



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

TWENTY-THIRD 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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in

this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself.* Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered

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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)

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Jeffery Family, Natalie Millar, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Ron Harris, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson, Jesse Walker, Richard Eisenkoeck, Monsignor Robert Aitken, Rose Munro.

ANNIVERSARIES

Peg Page, Nora Worrad, Margaret Peake, Adrian Langtry.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Dr. Nigel Quadros

PARISH COLLECTION
2nd & 3rd September

1st (Presbytery) \$773.40
2nd (Parish) \$1,185.90

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER
15th September

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons
22nd & 29th September
W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

VICTOR MORNING TEA
10th September

A. Williss & F. Hanna

17th September
A. Temme & M. Chalmers

VICTOR MEET & GREET
September Saturdays

M. Farmer & E. O'Connell
September Sundays
R. Reid & A. Rose

GOOLWA MEET & GREET
September

L. Clayson

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

September C. May, A. Turner & S. Lee

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER : FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MARGINS :

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions ; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance



45 CLUB

Once again, a heartfelt thank you to all participants who contributed to Series 2 which recently closed. We sincerely thank all who contribute to the 45 Club which enables the Knights of the Southern Cross to make worthwhile donations to several worthy causes. Please contact Robert Lee to ensure you have a place in the next series.

Robert Lee 0409 945 019
jumbuk34@hotmail.com

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 12th September at 1.30pm in the Annex. All welcome

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

will meet on Wednesday 13th September at 9.30am -10.30am followed by morning tea. All welcome

KEEP THIS DATE

Our 2023 Annual General Assembly will take place on Sunday 29th October at St Joan's from 12 noon to 3.00pm including lunch and afternoon tea.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

Every day, your kindness ensures **Hutt St Centre's** doors are open to people who have fallen on hard times, with nowhere else to turn. One person helped there says, *"I want to thank the team at Hutt St – and everyone who donates – for helping me get through my time of misfortune. You welcomed me and made me feel safe from that day forward until I got back on my feet. Thank you with my whole heart and gratitude for saving me."*

Don't forget to collect your envelopes or donate online at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au

THANK YOU from Peter Redden to all the parishioners who said prayers for his recovery.



PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

SEASON OF CREATION

Let Justice and Peace flow like a mighty river
WEEK 2 - LOSS AND MOURNING

It is hard to escape seeing the environmental changes that are happening before our eyes. Our television screens tell of unprecedented weather events, of environmental destruction, of loss of species, loss of food sources, loss of safe water and for many in our own country and beyond, the loss of a safe home. Today we take some time to mourn these changes, to grieve for what is being lost to us. We also grieve that much of what we have has meant less for others and the exploitation of creation.



Question for reflection?

How do I feel about the changes that are happening to our world?

Can I listen sympathetically to the voices calling out for care - threatened species, people whose environments are being destroyed?

Lord, you are with me always - sustain me in my endeavours for justice, love, peace and hope in the world. **Amen**

Mother Earth

~You came with your bullock, dray and ploughshare/you came to my sun with your pale faces so fair



~You scratched my skin and sowed your strange seeds/I gave timber and scrubland to yield to your needs

~You blasted my island and bridged the blue bay/You wrenched out my silver and dug out my clay

~You felled all my stringy-barks, she-oaks and box/then covered my nakedness with the wool of your flocks

~You charted my river and changed its wild course;/you carved out your roadways for buggy and horse

~You called this progress and created more farms,/besieged my first peoples without thought of their harm

~You buried my sand-dunes beneath streets and homes/and gave me exotic and strange sounding names

~You now call it history to give it measure of worth -/but I am your mother – I gave your settlements birth. *Wendy Baker*

A big **THANK YOU** to Marie Galvin for the beautiful blue fabric given to St John's for the Season of Creation. This is so special as a river flowing from the cross for justice and peace. Thanks again Marie.

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before Him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for He is our God and we the people who
belong to His pasture, the flock that is led
by His hand.

O that today you would listen to His voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.'



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Feast Day 14th September

This Feast was observed in Rome before the end of the seventh century. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been placed on Mount Calvary by St. Helena and preserved in Jerusalem, but then had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius in 629. *Catholic Culture*



Victor Harbor/Goolwa Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Victor Harbor Thursday 24th August 2023

The August PPC meeting included a bi-annual **report on parish finances** from the Chair of the Finance Committee, and updates on the work towards the development of a memorial garden at the cemetery and sale of parish land in Port Elliot.

Planning is underway for the parish **Annual General Assembly 2023** on 29th Oct. at St Joan's, 12 noon to 3.00 pm, including lunch and afternoon tea.

