



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

33RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

Vol 13 : 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

Malachi 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:5-9

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. <R>
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. <R>
3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. <R>

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table

without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now-the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed'.

And they put to him this question:

(Continued page 4)



Bulletin Board

SPECIAL INTENTIONS (These names will be removed after one month. To keep names on this list please contact Parish Office)

Graham Blacket, Paul Fahey,
John Tregeagle, Betty Berry,
Geoff & Rose Munro, Mark Kelly,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Mary Ferguson, Pat Mezzino,
Pat Chigwidden, Robyn Kelly,
Stephen Chalmers, Lourdes Carle,
Sandy Lee, Tony Mawdsley,
Janet Murray, Claire Galpin,
Rosene Edwards, Shaun Edwards

ANNIVERSARIES

Dan Kennelly, Chris McCarthy,
Jim Huppatz, Dorothy Higgins,
Reginald Meade, Frank Scriva

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kay Pickering, Fred Tee

PARISH COLLECTION 8th & 9th November

1st (Presbytery) \$1205.00
2nd (Parish) \$1173.00
For Priests \$1190.05

VICTOR MORNING TEA 23rd November

F. Hanna & V. Coffey

VICTOR MEET & GREET November Saturdays

H. Anderson

November Sundays

R. Reid & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET November

R. Lee

MORNING TEA November

V. Scriva, C. Rivers,
P. Stone, P. Lowe

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF
UKRAINE and
THE HOLY LAND**



HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER INTENTIONS:

For NOVEMBER. For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

2025 VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: SAVE THE DATE:

If you can help we invite you:

Tuesday 16 December 9.30a.m. (St Joan's Annex):

To unpack donated food items

Thursday 18 December 9.30a.m. (St Joan's Annex):

To pack Christmas hampers.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS HAVE ARRIVED!!

Now on sale, \$8 per pack of 10.

This year's lovely designs reflect the true meaning of Christmas.

Columban Calendars also available for \$11.00

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS with GIFT SUGGESTIONS FOR RESIDENTS AT EMMANUEL CARE AND VICTORIA HOUSE

Without our gifts some residents may not receive a Christmas gift.
Cards with gift suggestions will be given out after our weekend Masses.



RAFFLE FOR COMORO

with FOUR EXCITING PRIZES

including a basket of goodies from
Terry White Chemists

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Sold after Masses

Drawn on 6th December



ADVENT TEA

Redeemer Lutheran Church invites everyone to their Advent Tea on Sunday
30th November from 6-9pm at St John the Apostle Church Goolwa.

Please bring finger food, savoury or sweet to share and your BYO drinks and glasses. There is a sheet at St John's entrance if you would like to attend or you can phone Betty 0423 635 400 or Mary 0477 978 344

There will be Carols and Quizzes to enjoy. This is always a very special night.

**45 Club Winning number for Week 7 is 34. Lucky winners
Paul and Jane Kennelly**

SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE

Thank you to Cathy May who has held this role during the last few years.

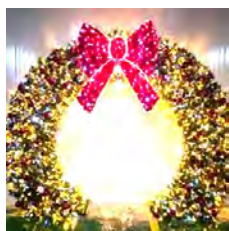
We will farewell her on Sunday at Goolwa at 9.00am Mass.

Welcome to Jim Dabinett who is taking on the role. The role encompasses undertaking workplace inspections to ensure there is a safe environment for all our parish activities. Jim will participate in and report to the Parish Financial Council.

THE PROMISE, ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS - 2025

This booklet is now available in the porch. You are invited to use it for your own reflection during Advent. You are also welcome to organise your own group or join with the Lectio Divina on each Sunday of Advent at 5pm in the Annex. Cost is \$7.00 and available at the information section in our porches.

Bulletin Board



CHRISTMAS DINNER 2025

*Step through the Christmas Arch into our
Social Club Christmas Dinner
at St Joan's on Friday 28th November at 6.00pm.*

*Start the Christmas Season with wonderful
company, food and BYO drinks and glass.*

Always a great night.

Organise your table or if you prefer we can do it for you.

The cost is the same as last year ...

*\$20 per head for turkey, ham and salad dinner with
Christmas pudding and custard or fruit salad and ice cream.*

*There will be a Christmas Hamper raffle and
maybe the chocolate wheel.*

*Ring or text Pat Clingan before 21st November
with your numbers and money on 0410 593 617.*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - NEW MEMBERS WANTED

The current Council's term expired at the October meeting.

