



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SIXTH SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

*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.



**BLESSED ARE YOU
WHO ARE POOR:
YOURS IS THE
KINGDOM OF GOD**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 1:1-4

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. <R>
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. <R>

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of

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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)

Gregory Hope, Evelyn Liston, Trevor Smallacombe, Graham Blacket, John Slagter

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter McInnes, Bruce Smallacombe

PARISH COLLECTION
8th & 9th February

1st (Presbytery) \$ 989.90
2nd (Parish) \$1,201.00
Special Appeal \$752.90

VICTOR MORNING TEA
February 16th

M. Cunningham & E. Dabinett
February 23rd
W & J Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET
February Saturdays

M. Farmer & E.O'Connell
February Sundays
R. Reid & L. Sunman

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

February C. Rivers
MORNING TEA
February T. Curtis, E. Bourne, B. Hallion

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:



FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE:

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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

You are invited to join us in The Cenacle held every Wednesday at 9.30am in St Joan of Arc Church. We start by praying 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

POPE FRANCIS PUBLISHES AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Pope Francis' widely anticipated auto-biography "Hope" hits bookshelves in 80 countries this Jubilee year and includes narrated memories, anecdotes, photos, and the Pope's thoughts on many topics.
<https://www.penguin.com.au/books/hope-9780241767160> Vatican News

SAVE THE DATE: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Date: Friday 7th March
Time: 1.30 to 3.00pm
Theme: The Cook Islands
Location: Victor: Newland-Pt Elliot Uniting Church, Victoria Street.

Goolwa: Church of Christ, 9 Porter Street.

The World Day of Prayer is always a wonderful way for us to join with other Churches in our area and around the world.



ALEX GUSMAO
FEBRUARY 14TH – 28TH



We extend a heartfelt welcome to Alexander Gusmao (Alex) who is visiting our Victor Harbor/Goolwa parish.

Alex represents Maria Auxiliadora (Mary Help of Christians) Parish, Comoro, Timor-Leste, our Sister Parish.

Alex will be at our parish weekend Masses this weekend and the next.

He is eager to meet us so come along and speak with him.

COMORO GARAGE SALE
(8TH MARCH)

The Garage Sale is a most important fundraiser in our Parish. It has always been evidence of the unity between Goolwa and Victor parishioners as they put their weight behind this event.



There are a number of ways to participate and each is as relevant as the other.

- You can donate goods**, and collection boxes will be placed in the foyers of each church.
- You can come along** on the Friday or Saturday to help in person. Roster lists will be placed at each church.
- You can make a monetary contribution** which goes in full to assist projects for our Sister Parish e.g., the recent Tasi Tolu toilet project.

OUR COMORO PRAYER

Lord, please put your arms around our sisters and brothers in Comoro so they feel comfort and hope. Grant them the means and skills to sustain them, both physically and spiritually. Help them embrace the future and trust in your will. May the prayers of our parish be an instrument of our love in building a relationship with our sisters and brothers in Comoro as we work in your name, Lord. Amen



CONGRATULATIONS TO GEMMA WOODHEAD WHO WILL TURN 85 THIS WEEKEND AND TO

CAROL SUTHERLAND
WHO WILL TURN 70
NEXT WEEK





INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Languages, with their complex implications for identity, communication, social integration, education and development, are of strategic importance for people and planet. Yet, due to globalization processes, they are increasingly under threat, or disappearing altogether. Every two weeks a language disappears taking with it an entire cultural and intellectual heritage. Multilingual and multicultural societies exist through their languages, which transmit and preserve traditional knowledge and cultures in a sustainable way.

