



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

11th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME - YEAR B

*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

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:
'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I

say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

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

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know.

Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he

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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, Natalie Millar, Ann Tee, Bailey Smallacombe, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Geoff Munro, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Mollie Davis, David Lee, Ann Hannagan, Cath Howard, Trudi McNamara, Allen Odgers Elizabeth Nance, Jesse Walker J. Millar, Rose Munro, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, William Ash, Eloise Ash, Gavin Schumacher, Jim Ryan, Leonie Hassan, Fr Vinh Tran, Mairead Cummings

RECENTLY DECEASED

Pat Edward, Bette Higgins

PARISH COLLECTION
8th & 9th June

1st (Presbytery) \$1,099.55
2nd (Parish) \$1,218.90

VICTOR MORNING TEA
16th June

A. Temme & M. Chalmers
23rd June
W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET
June Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson
June Sundays
R. Reid & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET
June S. & R. Lee

MORNING TEA

June P. Kennelly, J. Ryan
M. O'Halloran.

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE:

FOR THOSE FLEEING THEIR OWN COUNTRIES

Let us pray that migrants fleeing war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.



MESSAGE FROM FR VINH

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, care and support. I am responding well to the treatment. This week my doctor has added another medication to my current treatment. Thank you for your active involvement and participation in the parish. Our visiting priests say that our parish is very active and welcoming. Thanks to you all. Fr Vinh

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

VINNIES – NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19th June at St John the Apostle, Goolwa, after 9.30am Liturgy.

We welcome those who may be thinking of joining and are interested in how Vinnies helps!

VINNIES - WINTER IS COMING IN

Winter Appeal envelopes are still available at both churches. Or go online

www.vinnies.org.au or phone 13 18 12.

All donations go to South Coast people.

Thank you for caring.

SOUTHERN CROSS Congratulations to Rosemary Austin for her letter published in the Southern Cross. Read Rosemary's letter and many other interesting articles in the June version available in our porches including one on the 70th Anniversary of Hutt St Centre.

OUR CELEBRATION OF BETTE HIGGINS'

LIFE will take place on Monday 17th June at St Joan's at 11.00am.

Our sympathy to all her family and friends.

May she rest in peace.



KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS REPORT JUNE 2024

BBQ Our June BBQ raised \$116.75 and we are grateful for all who gave support or donated to the cause. The next BBQ is on July 7th after 9.00am Mass



DONATIONS As reported previously our branch donated \$1000 to kick off the Vinnies Winter Appeal this year.

It may be of interest that *all branches of the Knights combined* have donated \$56,000 this year already to many worthy causes asking for help.

ANNIVERSARIES Bryan Henderson and late wife Jan, Rex Hodges and late wife Pauline as well as Kevin Luke and his late wife Marie.

All of the above had one thing in common in that they all were great volunteers in their time in the parish.

The next Knights' meeting is at Goolwa Wednesday 19th June at 4.00 pm.

GOOLWA SECONDARY COLLEGE

is looking for volunteers to help with its new "repair cafe". People interested and are experienced in woodwork, sewing, alterations and skills in general fixing are being sought. For all expressions of interest please ring the school and ask for Amy at 7505 4027.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY JUNE 20TH

This year, World Refugee Day focuses on solidarity with refugees – for a world where refugees are welcomed.

Refugees need our solidarity now more than ever. Solidarity means keeping our doors open, celebrating their strengths and achievements, seeing the challenges they face.

Solidarity with people forced to flee also means finding solutions to their plight – ending conflicts so they can return home in safety, ensuring they have opportunities to thrive in the communities that have welcomed them, and providing countries with the resources they need to include and support refugees. *We give thanks for those in our parish who came as refugees, including Fr Vinh.*

Victor Harbor Refugee Support Group

Marjorie Keeble marjoriekeeble@gmail.com Is the secretary of the Victor Harbor Refugee Support Group. One item they are always grateful to receive is any iPad you would like to pass on.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND





RESPONSORIAL PSALM
11th SUNDAY in ORD. TIME, YR.B-2

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to Your name, O Most High, to proclaim Your love in the morning and Your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green to proclaim that the Lord is just. In Him, my rock, there is no wrong.



SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA
Feast Day 21st June (d.1591)

St. Aloysius Gonzaga's outstanding quality was his radiant purity and the Church praises this perfect innocence with the words, "Thou has made him little less than the angels." He was baptized in the womb, because his life was in danger, and made a vow of chastity at the age of nine. When he was sixteen he joined the Society of Jesus and died at the age of twenty-three in 1591 as a result of his devoted nursing of the plague-stricken.
Catholic Culture



80TH BIRTHDAY!!!
John Baker will celebrate his 80th birthday on 18th June.
Congratulations John.

DO WE VALUE THE SIGN OF PEACE AT MASS

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." [John 14:27]

When we offer those around us the **Sign of Peace**, is it an expression of love and heartfelt gratitude for the other person or simply a gesture that we make.

Jesus knew the power of connecting with each and every person with kindness, love, and compassion by offering the gift of peace, a peace that the world cannot give.

