



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

*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

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 39: 2, 4, 7-10

Here I am, Lord;

I come to do your will.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the

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Bulletin Board

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 McCoe, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson, Jesse Walker, J. Millar, Rose Munro, Bill Woodhead, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, Patricia Harris

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Clingan, Margaret Ray

RECENTLY DECEASED

Riley Davis-Ross

PARISH COLLECTION

Christmas

1st (Presbytery) \$738.00
2nd (Parish) \$991.95
Special Collection \$2,560.00

December 30th & 31st

1st (Presbytery) \$1,512.35
2nd (Parish) \$1,613.70

January 6th & 7th

1st (Presbytery) \$1050.20
2nd (Parish) \$1686.05

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

19th January

W. & J. Baker, F. Hanna

VICTOR MORNING TEA

14th Jan

A. Willis & F. Hanna

21st Jan

A. Temme & M. Chalmers

VICTOR MEET & GREET

January Saturdays

M. Farmer, M. Tuckey

January Sundays

R. Reid, A. Rose

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

January A. Turner

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

January No morning tea

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church



GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Sunday 5pm in the Annex. You are welcome to join this group to reflect on the Gospel of the day. Phone Carol Sutherland. 0418 856 799.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.00. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

THE CENACLE

The Cenacle is held every Wednesday at 9.30am in St Joan of Arc Church. We pray the Rosary, reading, meditating and reflecting on one of the messages given to Father Gobbi by Mary our Mother and making an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Gemma Woodhead 0492 849 414

ST ANTHONY AT WORK



Before Christmas there was an article in the Encounter asking if anyone knew what had happened to some small Christmas Scene figures from 2022. They were nowhere to be found. The box they had come in still had the bubble wrap that they were packed with but there was no sign of the figures. On Thursday last week we made a final plea to St Anthony and once again had a look in the back room. Lo and behold there the figures were – securely wrapped in paper in a different box labelled *Nativity!* Thanks St Anthony.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Losing weight, eating healthier, exercising more regularly, getting more sleep, or quitting a bad habit probably top your

New Year's resolution list for 2024. Have you thought about making a spiritual resolution for 2024? It's great to focus on physical health, but what about your spiritual health?

Here are two suggestions

1. Morning prayer – make the Sign of the Cross and/or say the Our Father as suggested by Pope Francis for this year of 2024.
2. Evening prayer – look back over the day and find one thing to thank God for.

<https://www.catholicdigest.com>

A PEACE POLE CEREMONY

will be held on Sunday January 21st at 11am in Warland Reserve.

The Baha'i community is dedicating a Peace Pole which replaces a smaller version that stood there previously. The pole has representations from different religions including a Cross for Christianity. The dedication takes place on World Religion Day. Fran Hanna played a small part in carving the Christian cross on the pole and has been asked to say a prayer to represent the Christian faith.



She is going to say the Prayer of St Francis "Make me an instrument of your peace" – well-suited to the purpose of the Peace pole. If you get a chance, go and visit the pole near the anchor at the top of Warland Reserve. There is a comfortable seat nearby to sit and reflect.

WHAT IS A PEACE POLE

A Peace Pole is an internationally recognised symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. There are estimated over 250,000 Peace Poles in every country in the world dedicated as monuments to peace.

<https://worldpeace.org/peacepoleproject/>

VOLUNTEERING FOR VINNIES

Vinnies is always in need of volunteers. Even if you have limited time you can still be of help.

The Vinnies' Shop too needs helpers. Ring Wendy Baker, Secretary (0438 525 477) for more information or just come to a Vinnies meeting as listed in the Encounter.

And a special thanks to Sharon Duong who is finishing up after 9 years as a Wednesday volunteer for our Vinnies Op Shop.

Well done Sharon!!

ALUMINIUM GATHERERS

Thank you for the collections of aluminium from Victor Harbor and the team from St John's Goolwa - Lennie, Anne Fawkner, Marie Ryan, John Dunthorne, Joy McInnes, Lynne Healy, Vivi, and amazing contributions from Chrisso and mate Alex! Thank you everyone for your super support.

