



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

11TH 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

Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying,

'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99:2-3, 5

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. (R)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.



Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: repent, and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:36-10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest."

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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,

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis Edward Kennelly, Rita Sullivan

RECENTLY DECEASED

William James Sloan

PARISH COLLECTION

June 6th & 7th

1st (Presbytery) \$1056.55

2nd (Parish) \$1048.35

VICTOR MORNING TEA

14th June

F. Hanna & V. Coffey

21st June

E. Dabinett & Y. Rogers

VICTOR MEET & GREET

June Saturdays

H. Anderson

June Sundays

R. Reid & A. Rose

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

June

D. Wilkinson

MORNING TEA

June

C. Grimma, V. Attard.

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

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY—15TH JUNE

Its primary aims are: - Raising awareness about the mistreatment of older adults - Encouraging communities to take action against elder abuse - Strengthening policies and programs that protect senior citizens.

Our Archdiocese now has an *Integrity and Safeguarding Department*. The Department aims to keep **Children, Young people and Adults at Risk** safe.

Details of how to contact our *Safeguarding Representative, Andy Nicholls*, if you have any concerns, is on the back page of the Encounter.

SACRIFICE FOR COMORO



On June 28th at 12.00 in St Joan's Annex John Baker has bravely volunteered to have his beard shaven by Mark, our local hairdresser, to raise funds for Comoro. John will be at the 11.00 Mass each Sunday until then to take your sponsorship donations. There will be a box for donations available at the 6.00 and 9.00 Masses each week as well. On the last weekend John will be at all three Masses. Congratulations to Mark Leaney and John on their article in last Thursday's Fleurieu Sun.

THE MONTH OF JUNE IS DEDICATED TO



THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

a devotion which began in the 12th Century and gained popularity after Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 1670s, revealing to her the image of His Sacred Heart. It is a month dedicated, therefore, to contemplating the wonderful mystery of the human heart of Jesus that contains all of God's eternal, infinite, self-giving love for each person.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 20th June



Lord, no one is a stranger to you
and no one is ever far from your loving care.
In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers.
Bring them safely to the place where they long to be
and help us always to show your kindness to strangers.
and those in need.

Australian Catholic Social Justice Council

The Voice of Hind Rajab is to be shown on Thursday 18th June at 7 pm at the Victa Cinema as a fund-raiser for the Victor Harbor Refugee Support Group. Payment of \$20 on entry will enable VHRSG to provide a light supper afterwards and help to raise money used in the support of refugees, mainly those in our local area. The film reconstructs the 2024 killing of 5-year-old Hind Rajab in Gaza, utilizing actual audio from her calls for help.

THE POPE SPEAKS OUT FOR "MAGNIFICENT HUMANITY"



Magnifica Humanitas ("Magnificent Humanity") is the first papal encyclical or letter of Pope Leo XIV released 25th May 2026. Subtitle: **"On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence"**

The core message of *Magnifica Humanitas* is simple:

Technology must serve people, not control them.

- **Humans come first the Pope says:** Every person has worth because they are human. People are not just data or tools to make money.
- **Truth matters:** We must use technology to tell the truth. We must stop online lies and fake news.
- **Protect jobs:** AI should help workers do better. It should not just replace humans to save money.
- **Flaws are okay:** Being human means having limits. We do not need technology to make us "perfect" or immortal. Our weaknesses help us connect and care for each other.

The following link gives you a summary of the Encyclical

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/magnifica-humanitas-explained>

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

JUNE NEWSLETTER

All members of the Knights send deepest condolences to Life Member of the Knights, Rudy Baltais, on the sad passing of his lovely wife Kay.

45 CLUB has its second series due to begin. It is payable to Paul at Goolwa and we are asking the Victor people to put \$20 in an envelope with your name on it and place on the second plate so it can be sent over to Goolwa.

As the first series was fully subscribed we would appreciate anyone not wishing to join in this series to ring or text Paul on 0402 852 825.

Knights' Donations recently made

\$1000 to Vinnies Winter Appeal as well as

\$250 each to Open Door Uniting Church, South Coast Christian Care and Whalers' Group

Anniversaries for June: Bryan Henderson, Kevin Luke, Rex Hodges.

