



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

15th 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 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 64:10-14

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only

creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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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)

John Wallace, Claire Hamish,
Jeffery Family,
Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee,
Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson,
Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, y,
Len Peake, Ron Harris,
Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers,
Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan,
Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar,
Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner,
Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance,
Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson,
Jesse Walker, Richard Eisenkoeck,
Rose Munro,
Monsignor Robert Aitken

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patrine Harris, Hayden Harrop,
Mary Davis, Bob Willis

PARISH COLLECTION

8th & 9th July
1st (Presbytery) \$916.85
2nd (Parish) \$1,432.05
NATSICC \$548.80

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

21st July
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons
28th July & 4th August
W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

VICTOR MORNING TEA

16th July
A. Temme & M. Chalmers
23 July
F. Hanna & L. McCallum

VICTOR MEET & GREET

July Saturdays
M. Farmer & C. Huppertz
July Sundays
R. Reid & M. Cunningham

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

July
J. McInnes
Morning Tea
V. Scriva, C. Rivers, S. Lee

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

For a Eucharistic Life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



FROM ARCHBISHOP O'REGAN



Catholic Archdiocese
of Adelaide



Grace and peace, I hope that this note finds you well.

The Archdiocese is a community of Communities. While each Parish, School and Community has its own identity, structure and leadership, we are united in the love of Christ as the Church, and filled with God's Holy Spirit for mission.

Our diversity is always a gift to be cherished and celebrated but it is also good to be reminded of what we share in common.

Together, we are the Body of Christ, and each of us members of that Body, called to serve.

So it is with great joy and hope that we present to you the Vision and Mission Statements of our Archdiocese of Adelaide.

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

OUR ARCHDIOCESAN VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

VISION

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide strives to be a welcoming, Christ-centered community of believers serving others. As missionary disciples we are committed to building up the Body of Christ by listening, discerning and growing in the spirit, journeying together.

MISSION STATEMENT

As followers of Jesus Christ, loved by God, nurtured and formed in community we are called to be
Sharers of faith, hope and love
Builders of bridges
Healers of broken relationships
Agents of transformation in our world.

We've made a list and checked it twice...and there were some names missing, so if you want to come to our Christmas in July Dinner on 21st you have until 15th July or you'll miss the fun & games. Colleen Pearsons 0405 634 744 or Pat Clingan 0410 593 617



VINNIES' JULY MEETING

will take place on Thursday 20th July after 9.00am Mass at Victor.

THANK YOU VINNIES!

In the month of May twenty three companions on the South Coast rang Vinnies seeking assistance for food, clothing, rent relief and help with electricity bills.

We call them companions because they are on the same journey as we all are or as Pope Francis says we are all rowing in the same boat. Kevin Phillips, President.

Vinnies are always looking for others to join their group even if you don't have a lot of time to spare. Every little helps.

Contact people:

Kevin Phillips Goolwa 0478 609 820.
Wendy Baker Victor 0438 525 477

A SMALL MIRACLE for our COMORO COMPUTER HUB PROJECT

Mark Leaney reports from Comoro:

We needed 10 computer tables for the Centre. Handed it over to Our Lord. The very next day we had our 10 tables as if they had been delivered by the angels, right to the very office where we had a Parish Pastoral Council meeting the night before. Unbelievable!

A batch had come from the Brisbane Rotary on the same day! They are good second hand classroom desks and will do the job well.

RIP FR. KEVIN O'LOUGHLIN

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Fr Kevin O'Loughlin (our Parish Priest from 1987 - 1993) who died last Wednesday morning. His niece, Patrice, had stayed with him overnight. May he rest in peace.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

15th Sunday in Ord. Time Yr. A

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain.

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

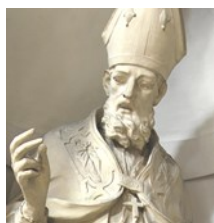
The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.



SAINT APOLLINARIS

Feast Day 20th July

(d. c.79)



According to tradition, Saint Peter sent Apollinaris to Ravenna, Italy, as its first bishop. His preaching of the Good News was so successful that the

pagans there beat him and drove him from the city. He returned, but was exiled a second time. After preaching in the area surrounding Ravenna, he entered the city again. After being cruelly tortured, he was put on a ship heading to Greece. Pagans there caused him to be expelled to Italy, where he went to Ravenna for a fourth time. He died from wounds received during a savage beating at Classis, a suburb of Ravenna. A beautiful basilica honouring him was built there in the sixth century.

