



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

20TH 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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.'

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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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid, Colin Galvin

PARISH COLLECTION

August 8th & 9th

1st (Presbytery) \$ 856.00
2nd (Parish) \$ 804.80
Seminarians \$ 796.50

VICTOR MORNING TEA

23rd August

W. & J. Baker
30th August
F. Hanna & M. Cunningham

VICTOR MEET & GREET

August Saturdays

E. O'Connell

August Sundays

R. Reid & C. Allen

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

August

A. Turner

MORNING TEA

August

T. Curtis & E. Bourne, B. Hallion

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 AUGUST FOR MUTUAL COEXISTENCE:

Let us pray that Societies, where coexistence seems more difficult, might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.



WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY: 19TH AUGUST

"Strengthening Global Solidarity and Empowering
Local Communities."

This is a time to honour humanitarian workers and to stand with people affected by crises around the world. When lives are at risk, the people who come to help should never be targets. Yet humanitarian workers continue to be killed, injured, abducted, detained and obstructed while carrying out their work. Below is the story of one such worker, an Australian in Ukraine.



Cardinal Mykola Bychok visited the Alley of Heroes cemetery in Ukraine and prayed at the grave of Australian volunteer Samuel Michael Pedrazzini, who was killed on June 13th while serving as a combat medic with the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Born in

Lismore and a former Australian soldier, Pedrazzini trained Ukrainian troops before volunteering as a combat medic in Ukraine, where he became known for his courage, professionalism, selflessness and love for the Ukrainian people. Cardinal Bychok commended his soul to God and remembered all foreign volunteers who have given their lives defending Ukraine's freedom and independence. CathNews

We pray for humanitarian workers everywhere. Give them courage in their work and give hope to those they are endeavouring to help.

LITURGY GROUP MEETING 19th August at Goolwa, 10am.

VINNIES NEXT MEETING is on Wednesday 19th August at Goolwa after 9.30 Mass. Newcomers welcome.

HOMELESSNESS ON THE FLEURIEU

The Homelessness forum held on August 5th in Pt Elliot was attended by several of our parishioners. It is hopeful to see the commitment of many local groups to working on solutions to this problem, including many local churches. One point that was made by the speakers is that homelessness doesn't always mean people sleeping rough. Many homeless people sleep at friends' or relatives' houses with no place of their own to settle.

MASS OF CREATION- 2026 SEASON OF CREATION EVENT

A special Mass has been created for Season of Creation.

The Archdiocesan Council for Integral Ecology invites you to celebrate a special Mass in nature with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan during the Season of Creation. The event will occur on Saturday, 5th September (10am start) at St. Helens Park (39 Prospect Rd, Prospect 5082). BYO chair and plate of food. Some light refreshments and an ice-cream cart. Let Fran know if you would like a ride. 0415 124 010.

COMPUTERS FOR COMORO



As Mark prepares for his annual visit to Timor-Leste he is asking us to provide him with an item that will contribute to the welfare of the students he visits:

OLD COMPUTERS ALONG WITH THEIR PASSWORDS

The computers will be wiped and be made ready to use by the students. This technology is one of the best and most valuable ways in which to assist education in Timor-Leste.

(See John Baker in Victor/Paul Kennelly in Goolwa.)

A DREMME DRILL as well is needed for a local priest who makes Rosary Beads.

KNIGHTS' NEWS

The **July BBQ** raised \$69.70 which will assist our donation to the Vinnies' Christmas Appeal.

We are currently conducting our **Father's Day raffle** where again profits will go towards the Vinnies.

New Members This year we have lost 5 members due to ill health or leaving the area. We have 8 members left, some of whom have health issues and so we are looking for more men to join our group. Without further support it is difficult to see the Knights lasting more than 5 years which would be a great pity as we have donated thousands of dollars towards the Vinnies and other organisations facing crisis.

If you are interested in joining us see Paul at Goolwa or Des at Victor Harbor.

Next Meeting 19th August at 3pm at Goolwa.

Prospective new members would be most welcome.

Anniversaries for August Vic Davoren, Fr Peter Ward, former PP.

