



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

24TH 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

Sirach 27:30 -28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R)
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to

our sins nor repay us according to our faults (R)

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

Geoff & Rose Munro,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Christine Fitzpatrick, Mary Ferguson,
Pat Mezzino, Pat Chigwidden,
Stephen Chalmers, Lourdes Carle,
Sandy Lee, Tony Mawdsley,
Janet Murray, Claire Galpin,
Rosene Edwards, Vicki Cross,
Gemma Woodhead, Mary Jacobson,
Tanya Francis, Garry Hill, Les Hill,
Geoff Chalmers, Eric Temme,
Kevin and Cath Howard,
Richard Gubbins, Di Shearer
Baby Alfrey, Carolyn Labram,
Delia Lewis, Patricia Haynes,
Giovanni Mignanelli.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid, Colin Galvin, Nora Worrad
Mary Siciliano

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Roberts

PARISH COLLECTION

September 5th & 6th

1st (Archdiocese/Priests) \$ 976.

2nd (Parish Expenses) \$ 1035.85

VICTOR MORNING TEA

September 13th

E. Dabinett & K. Pedrosa

September 20th

F. Hanna

VICTOR MEET & GREET

September Saturdays

M. Tuckey

September Sundays

R. Reid & E. Dabinett

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

September

C. Rivers

MORNING TEA

September

A. Turner, V. Attard, M. Busby,
P. Lowe

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199

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



Bulletin Board

THE SEASON OF CREATION THEME

Living Water reminds us that water is a precious and fragile source of all life.

Water carries the memory of generations, sustains people and ecosystems and connects communities.

If *Water* could speak it would remind us that pollution, waste and careless use threaten its future.

Both Victor Harbor and Goolwa and areas in between get their drinking water from the Myponga Dam.

Conserving water helps immensely because Myponga Reservoir is a closed, localised system.

Any effort to save water directly preserves the limited supply stored in the tank until the next big rain event.

Pope Leo urges us to

- ☐ Take shorter showers to reduce wasting water.
- ☐ Fix household leaks promptly.
- ☐ Turn off taps while brushing teeth or washing dishes.
- ☐ Avoid polluting local drains, rivers, and streams.

Let us take one step today to conserve and care for our water.

CALLING ALL THOSE WHO HAVE COME TO AUSTRALIA ACROSS THE SEA

On the last Sunday of September we are celebrating

World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

and we want to acknowledge

the many parishioners who have personally come here from overseas.

We don't want to miss anyone out so if your country is not mentioned below can you please let Vivi 0439 430 486 or Fran 0415 124 010 know.

England, Fiji, Germany, India, Ireland,

Italy, Mauritius, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea,

Philippines, Poland, South Africa, Singapore, Sri Lanka,

Ukraine, United States, Vietnam.

**EVERYONE IN THE PARISH IS INVITED TO WEAR COSTUMES OR
COLOURS FROM YOUR ANCESTRAL COUNTRY.**

FEAST DAY - BLESSED FREDERIC OZANAM (9th SEPTEMBER)

In 1833 Blessed Frederic Ozanam, a 20-year-old Catholic university student invited fellow students to help those less fortunate in the community after the cholera epidemic of 1832. St Vincent de Paul (the Vinnies) was founded, grew in membership, expanded globally and was established in Melbourne in 1854.

INVITATION:

*Perhaps you may have an interest in and time to join the
Victor Harbor/ Goolwa Vinnies Conference.*

If so, you are very welcome to attend our next meeting:

Thursday 17th September, St Joan of Arc Annex, after 9 a.m. Mass.

Please see any Vinnies members: Rose Mulraney, Des Wallace, John Baker, Marilyn Freeborn, Vivi Scriva, Kevin Phillips, Wendy Baker, Edna Dabinett if you would like more information.

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY BLESSING CERTIFICATES WILL BE
PRESENTED AT NEXT WEEK'S MASSES.**



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

"Love Protects"

Today is Safeguarding Sunday. It is a day to pray for all who have experienced abuse or harm, to support their healing and to renew our commitment to creating communities where every person is welcomed, respected and safe. Safeguarding is not simply a policy or procedure; it is a Gospel responsibility that reflects the dignity of every person and our shared commitment to love one another as Christ has loved us.

As we celebrate today, let us pray for all who continue to journey towards healing, give thanks for those who serve in safeguarding ministry, and recommit ourselves to building parish communities where trust, compassion and care are evident in all we do.

Our special thanks to Andy Nicholls and Pat Clingan.

LIVING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

One of the aspects of the Faith formation from the Diocesan Synod is developed in a group discussion, like the Advent or Lenten group discussion, called ***Living the Joy of the Gospel***. Currently our parish is looking for facilitators to lead a small Parish group. The Diocese is offering training. If you are interested, please contact Fr Vinh.

