



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

15TH 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

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 64:10-14

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R)
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows; you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth. (R)
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilder-ness it flows. (R)
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL. Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

Geoff & Rose Munro,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Christine Fitzpatrick, Mary Ferguson,
Pat Mezzino, Pat Chigwidden,
Stephen Chalmers, Lourdes Carle,
Sandy Lee, Tony Mawdsley,
Janet Murray, Claire Galpin,
Rosene Edwards, Vicki Cross,
Gemma Woodhead, Mary Jacobson,
Tanya Francis, Garry Hill, Les Hill,
Geoff Chalmers, Eric Temme,
Kevin and Cath Howard,

ANNIVERSARIES

Patrine Harris, Maureen Farmer,
Bob Willis, Sheila Hanna,
Mollie McGee

PARISH COLLECTION

July 4th & 5th

1st (Presbytery) \$933.10
2nd (Parish) \$1170.15

VICTOR MORNING TEA

12 July

E. Dabinett & K. Pedrosa

19th July

Y. Rogers & V. Coffey

VICTOR MEET & GREET

July Saturdays

C. Huppatz

July Sundays

R. Reid & W. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

July

J. Dunthorne

MORNING TEA

July

V. Scriva, C. Rivers, P. Stone,
T. Riding

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**PRAY FOR THE
PEOPLE OF UKRAINE
and
THE MIDDLE EAST**



Bulletin Board



HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

HOW WE HELPED in LENT with PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia does not release a state-by-state breakdown of [Project Compassion](#) funds. However, the 2026 national appeal raised nearly \$10 million overall, which was generated through the collective efforts of around 1,200 parishes and 1,700 schools across the country.

THE HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL (Sunday before last)

is used for, among other causes, humanitarian aid.

Pope Leo XIV has sent an initial emergency donation of \$114,000 to support victims in Venezuela following devastating twin earthquakes. Vatican News

A HAIRCUT FOR COMORO

Mark the barber (who did such a good job with John's beard) along with his assistant Condrado, is offering to cut your hair and donate your payment to Comoro on July 12th after 11.00 Mass in the Annex. We have one volunteer. Come out to morning tea if you would like to be involved.



VINNIES MEETING



will be held on Thursday 16th July in the Annex at Victor Harbor after the 9.00 o'clock Mass. Vinnies' services are more needed than ever. So if you feel called to help, come along to a meeting. You will be most welcome.

PLASTIC FREE JULY - RECYCLING PLASTICS

Plastic Lids. Re-attach plastic bottle lids back onto squashed bottle for recycling. Large jar lids like plastic peanut butter jars or metal pasta sauce lids can be put in loose for recycling.

No plastic bags. Even when they have recyclable items in them, plastic bags and all their contents will be sent to landfill.

Soft plastics (plastic bags, chip packets etc) are a huge problem for recycling sorting facilities. Because they are light and flat, they can get caught in machinery and also contaminate the paper stream. Currently soft plastics need to go into the blue general waste bin.

THANK YOU FRAN

A card of thanks was given to Fran Hanna at Sunday Mass at St Joan's last weekend. It read:



We the Catholic Parish of Victor Harbor/Goolwa would like to express our gratitude and thanks for your sharing of your expertise at the Synod. You must have been a valued member of the Synod Group and we hope you have a personal sense of achievement.

We, the Parish, hope you will now take time to be gentle on yourself. With our sincere thanks and blessings. From all the Parishioners.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA APPEAL - STELLA MARIS



Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during the pandemic, seafarers continued

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. This organisation was originally started by Vinnies!

