Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

A living, vibrant faith community

Vol 14 : No 52

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

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127:1-5

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R)

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (R)

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

(Continued page 4)

SPECIAL INTENTIONS
Geoff & Rose Munro, Jo Andrews, Tommy & Eileen McCoey, Mairead & Neil Cummings, Christine Fitzpatrick, Mary Ferguson, Pat Mezzino, Pat Chigwidden, Stephen Chalmers, Sandy Lee, Tony Mawdsley, Gemma Woodhead, Janet Murray, Claire Galpin, Rosene and Richard Edwards, Vicki Cross, Mary Jacobson, Tanya Francis, Garry Hill, Les Hill, Geoff Chalmers, Eric Temme, Kevin and Cath Howard, Richard Gubbins, Di Shearer, Baby Alfreya, Delia Lewis, Patricia Haynes, Gerard Siciliano. Rob Randabel-Williamson, Meredith Cunningham.

ANNIVERSARIES
Margaret Hope, Ron Harris, Chris McCarthy, Frank Scriva, Reginald Meade.

RECENTLY DECEASED
Lourdes Carle, Giovanni Mignanelli. Margaret Ryan.

PARISH COLLECTION
November 7th & 8th

1st (Archdiocesan Priests)	$ 1078
2nd (Parish Expenses)	$ 1040.80

VICTOR MORNING TEA
November 15th
Y. Rogers & F. Hanna
November 22nd
W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET
November Saturdays
E. O'Connell
November Sundays
R. Reid & K. Pedrosa

GOOLWA MEET & GREET
November
J. Dunthorne
MORNING TEA
November
V. Scriva, C. Rivers, P. Stone, T. Riding

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



HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER
For the proper use of wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

POPE LEO VISITS SOUTH AMERICA

Pope Leo XIV's visit to South America is bringing a message of faith, hope, peace and unity. Visiting communities with which he has a deep personal connection, particularly in Peru where he served as a missionary and bishop for many years, he is encouraging people to overcome divisions, care for those experiencing poverty and work together for the common good.
He reminds us that the mission of the Church is about *"Sharing the joy of the Gospel, announcing the Good News and walking together with people."*
His words are a timely reminder that we are all called to live our faith by walking alongside others, especially those most in need.

COP31 - THE UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CONFERENCE

where countries pledge to cut their fossil fuel emissions and pay reparation for those countries most affected, is taking place in Türkiye from **9th–20th November 2026**. Recent discussions with Pacific Island nations have highlighted the challenges they face from rising sea levels, coastal erosion and extreme weather. As people of faith, we are called to care for God's creation and stand alongside those most vulnerable. Let us pray that world countries and our own decision makers will take seriously the need to limit fossil fuel use and be generous in supporting those most affected.



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO GENEROUSLY AND BRAVELY HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO BE PART OF THE SYNOD WORKING GROUP.
We now have 7 members in our group: John Dunthorne, Joan Cross, Paul Kennelly, Anne Fawkner, Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson, Carol Sutherland and Fran Hanna. We are hoping to meet once a month. Keep us in your prayers – our most important task is to listen deeply to the Holy Spirit.

THANK YOU…
Thank you for your participation in the promotion to support our Priests and Deacons last weekend especially through the First Collection.
There is a pamphlet in your pew with more information. Fr Vinh

PRESENCE:
This is the Advent & Christmas Daily reflection.
There are 10 copies for sale at $10 per copy at the back of the church.





ST JOAN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

St Joan's Social Club is holding their

Magnificent Christmas Dinner in the Annex

Friday night 27th November at

6.00pm for 6.30pm start.

Come along and enjoy a wonderful night, make up a table or we will seat you. The cost is the same as last year... **$20.00 per head** for turkey, ham off the bone and salads followed by pudding and custard or fruit salad and ice-cream. There will be a Christmas Basket raffle and lucky door prizes. BYO drinks and your own glass.

Call or txt Pat on 0410 593 617 or Colleen on 0405 634 744.

LAST WEEK FOR NUMBERS AND MONEY!!!

GOOLWA CHRISTMAS GATHERING 6th Dec from 6pm. We will be holding a shared plate function this year. Please byo food, drink and glasses.

LUTHERAN ADVENT EVENING 29th Nov 6pm to 9pm. Please bring savoury or finger food as well as your drink and glasses.