In aluminium and cans and bottle recycling we gathered \$30 for our brothers and sisters in Comoro. Nice way to start the year, caring for others and our environment! . Rosemary ☺



Bulletin Board



CHRISTMAS GIFTS APPRECIATED

Vinnie Members Margaret Chalmers and Meredith Cunningham were warmly welcomed recently by Victoria House Manager, Julia Davidson, who runs a residential care project 24/7 for 10 guests in Victor Harbor's own Victoria Street. St Joan's parishioners may not be aware that this important facility is part of the Community Calvary Care group and it has now been adopted by our church community. Thanks to the generosity of our two congregations, ten bags of personalized gifts were assembled from donations over four weeks and presented to the clients already looking forward to Christmas celebrations. Staff were not forgotten and were presented with their own bag of goodies. Birthdays will be remembered during the year as the dates roll along, with an individual package for each guest. Victoria House

2024 - A YEAR OF PRAYER

Pope Francis has proposed that 2024 should be marked as a year dedicated to prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year coming in 2025. The Holy Father called for a daily renewal of the "joy and commitment" of "being men and women of prayer." There is to be a particular focus on the Our Father and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer. *Aleteia.com*



BAPTISM OF HARVEY CARBONE



We welcome Harvey to the parish as he celebrates his Baptism at 11am Mass on Sunday. May his parents, Sean and Casey continue to nurture his faith.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM
2nd SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME Yr. B.**

*Here I am Lord;
I come to do Your will.*

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and He stooped down to me;
He heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do Your will.
My God, I delight in Your law
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
You know it, O Lord.



**SAINT ANTHONY, Abbot
(the other St Anthony)
Feast Day 17th January
(b.251-d.356)**

Anthony "the Great", the "Father of Monks", was born in Middle Egypt. One day while in church, after his parents' untimely death, he heard the words of Matt. 19:21 "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor". It seemed as if Christ had spoken to him personally, giving a command he must obey. He sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and retired to live in solitude in the desert at the age of eighteen, for twenty years. He later laid the foundations of community life, and gave to his disciples that profound broad and sane instruction, the mature result of solitude and prayer, which forms the surest basis of Christian asceticism. St Anthony died on Mount Kolzin by the Red Sea at the age of 105. *Catholic Culture*



PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



THIS WEEK 13th & 14th January

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm
Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Huppatz
R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 K. Dudley
R. 2 P. Chigwidden

EMHC L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R. 1 M. Mulvihill
R. 2 L. Healey

EMHC T. Siciliano



NEXT WEEK: 20th & 21st January

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm
Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 S. Duong
R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 A. Willis
R. 2 R. Reid

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 E. Bourne
R. 2 R. Lee

EMHC A. Turner

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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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)

DID YOU KNOW?

- Part of the celebration of the Passover festival was the ritual sacrifice of many lambs so that the Jews could eat the Passover meal. In the story of Exodus, the blood of the lamb was shed so that it could be daubed on doorposts and thus enable the people to escape the angel of death. John recognises that Jesus will be the one to give his life for the sake of all.
- ‘Messiah’ is a Hebrew word which means ‘anointed one’. ‘Christ’ is the Greek word meaning the same thing.

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body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn1:41, 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God.’ Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, ‘What do you want?’ They answered, ‘Rabbi,’ – which means Teacher – ‘where do you live?’ ‘Come and see’ he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas’ – meaning Rock.

SHARING THE TRADITION

There are many Scriptural texts which give wonderful descriptions of being ‘called’ by God (see Isaiah 6; Jeremiah 1; Ezekiel 2; Amos 3:3 - 8; 7:14 -15; Jonah). This could be an appropriate time to look at the concept of vocation in all its richness. Some people are called to the vocation of priesthood or to religious life; others to marriage or to remain single. Whatever vocation one takes on in

life, one is called to live the gospel as Jesus invited the disciples to experience his life.

THE MAGI OR WISEMEN

In ancient Iran - also known as Persia - a priest was called a "magus." The plural is "magi". The word "magic" comes from the same root. Magi were experts in astronomy. This was useful in determining the calendar and the end of winter and the spring planting season. They believed that stars and other celestial objects actually influenced, rather than merely coincided with, earthly events. One, or possibly a series of omens, led them to believe that a royal prince had been born in Israel. They were sent as ambassadors to provide tribute to the newborn. The bible does not say how many Magi visited. It is assumed that there were three because of the number of gifts.

Excerpt from a commentary by Fr Richard Lonsdale

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Gifts establish a special relationship between the giver and receiver. We sometimes call them ‘presents’ because they somehow make the giver present to the one who receives. Often it is the simplest of gifts which are treasured because they recall to us someone we love.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(15 - 21 January)

- **Monday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 2 (1 Sam 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 2 (1 Sam 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28)
- **Wednesday, 17:** St Anthony (1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6)
- **Thursday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 2 (1 Sam 18:6-9, 1-7; Mk 3:7-12)
- **Friday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 2 (1 Sam 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19)
- **Saturday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 2 (2 Sam 1:1-14, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21)
- **Sunday 21:** THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20)

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.