



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

11TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B  
- Year B

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

### WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.

## 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



## FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 17:22-24*

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 91:2-3, 13-16*

*Lord it is good to give thanks to you.*

## SECOND READING

*2 Corinthians 5:6-10*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and

not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

## 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

*Mark 4:26-34*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know.

Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then 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)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace, Brian Smallacombe, Bailey Smallacombe, Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth, Mark & Lola Kelly, Barry Wilks, Josephine Proctor, Peter Harris, Charlie Nicolson, Bette Higgins, Paula Collinson, Jen Jeffery, June Lloyd, Claire Hamish, Ann Tee, Emily Slattery, Shona Edwards, Margaret Langtry

### ANNIVERSARIES

Reginald Meade, Rita Sullivan

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Pat Ryan, Frank La Foggia

### THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021 PRAYER INTENTIONS: JUNE - Intention for Evangelisation - The Beauty of Marriage



Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community; may they grow in love with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

### DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Training at Goolwa will be on Wednesday 16th June at 10am.

You are invited to attend this training session.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We welcome new members. Our meetings are held monthly alternating Victor Harbor (3rd Thursday in the month) and Goolwa (3rd Wednesday in the month).

The next meeting will be at St John the Apostle Goolwa on Wednesday 16th June, following 9.30am Mass.

### FUNERAL OF PAT RYAN

Jim and his family would like to thank Father Vinh and parishioners for their prayers and support at Pat's funeral. In God's care.

**K S C REPORT JUNE 2021** Our BBQ in June had a quiet start and our volunteers were looking to take a few sausages each for Sunday night supper, but then came a late rush, and again we had a sell out. Many thanks to Eugene for assisting our volunteers in working on the BBQ and to all our regular customers. Our next BBQ will be held on Sunday 4th July.

Our next meeting is on 16th June at 4 pm at Goolwa.

### Members anniversaries for month of June:

Bryan Henderson, Rex Hodges, and Kevin Luke.

**BIGGEST MORNING TEA 2021** to be held on Tuesday 20th July at St. Johns Goolwa and hosted by both the Catholic and Lutheran communities. Admission will be \$10 and that will include coffee, tea and all eats as well as raffles. The morning will start at 11 am, and there will be limited numbers due to Covid rules.

To place your name on the list please see Paul, Vivi or Mary Burford.

More updates as they come along will be placed in the Encounter.

### THANKS FOR THE RAIN

It was wonderful to see our prayers so promptly and abundantly answered during the week.

May the rain continue to fall.



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BI-CENTENARY

A comprehensive timeline of the history of Catholic Education in Australia can be seen on the following site:



<https://200years.catholic.edu.au/about-2/>

Interestingly the first Catholic schools were run by lay people under the auspices of the local priest or bishop and had government support. Gradually religious orders took over. But in the 1870s and 80s under "free, secular and compulsory" laws, support was withdrawn

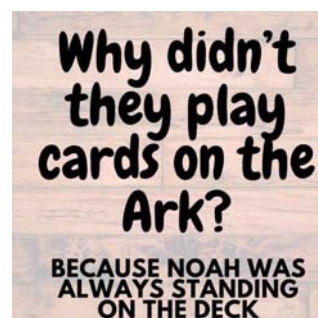
This was the case for many years until the Goulburn strike in July 1962 where the local Catholic diocese closed down all local Catholic primary and secondary schools and sent the children to the government schools. The strike lasted only a week but was seen as the catalyst for the return of "state aid" to Catholic schools. And now we see lay people increasingly running our schools again in the spirit of the founders of our religious orders who went before.

The best of both worlds!

### NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE AND DIRECT DEBIT

A new thanksgiving envelope and direct debit will commence on 3rd and 4th July 2021. Currently we have 73 active parishioners in the Thanksgiving envelopes and 18 parishioners in direct debit. If you are interested to join please phone our Thanksgiving Recorders Merv Mallet on 0412 103 443 in Victor or Marilyn Freeborn on 0438 881 763 in Goolwa.

Thank you for your consideration.



### PARISH COLLECTION 5th & 6th June

Presbytery (1st) \$782.60  
Parish (2nd) \$1,023.55

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 18th June

G. Woodhead & W. & J. Baker  
25th June & 2nd July  
J. & P. Mezzino

### VICTOR MORNING TEA 13th June

F. Hanna & M. Mattson  
20th June  
A. Temme & M. Chalmers

### VICTOR MEET & GREET June Saturdays

June Sundays  
M. Farmer, E. O'Connell  
R. Reid, J. Baker

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET

June S. & R. Lee

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2.00pm Wednesday.  
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr.B

*Lord it is good to give thanks to You.*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to Your name, O Most High, to proclaim Your love in the morning and Your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap-, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In Him, my rock, there is no wrong.



## SAINT ROMUALD

Feast Day 19th June

(b. c.950 – d.1027)



In the midst of a wasted youth, Romuald saw his father kill a relative in a duel. In horror he fled to a monastery near Ravenna. After three years he left and over the next 30 years founded

monasteries and hermitages all over Italy. Longing to give his life to Christ in martyrdom, he got permission to preach the gospel in Hungary. But he was struck with a recurring illness as soon as he arrived.