REMINDER: ***Parishioners from Goolwa please add your name*** to the lists for the *Victor Harbor Christmas event* - 12 to date,

Goolwa Lutheran Advent Night - 3 to date,

Goolwa Christmas Night - 7 to date. Parishioners from Victor who wish to join Goolwa events please contact Paul on 0402 852 825.

If you need assistance to attend, another parish member will be happy to help. Numbers will be reviewed on 22 November. Goolwa Christmas Night may be cancelled if fewer than 30 people register. *To those who think we know they are coming please assist by* ***putting your name*** *on event you are to attend*.

KNIGHTS NEWS

Community Support: The Club has pledged $1,000 to Vinnies and at our last meeting we will be donating to other causes to assist those in need in our area.

Knights' Christmas Get-together: Members and spouses will gather at the Goolwa Hotel, with lunch or dinner to be decided.

Anniversaries for November: David and Margaret Wark.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 18 November at 3pm, Goolwa Church.

MESSY CHURCH on Nov 22nd at Goolwa Catholic church 3.30pm to 5pm.

THE ANNUAL VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL (14-15 NOVEMBER)

The Appeal launches this weekend with envelopes available this weekend in each church. We thank you for your generosity towards people facing hardship! Donations of $2 or more are tax deductible.

GIFTS FOR RESIDENTS AT VICTORIA HOUSE & EMMANUEL CARE

Please remember our friends at Victoria House and Emmanuel Care. Edna Dabinett & Rose Mulraney at Victor Harbor & Pat Stone & Rose Mulraney will be handing out cards with suggestions to help choose a gift after Mass on **14th, 15th, 21st & 22nd November.** Your generosity is always amazing!



VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

You are invited to bring non-perishable food to place in the Christmas boxes in both churches. Thank you for your generosity towards local families!

THIS WEEK: Nov.14th & 15th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator T. White
R.1 M. Mulvihill
R.2 L. Blacket
EMHC - Host E. O'Shaughnessy
- Chalice 1 C. Sutherland
- Chalice 2 Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien
R. 1 T. Hounslow
R. 2 F. Hanna
EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 E. Dabinett
- Chalice 2 L. Sunman

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator**:** A. Fawkner
R.1 R. Lee
R.2 D. Huppatz
EMHC - Host: T. Siciliano
- Chalice 1 Fr Vinh
- Chalice 2 T. Riding



NEXT WEEK: Nov. 21st & 22nd

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator J. Ryan
R.1 C. Huppatz
R.2 L. Blacket
EMHC - Host E. O'Shaughnessy
- Chalice 1 E. O'Connell
- Chalice 2 Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow
R. 1 K. Dudley
R. 2 K. Pedrosa
EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 A. Rose
- Chalice 2 P. O'Brien

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator**:** M. Freeborn
R.1 A. Cowley
R.2 Michael Riddle
EMHC - Host: Fr. Vinh
- Chalice 1 A. Turner
- Chalice 2 S. Muller

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

NGARRINDJERI and RAMINDJERI land

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

32 Seaview Road (PO Box 464)
VICTOR HARBOR SA 5211
Telephone: 8552 1084*(Please leave a message if the Office is unattended - we will get back to you asap)*
Email: catholicvhg@bigpond.com
Web: www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- PARISH PRIEST

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;
in an emergency - 0429 098 802)

In an emergency contact:
Fr Julius (0455 878 907
juliusphilip122@yahoo.com)

- PARISH MANAGER

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
(Monday & Thursday:10am - 12noon)
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 Wed)*

- 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)



Having dumped the bag of ashes on the table, Stew hid behind the door and waited for the X-ray technician's reaction.

(Continued from page 1)

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrust-ed his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

DID YOU KNOW?

- A Jewish talent was a very substantial sum of money. A shekel contained about 14.5g of silver; a *talent* contained more than 43,000g! It was about the price of an ox.
- Being an absentee landlord was as common in the time of Jesus as it was in later history.
- The 'talents' are not equally distributed. In God's plan all are endowed with different 'talents' so that we will recognise our need for each other and practice generosity, kindness and the sharing of the abilities we have.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(16 - 22 November)

- ***Monday, 16:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Rev 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43)
- ***Tuesday, 17:*** St Elizabeth of Hungary (Rev 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10)
- ***Wednesday, 18:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Rev 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28)
- ***Thursday, 19:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Rev 5:1-10; Lk 19:41- 44)
- ***Friday, 20:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Rev 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48)
- ***Saturday, 21:*** The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (Rev 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40)
- ***Sunday 22:*** Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE (Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46)

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.