



## 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

*2 Kings 5:14-17*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 97:1-4*

*The Lord has revealed to the nations  
his saving power.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. <R>
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. <R>

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. <R>

## SECOND READING

*2 Timothy 2:8-13*

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*1 Thess 5:18*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*For all things give thanks to God,  
because this is what he expects of you  
in Christ Jesus.  
Alleluia!*

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

Graham Blacket, Paul Fahey,  
John Tregeagle, Betty Berry,  
Geoff & Rose Munro, Mark Kelly,  
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,  
Mairead & Neil Cummings,  
Mary Ferguson, Pat Mezzino,  
Pat Chigwidden, Robyn Kelly,  
Stephen Chalmers,  
Loudi Carle, Sandy Lee,  
Tony Mawdsley.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

John Blacket

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Dan Kennelly, Ian Reid,  
Mary Siciliano

**PARISH COLLECTION**  
**4th & 5th October**

1st (Presbytery) \$ 1097.90  
2nd (Parish) \$ 1364.45

**VICTOR MORNING TEA**

12th October

F. Hanna & V. Coffey

**VICTOR MEET & GREET**  
**October Saturdays**

E. O'Connell

**October Sundays**

R. Reid & M. Cunningham

**GOOLWA MEET & GREET**

**October**

A. Turner

**MORNING TEA**

**October**

J. Dunthorne, K. Luke, C. Grima

**ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP**

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199

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

**THE**

**HOLY**  
**LAND**



# Bulletin Board



**HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER INTENTIONS:**

**FOR OCTOBER.** For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human solidarity.



**The Holy Rosary**  
**-Joyful Mysteries-**

The Five Joyful Mysteries are traditionally prayed on Mondays, Saturdays, and, during the season of Advent, on Sundays:

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation in the Temple
5. The Finding in the Temple

Mary, help us to celebrate fully our moments of delight and joy as you and Elizabeth rejoiced to share the good news of the approaching birth of Jesus and John the Baptist. Help us also to understand that joy doesn't mean having all the answers or always feeling on top of the world as we see you and Joseph searching for your lost child. Help us to experience that deep inner joy that trusts that God is with us and cares for us even in our darkest moments.

**VINNIES MEETING**

on Wednesday 15th October at Goolwa  
after 9.30am Mass. All welcome.



**CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL - 18/19TH OCTOBER**

This year's main appeal focus is **Zambia**.  
Bishop Edwin Mulandu cherishes his call to journey with his people, embracing their realities with compassion and action.

Two incredible women stand at the heart of this mission:

- **Sr Jane**, a faith-filled woman inspired by her grandfather, a catechist who gave what little he had to the poor. She continues his legacy, empowering women in Zambia to break the cycle of poverty.
- **Kayula**, a midwife, whose mission is clear: to give every mother and baby a safe, dignified start to life.

***There will be a third collection next Sunday  
or you can put your donation in the envelopes available in the foyer.***

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SEPT 2025**



Some of the things that Council discussed were the upcoming confirmation for 3 candidates with the service to be conducted by Fr Dean Marin.

We have had positive comments on the welcoming nature of our parish from visitors of both Mass centres.

The meeting had a long discussion with Andy Nicholls regarding new safeguarding standards which will be very timely. General concern was expressed of the volunteers we may lose.

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45 Club winner No 35 Paul and Rose Mulraney who attend both Mass centres.

## KSC OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

**BBQ** The September BBQ raised \$54.90 and the October BBQ raised approx \$90. Thank you for your support and donations.

### Melbourne Cup

We are well into preparations for the Cup Day on Nov 4th.

We ask you to check separate notice in this newsletter.

**Donations** The Knights have recently donated \$50 to Aust Needs Fatima Rosary Group as well as \$100 being our quarterly payment to South Coast Food Care.

**Anniversaries** Ron Harris

**Next meeting** of the Knights is on 15/10/25 at Goolwa Church from 3pm.

## DEMENTIA MORNING TEA

Our Dementia Morning Tea to help raise funds for Dementia Australia, continuing their research into this insidious condition, will be held at St John's Church Goolwa on **Tues 21st October at 9.30am**. A donation of \$5.00 and a small plate of morning tea to share would be very much appreciated. Tea and coffee supplied. Some members of the Goolwa Ukelele group will entertain us. Dementia affects so many and we want to help Dementia Australia continue their vital research.

## MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4TH

at St John's Goolwa.

\$20 a head and BYO drinks and glasses.

11.30 for 12 non start.

Cold meat and salads and sweets provided.

Emcee Joe Ryan.

Raffle and sweeps available.