The **Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) South Australia** is a state



branch of a national organisation of Catholic laymen operating with the support of Australian Bishops. Founded locally in 1922 their initial purpose was to counter discrimination against Irish-Australian Catholics in employment.

As Knights of the Southern Cross, they are committed to the Church in Australia. They support each other as well as being dedicated to fostering the Christian way of life, supporting Catholic parishes and conducting extensive community service.

One of their greatest achievements has been Southern Cross Care which has an Aged Care Home in Victor and Goolwa.

We thank our Knights for their commitment and hard work over the years and pray that other generous men will join them.

KSC FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND

1st Prize \$100 meal voucher.

For V.H ...Crown Hotel For Goolwa ... Thai Days

2nd Prize for both Churches - 3 bottles of wine

3rd Prize for both Churches - 2 bottles of wine

Tickets \$5.00 ea or 3 for \$10.

45 Club winner Di and John McMahon No 38

THIS WEEK: August 15th & 16th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC - Host Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: E. O'Connell

- Chalice 2: A. Fawcner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 A. Weygood

R. 2 V. Coffey

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 L. Sunman

- Chalice 2: P. Clingan

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: A. Fawcner

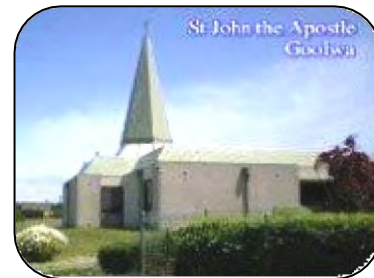
R.1 R. Lee

R.2 M. Wilcock

EMHC - Host: T. Siciliano

- Chalice 1: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2: T. Riding



NEXT WEEK: August 22nd & 23rd

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 C. Allen

EMHC - Host E. O'Shaughnessy

- Chalice 1 Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2: E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 W. Baker

R. 2 G. Ryan

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 F. Hanna

- Chalice 2 L. Sunman

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 A. Cowley

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 A. Turner

- Chalice 2 S. Muller

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **PARISH MANAGER**

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(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12noon)

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• **PARISH ENCOUNTER**

Please forward items for the news-letter 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)



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But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'

But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

YOU BELONG HERE!

Jesus ignored her. The disciples protested, "Now she's bothering us. Would you please take care of her? She's driving us crazy." Jesus refused, telling them, "I've got my hands full dealing with the lost sheep of Israel." Then the woman came back to Jesus, went to her knees, begging. "Master, help me. Jesus gave in. "Oh woman, your faith is something else. What you want is what you get!" Right then her daughter became well.

God loves every one of us and invites us into a community where everyone has a place. The Gospel reminds us that God's house is a "house of prayer" and that house is not reserved for a select few. It is open to everyone.

That sounds beautiful. But it also gives us a challenge.

What does it actually feel like to walk through the doors of our parish? Do people feel noticed, welcomed and valued? Can a young family arrive with noisy children and feel completely at home? Can someone who has been away from Church for years walk back in without feeling judged? Can an older person, a newcomer, a person who feels different, someone carrying a heavy story or someone simply wondering where they belong find a place among us?

The invitation of Jesus is bigger than simply having an open door. It is about creating a community where people genuinely know they belong.

Our parishes cannot be places where people have to fit a certain mould before they are welcomed. We are called to be communities where dignity comes before judgement, hospitality comes before assumption and relationship comes before rules.

Everyone belongs here. Not because everyone is the same, but because every person is valued, loved and created with dignity.

Perhaps the question for us is not simply, "Who comes to our parish?" but "Who might still be wondering whether there is a place for them here?" And what are we going to do about it?

GPBS eNews

DID YOU KNOW?

- The cities of Tyre and Sidon were the leading towns of ancient Phoenicia. Both cities were on the Mediterranean coast of what is now modern Lebanon. The Phoenicians were descendants of the even more ancient Canaanites who populated the area earlier.
- Israel despised the Canaanites. It loathed the Canaanite religion with its pagan gods and fertility cults and found many of their practices abominable.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(17 - 23 August)

- **Monday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 20:** St Bernard (Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14)
- **Friday, 21:** St Pius X (Ezek 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ezek 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Sunday 23:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)

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.