THE MONTH OF JUNE IS DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

a devotion which began in the 12th Century and gained popularity after Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 1670s, revealing to her the image of His Sacred Heart. It is a month dedicated, therefore, to contemplating the wonderful mystery of the human heart of Jesus that contains all of God's eternal, infinite, self-giving love for each person. *Pope Francis has said that it is easier for us to believe in our own love for God than it is for us to believe in God's love for us.* In this month, the Church invites us to contemplate the Sacred Heart of Jesus and let ourselves be convinced of God's passionate love for us.



EARTHCARE MATTERS

"We often forget that we are nature. Nature is not something separate from us. So when we say that we have lost our connection to nature, we have lost our connection to ourselves."
— Andy Goldsworthy

In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis gently reminds us, "Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it." This truth must be absorbed slowly over time, through a combination of personal and ecological conversion.

What is ecology, ecological? We hear it so often. Ecology is the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment. Our Australian Bishops have an office of Justice, Ecology and Peace <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

LOOKING AFTER OUR COASTS

Our Coastcare volunteers continue their work to keep our coastline healthy. Notes from one of their working bees. "Continuation from the last working bee removing euphorbia (invasive plant.) It was quite dense as this area has not been worked by Coastcare in some time. There is still a lot to do before we reach our previous work areas in this dune location." A continuing battle. Thank you Coastcare.



THIS WEEK: 15th & 16th June

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

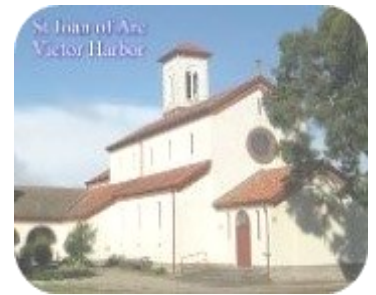
Commentator: L. Blacket
R.1 M. Mulvihill
R.2 C. Sutherland
EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan
R. 1 A. Weygood
R. 2 R. Klecko
EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scrivera
R. 1 E. Bourne
R. 2 C. May
EMHC T. Siciliano



NEXT WEEK: 22nd & 23rd June

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy
R.1 C. Huppatz
R.2 L. Blacket
EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna
R. 1 K. Dudley
R. 2 A. Williss
EMHC L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle
R. 1 L. Healey
R. 2 Michael Riddle
EMHC A. Turner

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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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Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

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

DID YOU KNOW?

- Parables are very short stories with a double meaning. They act like metaphors and can be interpreted very broadly. To understand the parables of Jesus we must be attentive to both the literal and metaphorical language used.
- The nearness of the kingdom (or reign) of God is the central plank of the teaching of Jesus in Mark's Gospel.
- The term 'kingdom of God' occurs only in the New Testament but similar expressions are found in the Old Testament. It refers to a time when God's will would be done on Earth.
- Matthew uses the term 'kingdom of heaven' as a way of avoiding the use of the sacred name of God.

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starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.



LISTENING TO TREES

If you ever wanted to reduce the teachings of Jesus to a single theme, you might not do better than to focus on the kingdom of God. "The kingdom" isn't a fairytale place of castles and royal courts. The reign of God, as some translators phrase it, is a matter of allegiance more than geography. We don't move to "kingdom come" when we die. We reside there in the here and now if we choose God's way over our way in every decision.

Jesus compares the kingdom to a tiny seed hidden in the ground small, obscure, seemingly without relationship to anything but its secret self. But kingdom seed will emerge to become its own universe of roots and branches, connecting earth and sky and all of life together. What seemed irrelevant becomes paramount. What was unseen emerges as dominant against the horizon. It is so impossible to imagine that one day, everything we can hold in our hands will become worthless? And that invisible things like truth, goodness, faith, love, hope and justice will become the only things that matter?

How do you invest in the kingdom today? What seeds are you sowing now for the harvest to come?

THANKS, DAD

I distinctly recall the day when my faith took firm hold. I was 7 years old and my sisters and I had just been

summoned by my dad to join him and mum around the kitchen table. It was late in the evening. Dad had been working late at the office. Sometimes when he came home late he'd have a packet of chocolate biscuits or a bag of lollies to share with us, but this night he just wanted to talk.

"Children," he said, "I know you're excited about Christmas, but I want to make sure you understand what it all means. I've been thinking about this a lot, and I just want to make sure you get it. God chose to come to earth as a baby – a tiny newborn baby – not a king, not some mighty warrior who would force us to do God's will. No, God chose to come to us as a helpless, needy babe, swaddled and cuddled by his mother and watched over by his father.

"Just think about what that says about who God is: God is a God of love and peace; of tenderness and care. That's the God we believe in. That's the God you want to follow."

And thus my father, like Jesus, spoke in words we could understand, scattered the seeds of faith and watched it grow in his children. Thanks, Dad, for the most memorable sermon on the Incarnation I've ever heard. Thanks Mum and Dad for sharing a living faith with us.

GPBS eNews



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(17 - 23 June)

- **Monday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (1Kg 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (1 Kg 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Kg 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (Sirach 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Friday, 21:** St Aloysius Gonzaga (2 Kg 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23)
- **Saturday, 22:** Sts John Fisher and Thomas More (2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34)
- **Sunday 23:** 12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41)

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 0438 364 870.