



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

### WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.

## 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

## FIRST READING

*Deuteronomy  
30:10-14*

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

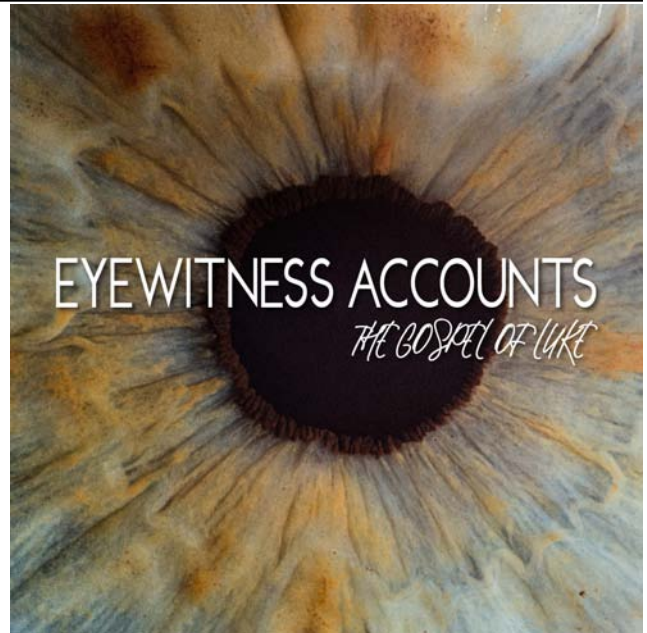
## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37*  
*Turn to the Lord in your need,  
and you will live.*

## SECOND READING

*Colossians 1:15-20*

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God



wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 6:63, 68*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting  
life. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Luke 10:25-37*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the

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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)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Barry Wilks, Bob Willis, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Rita Sullivan, Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Margaret & Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick, Ann & Kevin Hannagan,

## ANNIVERSARIES

Sheila Hanna, Mollie McGee

## PARISH COLLECTION 9th & 10th July

1st (Presbytery) \$665.80  
2nd (Parish) \$919.80  
Aboriginal Collection \$507.40

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 15th July

W. & J. Baker & M. Cunningham  
22nd & 29th July  
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

## VICTOR MORNING TEA 17th July

M. Cunningham & J. Andrews  
24th July  
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

## VICTOR MEET & GREET July Saturday

M. Farmer & E. O'Connell  
July Sunday

## GOOLWA MEET & GREET July

J. Henderson

## MORNING TEA July

V. Scriver, C. Rivers, S. Butler,  
R. Sadlon

## ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

## HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY

### For the elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



## ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

Next meeting is on Saturday 9th July at 4.30am in the Annex. Newcomers welcome.

**ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB** will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 12th July at 1.30pm. All welcome.

## ST JOAN'S

### MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS



will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 13th July from 9.30 - 10.30am followed by morning tea. All welcome

## CENSUS NEWS



**Australia has become less religious**, with the latest Census data showing the proportion of Christians dropping below 50 per cent for the first time and a soaring number of people identifying as "non-religious".

*The Age.*

Incoming Archbishops Conference president Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB says the Church's failing support is a "wake-up call" as it works to balance its convictions with the realities of an increasingly secular nation.  
*CathNews*

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO



**BEV MURRAY WHO CELEBRATED HER 80TH BIRTHDAY LAST SUNDAY.**

## WELCOME TO JAMES BUSBY

We wish to welcome James Busby from Hindmarsh Island to our parish.

## PARISH SURVEY THIS WEEKEND!!!



Pencils and sheets with Survey questions will be available at each Mass. You might like to bring your own biro.

There will be time during Mass to write down your answers.

**What are we doing well** as a parish?

**What** could we do better?

**How** could we achieve this?

**Who** would do it?

***This is your chance to have your say about future directions for our parish. Your opinion matters very much!!***

## STELLA MARIS

### APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea.



**STELLA MARIS**  
SUPPORTING SEAFARERS AND FISHERS  
AROUND THE WORLD

Without them, we would not have most of the

items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sundayappeal/>

## PILGRIMAGE TO COMORO

At their own expense, from 11th - 25th July, Mark Leaney and John Baker will be on a personal pilgrimage to our Comoro Sister Parish in East Timor. In the past the Comoro parish priest and parishioners have invited members of our parish to "come and see" so Mark and John have taken up their invitation. Our prayers and good wishes go with them.

## DEATH OF LORRAINE PHILLIPS

Our prayers and sympathy are with Kevin and the family at this time. May Lorraine rest in peace

## JULY SOUTHERN CROSS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PORCH

Keep up with news from around the Archdiocese.

# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YR.C

*Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

This is my prayer to You,  
my prayer for Your favour.

In Your great love, answer me, O God,  
with Your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for Your love is kind;  
in Your compassion, turn towards me.

As for me in my poverty and pain  
let Your help, O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify Him with thanksgiving.

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn His servants in their chains.

For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah.  
The sons of His servants shall inherit it;  
those who love His name shall dwell there.



