



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THIRTY-SECOND 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

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-8

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the

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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, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawcner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson, Jesse Walker, Richard Eisenkoeck, Monsignor Robert Aitken, Rose Munro, Bill Woodhead, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter

ANNIVERSARIES

Dorry Higgins, Jim Huppatz, Frank Scrivera

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kathy Tiltaman, Ron Harris

PARISH COLLECTION

4th & 5th November
1st (Presbytery) \$973.60
2nd (Parish) \$993.20

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

17th & 24th November
W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna
1st & 8th December
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

12th November
A. Williss & F. Hanna
19th November
A. Temme & M. Chalmers
26th November
W & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET

November Saturdays
M. Farmer & C. Huppatz
November Sundays
R. Reid & L. Sunman

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

November J. Colver

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

November V. Scrivera, C. Rivers, D. McMahon

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER :

FOR THE POPE We pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The November edition of *The Southern Cross* includes coverage of the Synod in Rome, the conflict in the Holy Land and the launch of the document "Drawn into the Joy of the Gospel" about formation in parishes.

GOOLWA CHRISTMAS SOCIAL



Put the date in your diary.
10th December from 6.00 pm

Just \$10 a head to thank you all for your great support for the many projects we donate to.

Names taken from Sunday 19th Nov. Victor people welcome to join in.

ADVENT RETREAT

You can take time to retreat at home this Advent. If you would like to use the prayer sheets being prepared, but do not wish to attend a group meeting, please let us know and we will be more than willing to share them with you. Contact: Di Shearer, dishearer@icloud.com, phone 85543703 and 0448536835.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF TOLERANCE

While the United Nations designates today an International Day of Tolerance, we know that you, God of all people, call us to something higher, to something beyond mere tolerance.

We pray that you would enable and empower us to be people of love and compassion, who actively seek the good of the other and work to see your kingdom come on earth, that people from all tribes and tongues might come together in you. In the name of Jesus. Amen. *Sojourners*

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE PRAYER

May we live our lives treasuring the memories of those precious ones we have known and loved.

We trust Lord that you are treasuring them with us. Help us, Lord, to bring light and hope to others. We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

VINNIES MEETING

Thursday 16th November, Victor Harbor after 9am Mass.



ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER

Just when you thought the good times and fun were over **WELL THINK AGAIN.**

St Joan's Social Club are having their Christmas Dinner on Friday 1st December 6pm for 6.30 start. Cost \$20 per person... **BYO drinks & glass. Come along and join in the festivities...it's always a great night. Call Colleen on 0405 634 744 or Pat on 0410 593 617 to book a seat or a table. Payment is due by 26th November.**

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

Parishioners are invited to bring non perishable food to place in the Christmas boxes in both churches until Sunday 10th December. Your generosity was much appreciated by 67 local families last year. Thank you!



VICTORIA HOUSE and IMMANUEL CARE

Maire Ryan, Rose Sadlon, Meredith Cunningham and Margaret Chalmers invite you to spread the joy of Christmas to residents! Please see Maire and Rose (Goolwa), Meredith or Margaret (St Joan's) after Mass (**11-12 November**) to collect a card suggesting appreciated gifts. Thank you!

ADVENT EVENING

Redeemer Lutheran Church Goolwa cordially invites members of the Catholic Church to join them in an evening of fellowship and singing on Sunday 3rd December 6-9pm at the Catholic Church Goolwa. Please bring a plate of food to share and BYO drinks, glasses and nibbles. Please register your plan to attend with Vivi Scrivera on 0439 430 486.



MESSY CHURCH Sunday 26th Nov.

at St John's Catholic Church from 3.30pm This service will introduce the children to the Christmas story. At the last gathering a number of grandparents brought their grandchildren for Christian education

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for You I long;
for You my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for You
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on You in the sanctuary
to see Your strength and Your glory.
For Your love is better than life,
my lips will speak Your praise.
So I will bless You all my life,
in Your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise You with joy.
On my bed I remember You.
On You I muse through the night
for You have been my help;
in the shadow of Your wings I rejoice.



SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

Feast Day 16th November

(c.1045 – c.1093)

St. Margaret was the great-niece of St. Edward the Confessor. She was a Saxon princess, raised in Hungary in exile. Returning to England, she had to flee once again after the Battle of Hastings, to the court of Malcolm, the King of Scotland, whom she married shortly thereafter. She proved to be a model mother and exemplary queen who brought up her eight children in an atmosphere of great devotion and worked hard to improve the morality of her subjects. Her most remarkable virtue was love of neighbour, particularly love toward the poor. Her alms supported countless unfortunates; daily she provided food for three hundred and shared in the work of serving them personally. *Catholic Culture*



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PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS MONTHLY REPORT

MELBOURNE CUP DAY We had about 60 people attending. There will a report on how it all went next week. Thanks to all for your great support.