NEXT MEETING: Goolwa, 3.00am Wednesday June 17th.



EMBRACE LIFE

The Hon Sarah Game has introduced a Private Members Bill into the new Legislative Council. This amended bill will restrict abortion from 24 weeks and six days. The only exception is to save the life of the mother. As you would know, the current legislation allows, in some circumstances, abortion up until birth. The majority of abortions occurring in SA are not late term, however, human lives will be saved with the passing of this legislation. You can contact personally, by phone, email or letter, the members of the Legislative Council who will be voting and ask them to support the Bill and offer your prayers and support for them. Follow the link for their details:

<https://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/en/Legislative-Council/Members>

THIS WEEK: 13th &14th June

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: E. O'Connell

- Chalice 2: A. Fawkner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 G. Ryan

R. 2 R. Klecko

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: A. Rose

- Chalice 2: P. Clingan

Goolwa 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R.1 M. Freeborn

R.2 Michael Riddle

EMHC - Host: T. Siciliano

- Chalice 1: Fr Vinh

Chalice 2: Marie Riddle



NEXT WEEK: 20th &21st June

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 C. Allen

EMHC - Host: E. O'Shaughnessy

- Chalice 1: E. O'Connell

- Chalice 2: Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 F. Hanna

R. 2 A. Weygood

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: K. White

- Chalice 2: L. Sunman

Goolwa 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R.1 M. Wilcock

R.2 A. Cowley

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: M. Freeborn

- Chalice 2: A. Turner

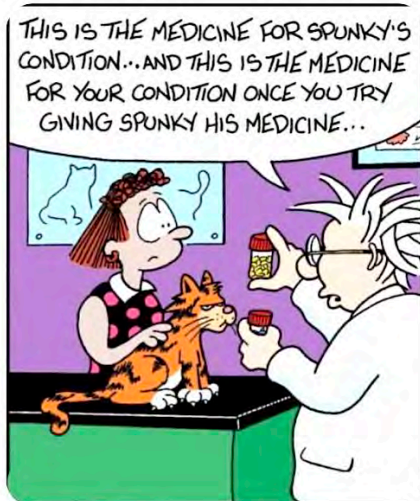
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(All items for the newsletter by Wed)
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We are a safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.
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- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept
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- CSHW SA (Work, Health and Safety) please contact Jim Dabinett (0460 033 529)



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He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

‘Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.’

A SMALL ACT OF ATTENTION

It was late afternoon when he noticed the line at the small clinic hadn't moved much. People sat quietly, some staring at the floor, others scrolling aimlessly on their phones, all of them waiting longer than they wanted to be there.

A young mother adjusted the blanket around her child, who was sleeping awkwardly against her shoulder. An older man rubbed his hands together, glancing at the clock every few minutes as if it might change the situation. A teenager sat apart from everyone else, headphones in, eyes fixed somewhere that wasn't the room.

He had come in for something simple himself, but as the wait stretched on, he found his attention drifting away from his own inconvenience. There was something about the stillness in the room that made everything else feel louder.

At one point, the child stirred and began to cry softly. The mother looked tired in a way that went deeper than lack of sleep. Without thinking too

much about it, he stood up, walked over to the vending machine, and returned with a bottle of water. He offered it quietly, not as a solution to anything, just as something small and human in the moment. She hesitated, then accepted it with a nod that carried more gratitude than words could manage.

Nothing about the situation changed in any dramatic way. The wait continued. People were still tired. The room was still full. But something in it felt less heavy.

Later, as he sat back down, he realised he had stopped thinking about his own delay. Not because it was resolved, but because he had noticed someone else's world for a moment and stepped into it gently.

It reminded him, strangely, of a line he had once heard: people are like sheep without a shepherd. Not because they are lost in a dramatic sense, but because everyone, in their own way, is carrying more than is visible. And sometimes, the smallest act of attention is enough to change how a room feels.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(15 - 21 June)

- **Monday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (1 Kg 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (1 Kg 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Wednesday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Kg 2:1, 6-14 ; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (Sirach 48:1-14 1; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Friday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 ; Mt 6:19-23)
- **Saturday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34)
- **Sunday 21:** 12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33)

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.