



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SIXTH 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.



Do not think that I
came to destroy the
Law or the Prophets.
I did not come to
destroy them, but
to fulfill them

Matthew 5:17

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. R
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. R
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. R
4. Teach me the demands of your

statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. R

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

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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)

Graham Blacket, Geoff & Rose Munro, Tommy & Eileen McCoe, Mairead & Neil Cummings, Christine Fitzpatrick, Mary Ferguson, Pat Mezzino, Pat Chigwidden, Robyn Kelly, Stephen Chalmers, Lourdes Carle, Sandy Lee, Tony Mawdsley, Janet Murray, Claire Galpin, Rosene Edwards, Vicki Cross, Gemma Woodhead.

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Harris, John Mezzino

RECENTLY DECEASED

Shaun Edwards, Frances Powell, John Tregeagle

PARISH COLLECTION 7th & 8th February

1st (Presbytery) \$1004.75
2nd (Parish) \$1226.05

VICTOR MORNING TEA

15th February

E. Dabinett & Y. Rogers

22nd February

W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET

February Saturdays

H. Anderson

December Sundays

R. Reid & W. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

February

C. Rivers

MORNING TEA

February

T. Curtis, E. Bourne

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 2026 PRAYER INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY: For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

ASH WEDNESDAY February 18th

Repent (change your hearts) and believe the Good News (of God's love).

MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY TIMES FOR STATIONS OF THE

Goolwa: 9.30am

CROSS - FRIDAYS

Victor: 5.30pm

Goolwa 3pm Victor 5pm

For your Lenten Journey. There are 2 booklets:

- The first called: "A Listening Lent". It will be distributed for free this weekend.
- The second, "Compassion - To suffer with". A short reflection for each day in Lent. \$10.00
- *Lent 2026 with the Catholic guy.* It is a daily devotional reflection. Fr Vinh will email out details this week. You need to register on line at no cost.

GUIDELINES ABOUT RECEIVING BOTH HOST AND CHALICE

1. There is one person distributing the Host and two with the Chalice.
2. Come to Communion as usual in two lines to receive the host.
3. Then turn left or right to receive from the Chalice if you so choose. There is no dipping of the host into the Chalice.
4. Communion in your seat. The host will be brought to you at the end of Communion.

Please be patient and let Fr Vinh know your recommendations for improvement.



GUIDELINES RE COLLECTIONS - Please read carefully

1. Before Mass, when allocating people to do the collections, **choose one person who will take up the money immediately behind those bringing up the bread and wine.** In this way the gift of our money is acknowledged as part of our offering to God.
2. When the announcement is made for collections:
 - a) First Collectors go to the front and proceed.
 - b) Second Collectors start when the first collectors are three rows in. When finished if you are not the person taking up the money, please go quickly to your seats.

SYNOD GROUPS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCERNMENT

Maintenance Engineers - Wednesday 11th - completed - thank you.

Knights - Meeting 18th Goolwa

PPC - Meeting 26th Goolwa

General - After Mass Victor Tuesday 24th

- **After Mass** Goolwa Wednesday 25th

- **Sunday afternoon** in Annex 22nd at 4.30

Small parish groups organised by parishioners: Victor: Two groups.

Get in touch with Fran if you would like to be part of a small group. 0415 124 010.



**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO
WENDY & JOHN BAKER
WHO CELEBRATED THEIR
EMERALD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
- 55 YEARS - LAST SUNDAY**



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COMORO GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAMES ON THE ROSTERS
AT THE BACK OF OUR CHURCHES

1. SETTING UP 6th March

2. HELPING ON THE DAY 7th March

Come along to support our Comoro sisters and brothers.



PROJECT COMPASSION BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

Our Earthcare Group is planning to continue our
LONG WALK FOR WATER PROJECT FOR LENT

This year the walk will involve

**A GROUP OF PARISHIONERS WHO WOULD
BE WILLING TO WALK FOR 60 MINUTES
OR MORE EACH WEEK**

*If you would be willing to be part of the team please put your name and how long
you will walk each week on the sheets available in our porches
or text Fran Hanna on 0415 124 010.*

Many thanks. Earthcare Group.

INVITATION: ARE YOU COMMITTED TO SOCIAL JUSTICE?

Our Parish needs a second Representative to support Christian Community Care (CCC), Victor Harbor & Open Door, Goolwa. The CCC provides emergency relief to people requiring food and other assistance. If interested please contact Rose Mulraney or phone the Parish Office: 8552 1084.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS will resume meetings on Feb 18th at 4pm at Goolwa after a 2 month layoff. This year we are cutting back our fundraising and subsequently our donations, due to sharing with other groups in the parish and not putting too much pressure on our generous parishioners. Like other groups we are an ageing committee. A number of our members have health issues.

45 CLUB

Our first series for the year has begun and we would like to thank those who have indicated their continued support. However as we have prospective new members we ask for all previous participants to advise Paul on 0402 852 825 before 22nd Feb if you wish to participate this year.

ANNIVERSARIES Jan : Bill Longworth, Fr Jim Honor former PP

Feb : Frank Refchange, Peter McInnes and Wally West

MEETINGS THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

Tues Feb 17th 2pm Finance Committee

Wed Feb 18th Vinnies after 9.30 Mass

Wed Feb 18th Father Dean Marin - Parish Volunteers (see below)

Wed Feb 18th 4pm KSC

Thurs Feb 19th Interchurch Council

ATTENTION ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

I have invited Fr Dean Marin, our Vicar General, to visit our parish to present the topic "Parish Volunteers".

He has rearranged his diary and can come on

Ash Wednesday 18th Feb. 10am at Goolwa and 11.30am at Victor Harbor.

I hope many parishioners can attend. Father Vinh



THIS WEEK: 14th & 15th February

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Allen

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC - Host : J. Jeffery

- Chalice 1 : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2 : A. Fawknor

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 R. Klecko

EMHC - Host : F. Vinh

- Chalice 1 : P. Clingan

- Chalice 2 : F. Hanna

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: A. Fawknor

R1 E. Bourne

R2 L. Hayward

EMHC - Host : A. Turner

- Chalice 1 : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2 : J. Ryan



NEXT WEEK: 21st & 22nd February

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppertz

R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC - Host : E. O'Shaughnessy

- Chalice 1 : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2 : A. Fawknor

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 W. Baker

R. 2 K. Dudley

EMHC - Host : Fr. Vinh

- Chalice 1 : J. Baker

- Chalice 2 : L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: D. Huppertz

R1 P. Kennelly

R2 A. Cowley

EMHC - Host : Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 : M. Ryan

- Chalice 2 : V. Scriva

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
CATHOLIC PARISH**
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;
in an emergency - 0429 098 802)
Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• **PARISH MANAGER**

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12 noon)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• **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**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• **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
(VH/G contact - 0475 893 521 or andrewnicholls6@gmail.com)
- 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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GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17-27

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to

have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal.* But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.* But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

KIDS' CORNER

"You shall not kill" is the Fifth Commandment and one that most people think is pretty easy to keep. But Jesus challenges us to think a little deeper. If we are unkind to others, doesn't that kill the goodness they need from us? If we use angry words with another person, aren't we helping to kill their spirit of joy? God asks us to consider how we treat others and to work to be at peace with them. Can you think of any ways you might have hurt anyone lately? What can you do to make things better?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(16 - 22 February)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (James 1:1-11 ; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (James 1:12-18; ; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday, 15:** ASH WEDNESDAY (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 16:** Thur after Ash Wed (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- **Friday, 17:** Fri after Ash Wed (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- **Saturday, 18:** Sat after Ash Wed (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)

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.