Join in the fun and help us raise money for the forthcoming Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

All enquiries Paul 0402 852 825.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO PETER AND HELEN SAMPSON WHO ARE CELEBRATING THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH**

**BLESSINGS TO YOU BOTH**



## MARK SENDS SOME REFLECTIONS FROM TIMOR-LESTE:

*I am pushing forward with a greater understanding of Timor every day.*

*I have great support from Senior Alex Gusmao.*

Mark has visited schools and a parish beyond Comoro and has noted that in those very rural areas poverty bites more keenly. One village community is crying out for a chapel. Currently their chapel is made of bamboo, rusty iron, a wooden cross and a dirt floor. All this has given him a new perspective on our mission in Timor-Leste.

THIS WEEK: 11th & 12th October

## VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 A. Fawkner

R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC E. O'Connell

## Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 W. Baker

R. 2 A. Weygood

EMHC J. Baker

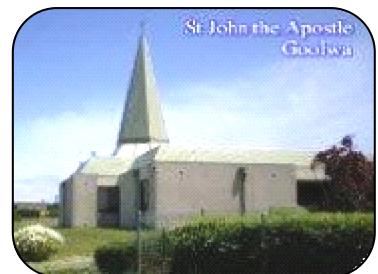
## GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 A. Cowley

R2 Michael Riddle

EMHC S. Muller



THIS WEEK: 18th & 19th October

## VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 C. Allen

R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

## Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 G. Ryan

EMHC P. Clingan

## GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1 A. Fawkner

R2 R. Lee

EMHC A. Turner

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA

### CATHOLIC PARISH

NGARRINDJERI and  
RAMINDJERI land

### CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

#### • PARISH PRIEST

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in an emergency - 0429 098 802)  
Email: [Vinh2511@bigpond.com](mailto:Vinh2511@bigpond.com)

#### • PARISH MANAGER

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12 noon)  
Email: [Parish\\_manager@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_manager@bigpond.com)

#### • PARISH ENCOUNTER

Please forward items for the  
newsletter to the Parish Office -  
8552 1084, [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com)  
(*All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening*)

#### • PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)  
Email: [parish\\_treasure@bigpond.com](mailto:parish_treasure@bigpond.com)

#### • 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. We believe  
that all God's children, young people  
and adults at risk have the right to be  
healthy and safe, and to have their voice  
heard, respected, and valued. A safe  
environment for all.

- Andy Nicholls (VH/G contact - (0475 893 521)
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8150 - select Option 2))
- CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare) please contact the Parish Office.



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### GOSPEL

#### Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.'

Now as they were going away they were cleansed.

Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

### A PRODIGAL GOD

Dictionaries define "prodigal" as "wastefully extravagant and lavishly abundant." That certainly describes the God that Jesus incarnates and reveals.

We see this in the parable of the Sower. God, the Sower, goes out to sow and he scatters his seed generously, almost wastefully, everywhere – on the road, among the rocks, among the thorns, on bad soil, and on rich soil. No farmer would ever do this. Who would waste seed on soil that can never produce a harvest? God, it seems, doesn't ask that question but simply keeps scattering his seed everywhere, over generously, without calculating whether it is a good investment or not in terms of return. And, it seems, God has an infinite number of seeds to scatter, perpetually, everywhere. God is prodigious beyond imagination.

Among other things, this speaks of God's infinite riches, love, and patience. For us, there is both a huge challenge and a huge consolation in that. The challenge, of course, is to respond to the infinite number of invitations that God scatters on our path from minute to minute.

The consolation is that no matter how many of God's invitations we ignore, there will always be an infinite number of others. No matter how many we've already ignored or turned down, there are new ones awaiting us each minute. When we've gone through 39 days of lent without praying or changing our lives, there's still a 40th day to respond. When we've ignored a thousand invitations, there's still another one waiting. God is prodigal, so are the chances God gives us.

If we look back on our lives and are truly honest, we have to admit that of all the invitations that God has sent us, we've probably accepted and acted on only a fraction of them. There have been countless times we've turned away from an invitation. For every invitation to maturity we've accepted, we've probably turned down a hundred. But that's the beauty and wonder of God's richness. God is not a petty creator and creation, itself, is not a cheap machine with barely enough energy and resources to keep it going. God and nature are prodigal. That's plain everywhere. Millions and millions of life-giving seeds blow everywhere in the world and we need only to pick up a few to become pregnant, fecund, capable of newness, maturity, and of producing life.

Ronald Rolheiser

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 19 October)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41:)
- **Wednesday, 15:** St Teresa of Jesus (Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54)
- **Friday, 17:** St Ignatius of Antioch (Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7)
- **Saturday, 18:** St Luke (2 Tim 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9)
- **Sunday 19:** 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14 - 4:2; Lk 18:1-8)

### 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.