Parishioners who may be interested in joining the Council please contact Pat or Fr Vinh at Victor or Paul or Marilyn at Goolwa.

The work of the Council is a vital one. It is to oversee the Parish Vision and Mission statement as well as the general running of the parish. As we have a separate Financial Committee there are no financial discussions.

Meetings are monthly and alternately at Victor and Goolwa. Transport is easily arranged. Many thanks to Peter Redden for serving on the Pastoral Council for the past two years. Peter will now be retiring. Also thanks to Marilyn Freeborn who has proved to be an excellent secretary for the Council.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GOOLWA

November 23rd. Messy Church service from 2.30pm at St John's.

Saturday November 29th. We are asking for volunteers to assist us in putting out our Christmas decorations in the Church. We will begin at 9.30am

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN GOOLWA SUNDAY DEC 7TH FROM 6PM.

Cold meats and salad will be supplied. BYO drinks and glasses.

Our choir group will provide some Christmas carols to sing along with. As this is a night conducted by the Knights where we wish to show our appreciation for support given during the year from all our parish. The price to join us is just \$10 per head.

We encourage parishioners to attend each others' Christmas celebrations.



GOOLWA PAGEANT Sunday morning 7th December

There will be road blockages by our church. Please check the notice board.

The Knights' Christmas raffle from Nov 29th

1st prize Victor Harbor is \$100 voucher to Whalers Restaurant, Encounter Bay

1st Prize for Goolwa is \$100 voucher to Goolwa Hotel.

2nd prize for both parishes is 4 bottles of red or white,

3rd prize for both parishes is 2 bottled red or white wine

Please see Des Wallace at Victor and Paul or John at Goolwa for tickets.

Tickets will be 3 for \$10 or \$5 each.

Anniversary. November David Wark who was general manager of Southern Care as well as a Knights' member for many years

THIS WEEK: 15th & 16th November

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 C. Allen

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 V. Coffey

EMHC A. Rose

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: A. Fawcner

R1 E. Bourne

R2 R. Lee

EMHC S. Muller



NEXT WEEK: 22nd & 23rd November

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC J. Baker

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R1 P. Kennelly

R2 A. Cowley

EMHC T. Siciliano

**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)
Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• **PARISH MANAGER**

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

• **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 (Safety, Health, Welfare) please contact the Parish Office.



(Continued from page 1)

'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand". Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.

**THE LIGHT THAT
DIDN'T GO OUT**

It was the last week of term, and everyone was exhausted. At St. Mary's, the classrooms buzzed with that end-of-year mix of excitement and chaos. But for Ria, a Year 8 student, the week felt heavier than usual.

Her friends had started teasing her for being "too churchy." She'd mentioned that she was helping with the parish youth group's Christmas appeal, and they'd laughed, telling her that nobody cared about "that religious stuff" anymore.

That night, Ria told her mum she didn't want to go to youth group anymore. "What's the point?" she said. "People just think it's weird."

Her mum smiled gently. "You know, Jesus went through the same thing. He kept loving people, even when they didn't understand. Sometimes being faithful means standing firm when it's not popular." Ria didn't say much, but the words stuck.

The next afternoon, she went to the parish hall anyway. It was hot, noisy, and full of boxes – food, toys, and donated clothes for families doing it tough. An older man from the parish thanked her for showing up. "It makes a difference, love," he said quietly. "You're helping keep the light on for someone who needs hope."

As Ria helped pack the last box, she realised something simple but powerful. Faith wasn't about being liked. It was about love. It was about endurance. It was about showing up when others might not.

When she walked into school the next morning, one of the girls who'd teased her asked, "So what did you even do there?" Ria smiled. "We packed food for families who don't have much this Christmas. It actually felt good to help." The girl hesitated, then said, "That's... kinda cool."

Ria grinned. The light hadn't gone out. It never would. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 November)

- **Monday, 14:** St Elizabeth of Hungary (1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Lk 18:35-43)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 33 (2 Macc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 33 (2 Macc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28)
- **Thursday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 33 (1 Macc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44)
- **Friday, 18:** Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-5; Lk 19:45-48)
- **Saturday, 19:** St Cecilia (1 Macc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40)
- **Sunday 20:** Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE (2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43)

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.