



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
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*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

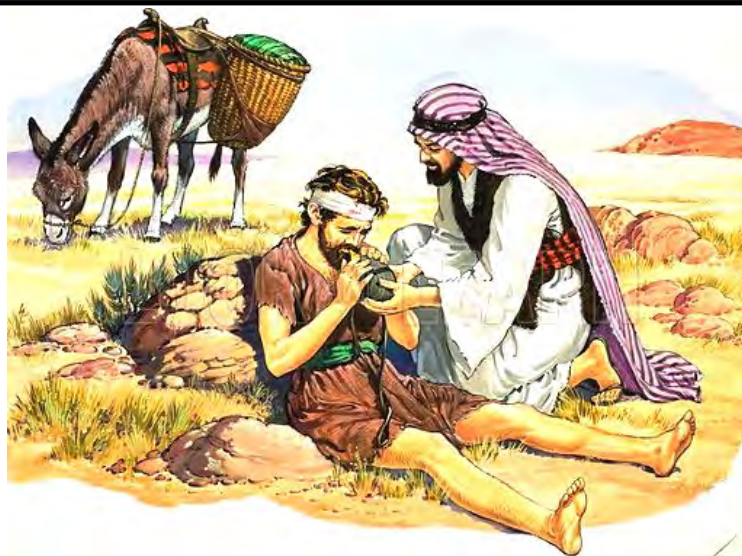
Weekend - Saturday 6.00pm;
Sunday 11.00am.
Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 9.00am

• GOOLWA

Weekend - Sunday 9.00am.
Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

St Joan's, Victor Harbor - Saturday
11am - 11.30am, or by appointment.



FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

*Turn to the Lord in your need,
and you will live.*

1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails; Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion turn towards me <R>
2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. <R>

3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. <R>

4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it' those who love his name shall dwell there. <R>

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!*



Bulletin Board

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

Graham Blacket, John Blacket, Paul Fahey, John Tregeagle, Betty Berry, Geoff & Rose Munro, Mark Kelly, Pat Mezzino, Tommy & Eileen McCoey, Mairead & Neil Cummings, Mary Ferguson,

ANNIVERSARIES

Patrine Harris

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maureen Farmer, Rom Kurlavicius

PARISH COLLECTION 5th & 6th June

1st (Presbytery) \$858.45
2nd (Parish) \$955.65
Aboriginal Appeal \$611.50

VICTOR MORNING TEA

13th July

E. Dabinett & Y. Rogers

20th July

M. Cunningham & V. Coffey

VICTOR MEET & GREET

July Saturdays

H. Anderson

July Sundays

R. Reid & C. Allen

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

July

J. Dunthorne

MORNING TEA

July

V. Scriva, C. Rivers, S. McCarthy, P. Stone

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199



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

HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER INTENTIONS:



FOR JULY: For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA APPEAL- STELLA MARIS



Sea Sunday, is 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 next weekend is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually.

A WELL-DESERVED HOLIDAY!

We are very pleased to hear that Father Vinh is taking a well-earned holiday to Vietnam in August.

THANK YOU

As we collect our envelopes or arrange our direct debits and see the comprehensive report of Parish Finances our thanks go to **Helen Taylor and our Finance Committee including our treasurer Merv Mallett. Thanks to our collectors and counters as well.** We value their giving of their time and expertise to this important ministry. So thanks to you all.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Welcome to Keith Canlan (Goolwa), Hayley and Mike Hall and their children Audrey and Arthur (VH) and Michael and Rachelle Laase and their child Jackson (VH) to our parish. I hope that you will feel our parish as your home. *Can you recognize our new parishioners? There is a prize awarded by Father Vinh!*

REACHING OUT

Overheard on a radio programme this week: "Loneliness is one of the greatest contributors to loss of mental health. People who are lonely lose a sense of themselves as worthwhile. Is there someone you've been thinking about connecting with lately – a friend, a neighbour, a relative, a parishioner. Don't delay. A phone call, a meeting for coffee could make all the difference to someone's day. You will not only contribute to their mental health but to your own as well.



Be a Good Samaritan today.

PPC MEETING HIGHLIGHTS.

Some of the items discussed at our June meeting were as follows.



- The meeting began with tributes to recently deceased members from Goolwa in John Slagter, Joan Matthews and a man aged 102 from Sandpiper care named Rom Kurlavicius. All had a great faith in their God and we prayed for the repose of their souls.

- Vision and Mission statement leader Rose Mulraney gave an update on the statement and areas we need to complete.

- Fr. Vinh advised the meeting he will be on holidays for 3 weeks in August, and had arranged for relief priests to fill in.

- Leonie McCallum will be asked to lead us in *Welcome to Country* for the beginning of NAIDOC week starting 8th July.

FULL COPIES OF THE MINUTES ON EACH CHURCH NOTICE BOARD

Bulletin Board



KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS JULY REPORT.

VALE BRIAN FITZGERALD. We are truly saddened at the passing of Brian a week ago. His great faith shone through at our meetings, as well as his generosity towards our order and other parish activities, especially the Comoro Group, where he was treasurer. A deeply respected parishioner now enjoying eternal rest. Our thoughts are with Jan his wife and all his family.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE STARTS EARLY AUGUST DETAILS OUT SOON.

BBQ Our BBQ On 5th July raised \$85. Again thanks for your support and donations. Also many thanks to Chef Tony and his assistant Mike for their great efforts.

ANNIVERSARIES Former parish priest Fr. Kevin O' Loughlin , Bryan Constable, Prof. David Galliver, Kevin O'Connell and Ian Reid.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 16th JULY AT 3 PM

REMINDER TO MEMBERS OF NEW STARTING TIME.