BRO. RON HARRIS. Our local branch was saddened to hear the passing of Bro. Ron Harris, and extend our sincere sympathy to all his family. A sad loss so close to the passing of Ron's wife Patrine.

WINE RAFFLE CHRISTMAS

The popular wine raffle will open shortly at both Mass centres. What a time to win a dozen bottles of beautiful red wine just for \$10 a ticket with a few bonus gifts thrown in as well. See Mike at Goolwa or Des at Victor for tickets.

BBQ Our last BBQ raised just over \$80 and again thanks to all who supported us as well as making donations to the success of the day. The next BBQ will be held on Sunday 3rd December.

ANNIVERSARY David Wark Snr.

NEXT MEETING On Wed 15th Nov. at Goolwa from 4 pm. The last for the year.

EARTHCARE MATTERS

Last year our parish signed up to be a Catholic Earthcare Parish in response to Pope Francis' 7 year plan for the Church to respond to the call to **Care for the Earth and to Care for the Poor.**

From time to time we will share

Earthcare matters in the Encounter.

Feel free to send in events, situations, ideas, poems, reflections etc.

Our first **matter** talks about the tiny hooded plovers, an endangered species that live on our beaches along the Fleurieu. (Not to be mistaken for the bigger Lapwing plovers). As a member of Coastcare working with BirdLife Australia, Richard Edwards has a group he checks on every day near the Croquet Club at Victor from about August till March while they are raising their chicks.



The second little bird in the picture is one of his – you can just see the tag Px on its second leg. Of course predators are always a problem including dogs not under control. BirdLife Australia is always looking for volunteers. Ring Richard on 0416 147 232 if you are interested. Go hoodies!

THIS WEEK 11TH & 12TH NOVEMBER

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E O'Shaughnessy

R.1 S. Duong

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 A. Williss

EMHC L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Joe Ryan

R. 1 M. O'Halloran

R. 2 A. Fawkner

EMHC Maire Ryan



NEXT WEEK 18TH & 19TH NOVEMBER

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 W. Baker

R. 2 A. Rose

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R. 1 L. Healey

R. 2 E. Bourne

EMHC T. Siciliano

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)

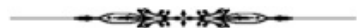
• **PARISH TREASURER**

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 09/11/23)

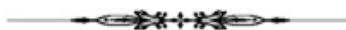
- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will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

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sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.

The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him."

At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.



KEEPING VIGIL

(Matthew 25: 1 - 13)

For a few years I worked in downtown San Francisco. It's a lovely city by every standard, but it has one drawback that gives newcomers pause: it's located on an earthquake fault line. When you ask long-term residents how they cope with the idea that at any moment, without warning, their entire world could collapse under their feet, they look at you with the amusement of experience. "You get used to it," they tell you.

Most people who live on fault lines dismiss the odds. They don't have the emergency supplies on hand that local phone books recommend: enough bottled water for several days, torches, spare batteries, a transistor radio. To non-residents, this seems like madness. But consider all the things you may not be prepared for. How many people go through life without health insurance? Who prepare for divorce, disability, or unemployment? In

some ways, we all go about without oil in our lamps, like the five in the story, playing the odds that we won't come up short.

One way to be prepared for any eventuality is to ground our lives, not in fluctuating circumstances, but in Christ. Though the earth shiver and crack open beneath us someday, we won't be lost if Christ is the bedrock upon which we stand.

What is the central truth upon which your life is grounded? Will that truth support you "come hell or high water"?

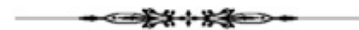
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KIDS' CORNER

Do you know what integrity is? Integrity is doing the right thing all the time, even when nobody is watching. It's doing the right thing simply because it's the right thing. That's not always easy. But God sees everything. God sees when we act with integrity and when we could do better. God isn't watching just so God can catch us slipping up. God really wants us to live with integrity. And God wants to help us, especially when it's hard.

Loving God, please help me live with integrity all of my life. Amen.

GPBS eNews



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 17 November)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 2:23- 3:9; Lk 17:7-10)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 6:11; Lk 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 7:22 - 8:1; Lk 17:20-25)
- **Friday, 17:** St Elizabeth of Hungary (Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37)
- **Saturday, 18:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8)
- **Sunday 19:** 33rd Sunday, Ordinary Time (Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30)

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.