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

In the month of September, we are promoting the *Catholic Charities Appeal* which supports the following agencies in South Australia: **Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools.**

Please take an envelope with you to find out more about the September Appeal. **Donations can be made via the reply-paid slip on the envelope or online at <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc>**

KNIGHTS' NEWS

Congratulations to the **Winners of the final 45 club draw** for this series
1st No 2 Sue Burns \$150 2nd No 39 Bernie Halyon \$50

Thanks all who participated. The new series will start soon.

The next meeting of the Knights will be held on 16th Sept at 3pm at Goolwa. This will also be the AGM. State councillor Mike Galea will be our special guest.

The Sept BBQ raised \$68.80 and many thanks for your support and donations.

Anniversaries for September: Ian Reid, Joe O' Shaughnessy, Bernie Rush.

MARK'S TRAVELS IN TIMOR-LESTE

Mark has been very busy in Timor-Leste including a visit to the school we are supporting. Among other sporting gifts were five basketballs including two of them for girls' groups. Mark has also visited Fuiloro Agricultural School, where the best news is that for the last 12 months, the pig food has been distributed. (Rice as portion in the cooked mix.) So, the pigs are doing well...

... a far cry from a few years ago. Secondly, the agricultural fence is better than expected. They will safely plant corn in these paddocks which will be a big boon for the pigs and the general sustainability of the community. The library study centre is also a winner, with students utilising it already in their schedules.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR PLANTS AND PRODUCE (JAMS AND CHUTNEYS)
FOR OUR PLANT AND PRODUCE SALE
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON**

THIS WEEK: Sept 12th & 13th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC - Host E. O'Shaughnessy
- Chalice 1 A. Fawkner
- Chalice 2 Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 G. Ryan

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 E. Dabinett
- Chalice 2 A. Rose

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R.1 M. Freeborn

R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 S. Muller
- Chalice 2 T. Riding



NEXT WEEK: Sept 19th & 20th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 C. Allen

EMHC - Host Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 E. O'Connell
- Chalice 2 F. Hanna

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 V. Coffey

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 L. Sunman
- Chalice 2 P. O'Brien

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R.1 J. Small

R.2 A. Cowley

EMHC - Host: T. Siciliano
- Chalice 1 Fr Vinh
- Chalice 2 A. Turner

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• PARISH ENCOUNTER

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(All items for the newsletter by Wed)

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• 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.

• Andy Nicholls

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• Integrity and Safeguarding Dept

(8210 8150 - select Option 2)

• CSHW SA (Work, Health and Safety)

please contact Jim Dabinett (0460 033 529)



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that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt.

His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt.

And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

THE EMBRACE OF SIN (Matthew 18: 21 - 35)

If ever someone was locked in the embrace of sin, it's the servant in this parable about mercy. Though compassion is shown to him, he's incapable of returning it. Watch the way he treats his fellow servant! His unforgiveness imprisons him in the same way.

The spirit of unforgiveness lurks in Peter's question about "how much" forgiveness is required. What he's really asking is: When can I reasonably refuse to forgive those who offend me? Surely there's a limit to how much forgiveness is strictly necessary.

Jesus won't play this game. Jesus paints God as a king willing to forgive an outrageous sum owed him, not because

it's necessary – a king has no obligation to forgive anything – but for compassion's sake. Peter, in the guise of the first servant, sees his anger against his brother as actually justifiable. In the world of gospel parable, that attitude is destined for destruction. Holding others bound to their sin poisons our love. Our forgiveness reveals how far short we fall of the mercy God shows to us. When I'm in opposition to a sister or brother, I know it's for my sake, as much as for theirs, that I find my way to forgiveness. To the extent that I choke my neighbour with my wrath, that's how far the embrace of sin has choked the love out of me.

Whom do you find hardest to forgive? What makes it hard, and what price do you pay for unforgiveness?

GPBS eNews

DID YOU KNOW?

- The sum of ten thousand talents would have been an impossibly huge debt. A Jewish talent was made of silver weighing 43,620 grams!
- The use of the word 'torturers' in this text is problematic. The Greek term is linked to the notion of 'tormentors'. It may be that the debtor's friends and relations would more vigorously try to raise the necessary funds if the culprit is undergoing torment but it may also be an eschatological reference given what follows in the next verse.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (14 - 20 September)

- **Monday, 14:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Our Lady of Sorrows (Heb 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Sts Cornelius and Cyprian (1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35)
- **Thursday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50)
- **Friday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15)
- **Sunday 20:** 25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16)

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.