Franciscan Media



**PRAY FOR
THE PEOPLE OF
UKRAINE**

KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS REPORT JULY 2023.



SPECIAL PRAYERS for all sick members in our branch and parish, especially Jan Fitzgerald as she recovers from suffering a severe stroke.

Again our condolences to Ron Harris for the loss of his beloved wife Patrine.

FUNDRAISING Coming soon Fathers' Day wine quiz (our best value so far) starting in August and in November Melbourne Cup celebrations.

PRAYER FORMATION

Our last faith talk was great. Every member opened about their faith journey over their lives with complete honesty. Our best faith formation session yet.

ANNIVERSARIES OF KSC MEMBERS

JULY Wilfred Pak Poy, (Prof) David Galliver and Bryon Constable.

DONATIONS At the June meeting \$300 each was donated to Whalers group assisting homeless people and those helping people find housing, Vinnies winter appeal, and Catherine house who assist abused women and those who are homeless.

NEXT MEETING

at Goolwa 19th July at 4 pm.

DEATH OF BOB WILLIS

Bob Willis passed away last Monday morning, 10th July in Flora MacDonald Lodge Cowandilla where he had lived for the last few years.

Bob will be remembered for his beautiful singing voice and his fund of entertaining anecdotes. Our condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.

PREPARING FOR SEPTEMBER SEASON OF CREATION



Parishioners are invited to contribute to the planning for this month. Why not join

with others over **lunch from 12 noon on July 25th** at Di Shearer's home in Port Elliot. Bring a simple plate of food to share or a drink.

Contact Di on 0448 536 835

if you would like to attend.

Or register your interest with

Rosemary Austin 0438 606 630 or

Fran Hanna 0415 124 010 even if you

don't intend to come to the lunch but would like to be part of the prayerful planning. *Let's do this together.*

THIS WEEK 15th & 16th July

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 J. Ryan

R.2 S. Duong

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 P. Clingan

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 L. Healy

EMHC S. Muller



NEXT WEEK 22nd & 23rd July

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppatz

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 F. Hanna

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriver

R. 1 M. Mulvihill

R. 2 J. Ryan

EMHC R. Austin

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **PARISH MANAGERS**

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Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
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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*)

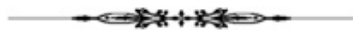
• **PARISH TREASURER**

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

• **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

• **CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare)**
Cathy May (0401 584 237)



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(*Current from 13/07/23*)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact.

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Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'



PATIENT GARDENER

Jesus said, "*What do you make of this? A farmer planted seed. As he scattered the seed, some fell on the road, and birds ate it. Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn't put down roots, so when the sun came up it*

withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled by the weeds. Some fell on good earth, and produced a harvest beyond his wildest dreams. Are you listening to this? Really listening?" (Matthew 13: 3 - 9)

I planted my first-ever garden. I have no idea what I'm doing. I searched online for "what plants grow like crazy". Bishop's weed. "Spreads quickly and difficult to eradicate," the description said. Sounds like good ground cover to me, and it's prettier than the name implies. I already have a rose of Sharon (of Song of Solomon fame) and a burning bush (which turns red in autumn), so I decided to stick with the religious theme and added a lily of the valley, also known as Mary's tears and a symbol of purity and humility. Finally, I planted two bleeding hearts to represent the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary. With so many allusions of my faith already, I think a statue of Saint Francis of Assisi would be overkill!

All of the plants I chose are hardy, the kinds of plants Jesus was talking about in his parable about seeds that bear fruit. I relate more to the giant unruly lilac along my driveway. It has an invasive tree growing up in the middle that I can't get rid of no matter how much I hack at it, and it hasn't bloomed in two years because of unusually long, cold winters. I wanted to rip the whole thing out, by my best friend, an experienced gardener, advised that I give it another year. I trust that God is as patient with me. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(*17 - 23 July*)

- **Monday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 - 11:1)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27)
- **Thursday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Friday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Mt 12:1-8)
- **Saturday, 22:** St Mary Magdalene (Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)
- **Sunday 23:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-30)

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.