INVITATION: Christian Community Care (CCC)



Christian Community Care (CCC) was established so that all churches on the South Coast could work together to meet the needs in our local community. We invite you to donate items which will be given to food pantries at

the Church of Christ, Victor Harbor and Open Door, Goolwa:

Breakfast cereals	Rice, Baked beans
Vegemite, peanut paste, jam	Coffee /tea bags Biscuits
Full cream long life milk/dairy free or almond milk	
Dry spaghetti & pasta (no lasagne)	Snack food for children
Ring top tins of spaghetti	Sugar
Red pasta sauce/bolognese sauce	Tinned or packet soups
Ring top tinned carrots/peas/beans	Tinned tuna (large or small)
Ring top tinned carrots & peas	2 minute noodles
Shampoo Liquid soap Deodorant	Soft toothbrushes/toothpaste

Thank you for your generosity,

Anne Fawcner & Rose Mulraney, CCC Parish Representatives

KNIGHTS' NEWSLETTER JULY 2026

The monthly BBQ had a lift in takings last Sunday from an average of \$80 to \$117. Many thanks to those who supported the morning or gave donations.

Father's Day Raffle. In early August we will begin our Father's Day Raffle and we are sure Goolwa parishioners will be pleased to know that our \$100 Dinner Voucher will be for "Thai Days".

Anniversaries for July - Wilfred Pak Poy, Bryan Constable, Brian Fitzgerald, Prof David Galliver, Kevin O'Connell, Fr Kevin O'Laughlin former PP.

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR SOUTH COAST SCHOOLS MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

**Live Arts at Newland concert at 2pm
Sunday July 19th presenting the
Corinthian Singers of Adelaide.**

The concert will be conducted by Peter Kelsall.

Tickets \$30, Conc \$25, Students free.

Bookings at Swan Pharmacy, Victoria St Victor Harbor or at the door.

So come along, enjoy a wonderful afternoon's entertainment, and support our School Pastoral Care Workers across the South Coast.



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Would you like to join with 53 parishioners who financially support the parish through Weekly Envelopes and 34 parishioners through Direct Debit or Credit? For more information, please contact our parish treasurer Merv Mallett on 0412 103 443. Thank you.

THIS WEEK: July 11th & 12th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC - Host: E. O'Shaughnessy

- Chalice 1: A. Fawcner

- Chalice 2: Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 A. Williss

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: E. Dabinett

- Chalice 2: L. Sunman

Goolwa 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R.1 A. Cowley

R.2 J. Small

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: V. Scriva

- Chalice 2: M. Freeborn



NEXT WEEK: July 18th & 19th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 C. Huppatz

EMHC - Host: E. O'Shaughnessy

- Chalice 1: E. O'Connell

- Chalice 2: Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 R. Klecko

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: L. Sunman

- Chalice 2: P. O'Brien

Goolwa 9am

Commentator: A. Fawcner

R.1 R. Lee

R.2 M. Busby

EMHC - Host: T. Siciliano

- Chalice 1: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2: A. Turner

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

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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message if the Office is unattended - we
will get back to you asap)
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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **PARISH MANAGER**

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
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• **PARISH ENCOUNTER**

Please forward items for the news-letter to
the Parish Office - 8552 1084,
catholicvhg@bigpond.com
(All items for the newsletter by Wed)

• **PARISH TREASURER**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
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• **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.

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(VH/G contact - 0475 893 521 or
andrewnicholls6@gmail.com)
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept
(8210 8150 - select Option 2)
- CSHW SA (Work, Health and
Safety) please contact Jim Dabinett
(0460 033 529)



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He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once.

The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

KIDS' CORNER

And Jesus spoke to them at length in parables, saying, "A sower went out to sow. And as the sower sowed, some seed fell on the path...." (Matthew 13:3-4)

We often hear Jesus telling stories – called parables – about seeds. There are tiny mustard seeds and seeds that get planted in different kinds of soil. Then there's the sower who scatters and sows seeds. Sometimes, Jesus compares seeds to God's Kingdom or to the Word of God. Sometimes, he invites us to think about how we are like seeds, the sower or even the soil. Jesus is always giving us different ways to understand his teachings and put them to work in our lives. As you read these parables in the coming weeks, think and pray about what they mean in your life.

Jesus, help me live your teachings.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
(13 - 19 July)

- **Monday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 - 11:1)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24)
- **Wednesday, 19:** St Bonaventure, (Is 10:5-7, 13-16; Mt 11:25-27)
- **Thursday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Friday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8)
- **Saturday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Micah 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21)
- **Sunday 23:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-30)

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.