHC A. Rose

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 P. Kennelly

R2 M. O'Halloran

EMHC A. Turner



NEXT WEEK: 16th & 17th August

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 C. Allen

EMHC A. Fawkner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R.1 K. Dudley

R.2 M. Cunningham

EMHC A. Rose

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R1 D. Huppatz

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

- **PRIEST** (*while Fr Vinh is away*)
In an emergency: Fr Richard Morris
(0403 367 033)
- **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 and SAFEGUARDING**
 - Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8159)
 - Victor Harbor/Goolwa contact: Andy Nicholls (0475 893 521)
 - **CSHW SA** (Safety, Health, Welfare) Contact Cathy May (0401 584 237)



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All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland.

That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24:42, 44

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite

sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the men-servants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.'

The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(11 - 17 August)

- **Monday, 11:** St Clare (Deut 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Deut 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14)
- **Wednesday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Deut 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20)
- **Thursday, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Josh 3:7-11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 - 19:1)
- **Friday, 15:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Rev 11:19, 12:1-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Saturday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Josh 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15)
- **Sunday 17:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53)

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 0403 367 033.