DEATH OF MAUREEN FARMER

Maureen Farmer passed away last Sunday morning in hospital. Maureen was a quiet achiever and contributed much to our parish. She was president of St Joan's Pastoral Care Group and took weekly communion to two parishioners at home. She set up for the 6pm Mass and most Saturdays took on the meet and greet role. She also set up for Mass on Thursday mornings. As well as all this she did the washing and ironing of the Mass linen. A capable seamstress she sewed the seasonal banners we see on the pillars at the sides of St Joan's sanctuary. Maureen was unfailingly cheerful and gentle with all. We will miss her deeply. We pray for her husband Dodge and their children. May she rest in peace.

TAKE PART IN PLASTIC FREE JULY

Plastic Free July was begun by **one Australian** in 2011.

It has grown into an international campaign with 144 million people taking part last year. You can sign in at

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/thanks-for-taking-part/>

or just choose one action yourself for the month:

e.g., re-using those plastic bags, avoiding single plastic use, avoiding plastic straws.

THERE ARE SOME COPIES OF A MONTH OF PLASTIC FREE SUGGESTIONS IN OUR FOYERS

MONTHLY SYNOD REPORT MADE TO THE PPC

In May and June 2026 our Archdiocese will host a Synod.

The Theme is "Becoming a Synodal Church on Mission". This follows on from our recent Diocesan Assemblies, Regional Assemblies, the Australian Plenary Council and the Synod of Bishops in Rome. *In simple terms, it is a walk with Christ towards the reign of God in our world, through the building of actions to guide Pastoral Strategy.*



There are 5 Key Themes.

1. Formation for Mission and Leadership.
2. Mission of Catholic Education and Being Church Together.
3. Structures and Planning for Communion, Participation and Mission.
4. Becoming Missionary Disciples.
5. Communion in Grace, Sacrament to The World.

Monthly webinars are being held in preparation for the Synod.

If you are interested in viewing these please contact

Anne Fawcner on 0435 085 040 or Fran Hanna on 0415 124 010.

THIS WEEK: 12th & 13th July

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 V. Cross
R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 W. Baker
R. 2 A. Weygood

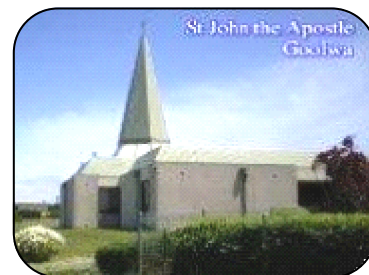
EMHC J. Baker

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: M. Riddle

R1 J. Ryan
R.2 Michael Riddle

EMHC S. Muller



NEXT WEEK: 19th & 20th July

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppertz

R.1 J. Jeffery
R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 L. Sunman
R. 2 P. O'Brien

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1 A. Fawcner
R2 R. Lee

EMHC A. Turner

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RAMINDJERI land

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(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12 noon)
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• PARISH ENCOUNTER

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

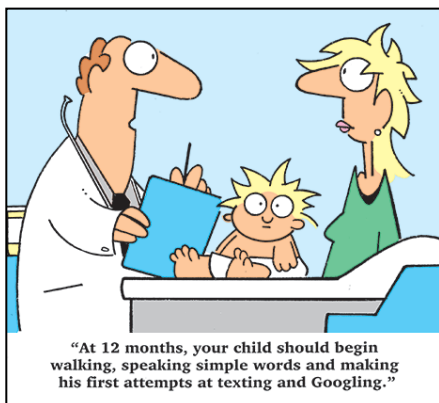
• PARISH TREASURER

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 - Victor Harbor/Goolwa contact: Andy Nicholls (0475 893 521)

- CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare) Contact Cathy May (0401 584 237)



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GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

THE RAILWAY STATION SAMARITAN

It was just another Monday morning in the city – rushing crowds, earbuds in, coffee in hand, everyone in their own world.

Jamal was late for work. Again. He sprinted through the railway station, dodging tourists and commuters. As he rounded the corner of the platform, he saw a guy slumped against the wall. Torn hoodie. Blood on his lip. No phone, no bag, no shoes. People glanced, then looked away. The rush was louder than the need.

A businesswoman in a sharp suit walked

past, phone to ear. She paused, frowned, then kept moving. "Someone else will deal with it," Jamal heard her say. A guy in a clerical collar – a pastor maybe? – walked by, pulling his coat tighter, whispering a prayer but not stopping.

Jamal almost kept going too. He didn't have time. He didn't have answers. He didn't even know if it was safe. But something tugged at him. He stopped. Took a breath. Sat down next to the man.

"Hey," Jamal said gently. "You okay?"

The man groaned. His name was Daniel. He'd been jumped the night before. Lost everything. No ID, no one to call. Just pain, hunger, and silence.

Jamal called an Uber, helped Daniel up, and took him to a nearby clinic. Waited with him. Bought him lunch. Paid for a clean hoodie from the Vinnies shop next door. He even asked a friend who worked at a shelter to help him find a place to stay that night.

He didn't fix everything. But he did what he could. He showed up. He stayed.

Later, Jamal posted on his feed: "Today I was late for work. But maybe right on time for something more important. Kindness isn't convenient. But it's always worth it."

Sometimes being a good neighbour means stopping when it's easier to walk past. It's not about being perfect. It's about being present.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 July)

- **Monday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1)
- **Tuesday, 15:** St Bonaventure (Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27)
- **Thursday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Friday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Mt 12:1-8)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21)
- **Sunday 20:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42)

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.