CALL TO JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

Timothy Costelloe SDB head of the Australian Bishops Conference has urged Christians to actively support and protect Jewish-Australians under attack from "the violent and senseless attitude which goes by the name of anti-Semitism". After dozens of anti-Semitic attacks across the country and terror plots targeting the Jewish community, the Archbishop has issued a call to arms for all Australians to join the fight against "pernicious and destructive" anti-Semitism. Archbishop Costelloe said the country was confronting a "deeply unpalatable truth that for some in our society the notion of tolerance and respect for each other should not include our Jewish brothers and sisters". He says it is an expression of that senseless hatred for the Jewish people which, when once it went unchecked in Europe, resulted in the horrors of the Holocaust." CathNews

CARITAS ASIA

Caritas Asia has vowed to continue its work in supporting migrants and refugees across the region, despite the impact of the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) funding shutdown on humanitarian operations.

Dr. Benedict Alo D'Rozario, president of Caritas Asia, acknowledged the challenges ahead, particularly in light of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) losing nearly half of its \$1.5 billion annual funding, a substantial portion of which supported refugee and migrant programs.

CAN YOU HELP?

SOUTH COAST CARE

is in need of the following items:

Cereal (not Weetbix), red pasta sauce, vegemite, tuna, packets of soup, baked beans and Heinz Chunky tin meals. **Please leave them in the boxes in our foyers.**

RAY KLECKO'S RESIGNATION

Last Monday, I received a letter from Ray who wishes to resign as Parish Manager and member of our PPC due to his health issues. Ray has been involved in Catholic education and parishes for the last 50 years. During the last 8 years in the Parish Manager's position he has performed a great ministry among us. We thank you Ray. We hope that your medical tests are good and that you recover quickly. *Father Vinh*

EARTHCARE

World Wetlands Day:



**Saving our common home,
one ecosystem at a time**

World Wetlands Day, held on 2nd February, aims to raise awareness regarding the importance of these ecosystems that contribute to biodiversity, climate mitigation and adaptation, freshwater availability and more.

Three parishioners recently attended a forum on Water Local Water and Sustainable Practices at the Coorong, Murray Mouth Lower Lakes Research Centre.

Panel members include, Senior Ngarrindjeri man Lawrie Agius, Gloria Jones and South Australian Water Ambassador Karlene Maywald.

Impacts of the Millennium drought and water over-allocation across the Murray-Darling Basin left the region on the brink of environmental collapse.

Since late 2010, high flows of freshwater have returned and the region is showing signs of recovery.

However, the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth still need help and a range of environmental projects are underway to continue to improve the health of this precious site so it can cope better in future droughts. <https://www.climmresearchcentre.org/>

TO SIT OR STAND?

*There is no clear instruction in the Roman Missal about this point so as we usually do now please **REMAIN SEATED** when Father says:*

Pray my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

STAND UP as we, the people, reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church. *Father Vinh*

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF
UKRAINE**



THIS WEEK: 15th & 16th February

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC A. Fawkner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 M. Cunningham

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: M. Riddle

R. 1 D. Huppertz

R. 2 M. Freeborn

EMHC S. Muller



NEXT WEEK: 22nd & 23rd February

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 C. Huppertz

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 P. Clingan

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriver

R. 1 P. Kennelly

R. 2 A. Cowley

EMHC R. Austin

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NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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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**

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• **CHILD PROTECTION**

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Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

• **CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare)**

Cathy May (0401 584 237)



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his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the Kingdom of God. Happy are you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

**BACKGROUND ON THE
GOSPEL READING**

Today's gospel reading, is commonly known as the ‘Beatitudes’, from the Latin meaning ‘blessing’. Both Matthew and Luke report this famous sermon of Jesus, but with slight differences. The main difference is that Luke balances the ‘blessings’ with a series of ‘woes’ aimed at would-be disciples who are still bound up with the signs of success in this world.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favour

with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as “happy,” “fortunate,” or “favoured.”

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of “woes,” those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(17 - 23 February)

- **Monday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26)
- **Thursday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33)
- **Friday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time (Gen 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1)
- **Saturday, 22:** The Chair of St Peter (1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19)
- **Sunday, 23:** 7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38)

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.