## SAINT BENEDICT

Feast Day 11th July

(b.480 – d.547)



St. Benedict was born at Nursia in Umbria in about 480 and was sent to Rome to be educated, but soon left the world to live a solitary life at Subiaco. He lived as a

hermit in a cave in the mountains for two years, and acquired such a reputation that disciples came in numbers to join him and important Roman families entrusted him with their children's education. He organized a form of monastic life in twelve small monasteries. Under his guidance, as abbot, the monks vowed to seek God and devoted themselves to work and prayer. A few years later St. Benedict founded the abbey of Monte Cassino on the heights of Campania. There he wrote his Rule in which are wonderfully combined the Roman genius and the monastic wisdom of the Christian East. *Catholic Culture*

## THE PLENARY COUNCIL IS OVER KEY ISSUES



Some of the key issues discussed included an apology for victims of child

abuse; the position of women; moves to incorporate First Nations Catholics more into the life of the church and an awareness of the need for environmental conversion.

As well, there were proposals to introduce a "ministry of preaching" for laypeople at Mass, increase the use of the communal "third rite" of reconciliation and establish new ways of decision-making in the Church as well as ways of reaching out to those Catholics alienated from the Church.

### HOW DID VOTING WORK?

All members who weren't bishops got a **nonbinding vote** on issues. If the issue passed with a two-thirds majority, it was then referred to the **bishops who have the final decisive vote** on the matter.

**The final decrees of the Plenary Council will be sent to Rome for review and approval.**

## FATHER VINH'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY

I will be away from the Parish from 11th July - 26th July. During my absence Father Anthony Kain will celebrate weekend Masses on 16th/17th July. Monsignor Ian Dempsey will celebrate Masses on 23rd/24th July.

If you need a priest **ONLY IN AN EMERGENCY** please phone Father Josy Sebastian at Noarlunga Downs Parish on 0452 524 169.

There will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion during the week. I wish to thank those who lead this during my absence.

### FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

*Two parishioners, hairdressers, are available to cut your hair after 11am Mass to raise money to support Ukraine. If you are interested please contact Father Vinh on 0429098802*



THIS WEEK 16th & 17th July

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 S. Duong

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. M. Farmer

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 F. Hanna

R. 2 R. Klecko

E.M. P. Clingan

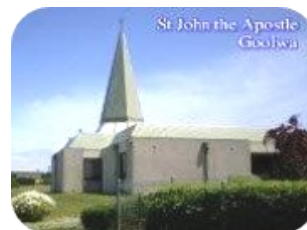
GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: A. Fawcner

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 K. Fawcner

E.M. M. Glazewski



THIS WEEK 16th & 17th July

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppertz

R.1 S. Duong

R.2 E. O'Shaughnessy

E.M. C. Sutherland

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 P. O'Brien

R. 2 T. Hounslow

E.M. M. Cunningham

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 P. Kennelly

R. 2 M. Mulvihill

E.M. R. Austin



## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 06/07/22)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the SA Health instructions in regard to isolating and other government health protocols. Stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- There are now no density limits for places of worship; Churches can return to full capacity.
- Masks are highly recommended by the Archdiocese.

The following activities may resume:

- Procession of gifts
- Collections (please be mindful to minimise contact when passing)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- After Mass gatherings and Parish meetings.

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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- **PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com) (All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)
- **PARISH TREASURER**  
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Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)  
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)  
Victor Harbor (Parish Office 8552 1084)
- **CSHW SA (Safety, Health & Welfare)**  
Parish (Cathy May 0401 584 237)

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hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?" "The one who took pity on him" he replied. Jesus said to him, "Go, and do the same yourself."

## THE ROAD TO JERICO

In his first inaugural address, President George W. Bush used the metaphor of the road to Jericho in pledging the United States of America to a goal of personal responsibility for the welfare of all. We would not cross to the side of the road to avoid getting involved in our neighbour's suffering. Americans would not be guilty bystanders, unwilling to risk the dirty, messy business of human compassion. This speech made some people uncomfortable. Not everyone wants to invest in human misery just because it's there. If only being a Good Samaritan were always as simple and sanitary as making a donation!

But the Samaritan in the parable does a lot more than pick up the tab for a stranger's misfortune. He ministers to him personally, investing time and care and human feeling into someone who happens to be an enemy of his people. The business of compassion smears the neat categories of responsibility. It leads where we may not expect or want to go.

Pray for the courage to get your hands dirty when you encounter human suffering.

*"The word is right here and now - as*

*near as the tongue is your mouth, as near as the heart on your chest. Just do it!"*  
GPBS eNews

## GOOD NEWS AMID BAD NEWS

Each morning when we scan or listen to the news, we expect to hear something sad. Suffering and crisis take prominence in our news stories, while stories that talk about heroism or share a personal story of compassion are rare.

There was a recent story of a cyclist who was struck by a car and later died from injuries he had suffered. Initially the headline caught my eye because it was a tragic death on the city's streets and the story also included a few lines about the nurse who saw the accident and tried to help. She jumped out of her car with a towel and sweatshirt to care for his wounds and try to save him. Others also tried to assist.

The tragedy of course is that a human life was lost that evening, but strangers gathered to save a person they did not know. They were the good Samaritans that evening among all the others who may have passed by the cyclist. The nurse later reached out to the cyclist's family and friends to let them know that in his final hours he was not alone.

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(11 - 17 July)

- **Monday, 11:** St Benedict (Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24)
- **Wednesday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Is 10:5-7, 13-16; Mt 11:25-27)
- **Thursday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Friday, 15:** St Bonaventure (Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8)
- **Saturday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Micah 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21)
- **Sunday 17:** 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42)

## 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.