Jenny O'Brien will present on the topic: 'Nurturing our faith through Eucharistic celebration'. Meeting minutes will be available in each church after ratification at the next PPC meeting.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY



Safeguarding Sunday is held on the 10th September 2023 in the Catholic

Archdiocese of Adelaide. It forms part of the National Child Protection Week (3rd-9th September 2023) in Australia, a national initiative to engage members of the community in supporting families and protecting children.

Although we have very few children attending our Masses we are all exposed to children in our life so the theme of "Every child, in every community, needs a fair go" and "where we start matters." applies to each and every one of our parishioners.

Both our churches have resources in our foyers regarding child protection which may be assistance if you require this information to assist families. I am also the Child Protection Contact person for both parishes. If you have any queries regarding child protection do not hesitate to contact me. My mobile number is in the Encounter

As a parish we are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people of risk in our community. Cathy May.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

to the parishioners of St John's who have shared their church with the Lutheran community over 20 years. The two groups have worked together to make this possible and in the process have given a living example of **Ecumenism - promoting co-operation between Christian Churches**. We thank St John's for their generosity and the generosity of our Lutheran brothers and sisters. May their continued sharing bring many blessings. Please come along to the celebratory luncheon at



**Oasis Gardens Restaurant
726 Langhorne Creek Belvidere
on Sunday Sept. 24 from 1 pm. .**

GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT!

This week we will start to take names of those who may be interested to help with such things as transport, visitation or phone contact and if the response is good we will open up this assistance plan for those who may wish to use our support. If you do wish to put your name down as a helper we don't expect you to be available at all times. If you are busy on the day then hopefully we will have others to call upon.

THIS WEEK 9th & 10th SEPTEMBER

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Ryan
R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P.O'Brien

R. 1 K. Dudley
R. 2 F. Hanna

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scrivera

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

EMHC M. Ryan



NEXT WEEK 16th & 17th SEPT

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 B. Bullen
R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 A. Willis
R. 2 R. Klecko

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 E. Bourne
R. 2 H. Harris

EMHC R. Austin

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• **PARISH MANAGERS**

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
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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*)

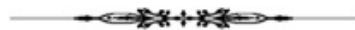
• **PARISH TREASURER**

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)



**COMPLIANCE WITH
COVID-19 REGULATIONS**

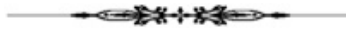
(*Current from 07/09/23*)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact.

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bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’



SPECIAL AGENT OF GOD
(*Matthew 18: 15 - 20*)

If we are special agents of God, then we serve as agents of grace for one another. I am, in a real sense, at your service, as you are at mine. Together, we invite the kingdom of God into our midst. It’s not the sort of commission one can achieve alone.

Of all that we do together to promote God’s reign, the hardest may be our gentle mutual correction. Unlike yourself, I’m sure, I dislike being told I’m wrong. When I respond in anger and treat someone unfairly, I want to be justified, not reprovved. But some of my friends love me enough to tell me when I’m way off base and need to examine my motives. Sometimes it’s enough to hear it from one person. Sometimes, I need to hear it from every direction before I’m ready to change. I value this honesty in my life because I can’t always punch my own way out of ignorance. My friends know how dearly I want to hear yes in heaven, so they’re willing to say no to me in the here and now.

Have you ever corrected someone you love when they’re in error? How do you respond to such correction?

TWO OR MORE

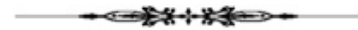
If your sister or brother should commit some wrong against you, go and point out the error, but keep it between the two of you. If she or he listens to you, you have won a loved one back; if not, try again, but take one or two others with you, so that every case may stand on the word of two or three witnesses. (Matthew 18: 15 - 16)

Jesus tells us that there is strength in numbers. Instead of stewing over the wrong someone did to you, you should meet with the person and

discuss the problem. This advice applies to situations at work, at home, at school, or among your neighbours. One is not only a lonely number but a dangerous number because the more you replay perceived wrongs in your head, the easier it is to lose perspective and make matters worse by blowing up at someone.

Many managers (including a few parish/school leaders) seem to have the “if I just ignore it, it will go away” approach to problems. But how many of us have ever seen that approach actually work? Problems are meant to be solved and relationships reconciled. If two people can’t do that, the next step is not to retreat but to try to advance with the aid of others (co-workers, family members, friends). If that fails, then it’s time to call in the wider community for help: the human resources department, the entire family, the parish council. These are difficult steps, but they are meant to make rare a step that is all too common: complete disassociation from the offending party.

Two or more working together toward reconciliation discourages obstinate, isolating behaviour that leaves no room for anyone, not even God. Join the crowd today.



THIS WEEK’S READINGS
(*11 - 17 September*)

- **Monday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Wednesday, 13:** St John Chrysostom (Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 14:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17)
- **Friday, 15:** Our Lady of Sorrows (Heb 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27)
- **Saturday, 16:** Sts Cornelius and Cyprian (1 Tim 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49)
- **Sunday 17:** 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35)

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.