



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SIXTH 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

*Ecclesiasticus
15:15-20*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of

DO NOT THINK THAT I CAME TO
ABOLISH THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS.

I DID NOT COME TO ABOLISH....



BUT TO
FULFILL

heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17-27

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has

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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, Bob Willis, Jeffery Family, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Rita Sullivan, Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris, Vin Slattery, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick, Ann & Kevin Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Longworth, Peter McInnes

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rita Britza (née Wallace)

PARISH COLLECTION

4th & 5th February 2023

1st (Presbytery) \$916.00
2nd Parish \$1097.90

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

17th February

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons
24th February & 4th March
W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

VICTOR MORNING TEA

12th February

A. Williss & R. Reid
19th February
W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET

February Saturday

M. Farmer & E. O'Connell

February Sunday

L. Sunman

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

February

C. Rivers

MORNING TEA

February

T. Curtis, E. Bourne, B. Hallion

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS



February:

For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.30. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Monday afternoons 2.00-4.00pm. Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson on 0402 341 071.

THE CENACLE You are invited to join us in The Cenacle held every Wednesday at 9.30 am in St Joan of Arc Church.

We start by praying the Rosary, reading, meditating and reflecting on one of the messages given to Father Gobbi by Mary our Mother, and making an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Gemma Woodhead 0492 849 414

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LEN PEAKE

who celebrated his 90th birthday last Thursday - well done Len !!

CONFIRMATION AND 1ST HOLY COMMUNION

We will resume the preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion on Thursday 16th February in the annex at 4.00pm.

LENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Di Shearer is offering a *Lenten Celebration* at her home in Port Elliot on Shrove Tuesday (21st February, the day before Ash Wednesday) and some *Lenten Conversations* to follow over the weeks of Lent. If you are interested, please let Di (0448 536 835) or Father Vinh know. More information to follow.

KNIGHTS OF SOUTHERN CROSS FEBRUARY 2023 REPORT



For those members who wondered where our article was in the latest Knightlife it was sadly missed at head office or "lost in space". I have printed copies to

give to our members and others who receive Knightlife so you can be kept up to date.

Our February BBQ raised \$102.65, and many thanks to all who supported the morning, especially those who left generous donations.

The next BBQ will be held on March 1st at Goolwa.

The 45 club began last Saturday and the first winner was Tom Tomlinson from Goolwa. Many thanks to Robert Lee who does an outstanding job getting the series up and running each time. Your efforts are much appreciated Robert.

After a good break the Knights will resume **our monthly meeting on Wednesday February 15 at Goolwa at 4 pm.**

Anniversaries For February are Wally West, Frank Refchange, and Peter McInnes.

Any enquiries about the Knights especially those who wish to enquire about joining our group call Paul on 0402 852 825.

ST.VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY, Victor/Goolwa Conference

NEXT MEETING Wednesday 15th February, after morning Mass at Goolwa

Could you please spare a few hours a month? Would you like to help, in a practical way, needy folk in our community? Vinnies needs your help, to help others! Please come along to our first meeting for the year - Wednesday, 15th February, after 9.30am Mass at Goolwa - to see what it's all about!

You'll be most welcome. Questions? Please phone Wendy 0438 525 477.

REVERENCE IN SACRED SPACE AND SPEAK QUIETLY

The issue of reverence in our churches was raised at our last PPC meeting. I would like to ask all of us to be reverent in the church. When you cross in front of the Tabernacle or the Altar, please bow your head to show your reverence to the presence of God. Recently, most of us speak loudly in the church before and after the Mass. When you have to speak to someone in the church please speak quietly or wait until you are in the porch (Victor Harbor) and behind the partitions (Goolwa). I understand that old habits die hard. Let us try our best to overcome it and to make our church a Sacred Space to pray and worship God. *Father Vinh*

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR.A

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do His will, seeking Him with all their hearts.

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.



SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS

Feast Day 14th February



St. Cyril was a priest and a philosopher and accompanied his brother

St. Methodius to Moravia to preach the

Gospel. They both perfected a Slavonic alphabet which is now known as the Cyrillic alphabet and translated the liturgy into this language. They were summoned to Rome, where Cyril died on this date in 869, and Methodius was consecrated bishop and sent to Pannonia. He died on April 6, 885, in Velehrad, Czech Republic, after working tirelessly on spreading the Gospel.

Catholic Culture

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11th



Pope Francis reminds Catholics that caring for the ill and infirm is not the calling of a few,

but part of every Christian's mission to show mercy.

"How many sick and elderly people are living at home and waiting for a visit," he added. "The ministry of consolation is a task for every baptised person, mindful of the words of Jesus: 'I was sick and you visited me.'" CathNews

God of all goodness,
Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted.
Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them.
When they are afraid,
give them strength and courage.
When they feel alone,
send them someone to listen and to care.
When they are in pain, ease their suffering. We ask this in your holy name.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sr Janet Mead's chart-topping version of *The Lord's Prayer* has been selected as one of 10 new additions to Sounds of Australia, a project of the National Film and Sound Archive of Australia.



Sr Janet's pop-rock version of *The Lord's Prayer* was the first recording by an Australian artist to sell more than one million copies in the US. She recorded *The Lord's Prayer* to encourage especially the young people of the time to think about how we should make sure every person has their daily bread, not just the lucky few.
Southern Cross

APPEAL FOR THE UNBORN CHILD

will take place this weekend

THIS WEEK 11th & 12th Feb.

VICTOR HARBOR

Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator : C. Huppatz

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 J. Jeffery

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 S. Duong

R. 2 K. Dudley

E.M. L. Sunman

GOOLWA

Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R. 1 M. Freeborn

R. 2 K. O'Shea

E.M. T. Siciliano



NEXT WEEK 18th & 19th Feb.

VICTOR HARBOR

Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator : J. Ryan

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 A. Williss

E.M. P. Clingan

GOOLWA

Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R. 1 Marie Riddle

R. 2 Michael Riddle

E.M. R. Austin

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **PARISH MANAGERS**

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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*)

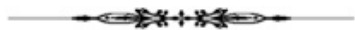
• **PARISH TREASURER**

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 09/02/23*)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is recommended.
- 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.

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something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

‘It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal.* But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.* But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God’s throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’



WHAT’S IN YOUR HEART?

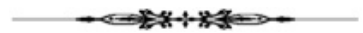
Years ago, New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd interviewed former President Jimmy Carter during a book tour. At the time, an East Coast political candidate was under fire for her unfortunate comments taken from scripture on sexuality. For Dowd it

brought back memories of Carter’s notorious confession in a Playboy magazine interview in 1976. “While he had always been faithful to soul (and sole) mate Rosalynn,” Dowd wrote, he acknowledged that he had committed adultery “in his heart,” a frank and humble admission with this week’s gospel in mind.

Carter might have been naïve in answering the interviewer’s question so honestly using terms of his own Christian faith. His candour about sinning in his heart earned a flurry of Tonight Show jokes on the one hand and the disdain of the sanctimonious on the other. “I dropped 15 percentage points,” Carter said, “and I almost lost the election”. Pointing to Carter’s continuing frankness even today, Dowd says several times in her column, “It’s not easy being Jimmy”.

But then it’s not easy for anyone to be a Christian, and it shouldn’t be. Jesus’ words about the gravity of anger and adultery are meant to take us more deeply into our own hearts to examine not only how well we keep rules and laws but to be sure that we understand that merely “looking good” to others is not the same as being good or doing good – and it is the latter that matters to God.

GPBS eNews



THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(*13 - 19 February*)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Sts Cyril, and Methodius (Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33)
- **Friday, 17:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1)
- **Saturday, 18:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13)
- **Sunday 19:** 7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48)

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.