At another time Romuald suffered great spiritual dryness. One day as he was praying Psalm 31 (“I will give you understanding and I will instruct you”), he was given an extraordinary light and spirit which never left him.

At another monastery he was accused of a scandalous crime by a young nobleman he had rebuked for a dissolute life. He was given a severe penance and excommunicated—an unjust sentence that he endured in silence for six months.

The most famous of the monasteries Romuald founded was that of the Camaldoli in Tuscany, establishing the Order of the Camaldolese Benedictines. *Franciscan Media*

## POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE



Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for the month of June, inviting Catholics to **pray for those preparing for marriage, which is “a vocation born from the heart”.**

Francis admits marriage is a “demanding journey” which can be complicated at times. But he adds that “getting married and sharing one’s life is something beautiful” and that on this “life-long journey, **the husband and wife aren’t alone. Jesus accompanies them.**”

The Pope invites Catholics to pray for young people preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community. “May they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience,” he prays. **“Because a great deal of patience is necessary in order to love.”**

Source: *Vatican News*.

**SEEING THE IMPACT OF JESUS TODAY**

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## SEEING THE IMPACT OF JESUS TODAY



A series of resources highlighting the impact of the Church’s ministries in Australia has been produced to assist parishes and communities in spreading the ‘good news’. The resources feature the myriad ways in which the Church interacts with people. ***This is one of the requests from our parish to the Plenary Council, to spread positive news about the Church and what it does***

**Archbishop Patrick O’Regan, the Bishop Delegate for Media** for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, said the Church’s reach and positive impact are often unknown. ***“Whether you’re working in a Catholic hospital, volunteering at a homeless shelter or quietly attending Mass in the back pew, you are part of a large, national network of people inspired by the life, mission and teachings of Jesus,”*** he said. ***“There is the famous prayer from St Teresa of Avila that speaks of Jesus having no hands, no feet, no eyes but ours. In our work, our ministry and our mission, we can be those hands, those feet, those eyes.”*** Southern Cross

## This Week : 12th & 13th June

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

Commentator: E. O’Shaughnessy

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. E. O’Connell

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

Commentator: R. Klecko

R.1 T. Hounslow

R.2 F. Hanna

E.M. A. Rose

**GOOLWA 9.00am**

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1 E. Bourne

R2 K. O’Shea

E.M. R. Austin



## Next Week : 19th & 20th June

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. C. Sutherland

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

Commentator: P. O’Brien

R.1 P. Clingan

R.2 J. Tregeagle

E.M. M. Cunningham

**GOOLWA 9.00am**

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R1 K. Fawkner

R2 J. McMahon

E.M. T. Siciliano



## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(June 2021)

Different rules apply for Churches with fixed or non-fixed seating. Please check with your Church for details on how seating will be handled.

- For fixed seating 100% of available seats may be used, provided 100% of attendees wear masks. If 75% of seats are used, masks are not necessary.
- The non-fixed seating capacity is worked on 3:4sqm. No masks are required for this density. Masks are essential for anything more than the capped density.
- Singing as a congregation may recommence, provided masks are worn.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

### • PARISH PRIEST

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### • PARISH MANAGERS

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### • PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or [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)

### • CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)  
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)  
Victor Harbor (Parish Office 8552 1084)

• CSHW SA (Safety, Health & Welfare)  
Parish (Cathy May 0401 584 237)

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full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Parables are very short stories with a double meaning. They act like metaphors and can be interpreted very broadly. To understand the parables of Jesus we must be attentive to both the literal and metaphorical language used.
- The nearness of the kingdom (or reign) of God is the central plank of the teaching of Jesus in Mark's Gospel.
- The term 'kingdom of God' occurs only in the New Testament but similar expressions are found in the Old Testament. It refers to a time when God's will would be done on Earth.
- Matthew uses the term 'kingdom of heaven' as a way of avoiding the use of the sacred name of God.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

Parables provoke interpretation. They make us wonder what Jesus was referring to and what he really meant. At times, he is quite vague about the real meaning and his disciples are left wondering. Think for example of the parable of the Sower which Jesus must later explain (Mk 4: 13-20). At other

times, like the instances we have in this gospel reading, Jesus is quite explicit: he tells his hearers that he is talking about the kingdom of God. Even so, he must still explain his meaning to the disciples when he is alone with them. Unfortunately, Mark does not report for us what interpretation Jesus places on these parables.

In the Old Testament, the imagery of the reign of God had an apocalyptic dimension; it was to come to fullness at the end times when the wicked would be punished and the faithful vindicated. Only then would there be a new heaven and a new Earth. The message in Mark's Gospel however, is quite different. Jesus proclaims that the kingdom of God has already begun. It is among us now. 'This is the time of fulfilment. The kingdom of God is at hand' (Mk 1:15). Like the seed planted, it takes root and grows mysteriously into something much larger than itself. The kingdom or reign is a gracious gift from God brought near in Christ and demanding a response of faith from those who recognise the truth of his word. The kingdom offers a challenge; like the man who sowed the seed, we must be ready to cooperate in God's work when the harvest time comes.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 June)

- **Monday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Wednesday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Friday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23)
- **Saturday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 12:1-10; Mt 6:24-34)
- **Sunday 24:** 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41)

## PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).