



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**TWENTIETH 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.

*I have come to set the earth on  
fire, and how I wish it were  
already blazing!*

Luke 12:49-53

### FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10**

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 39:2-4, 18**

*Lord, come to my aid!*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. <R>
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet

upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. <R>

3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. <R>
4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay. <R>

### SECOND READING

**Hebrews 12:1-4**

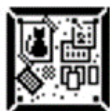
With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne*. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Jn10:27**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!* (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, John Blacket, Paul Fahey, John Tregeagle, Betty Berry, Geoff & Rose Munro, Mark Kelly, Pat Mezzino, Tommy & Eileen McCoey, Mairead & Neil Cummings, Mary Ferguson, Pat Chigwidden, Robyn Kelly, Stephen Chalmers

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Maureen Farmer, Brian Fitzgerald

### ANNIVERSARIES

Sheila Hanna, Mollie McGee, Ian Reid

### PARISH COLLECTION 9th & 10th August

1st (Presbytery)	\$871.50
2nd (Parish)	\$985.20
Seminarians	\$308.50

### VICTOR MORNING TEA 17th August

F. Hanna & V. Coffey  
24th August  
W. & J. Baker

**VICTOR MEET & GREET**  
**August Saturdays**  
C. Huppatz  
**August Sundays**  
R. Reid & L. Sunman

### 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 HOLY LAND**



### HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER 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.



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA  
The Catholic agency  
for international aid  
and development

Caritas Australia invites us to light a candle and pray for the people of Gaza and especially the children who are experiencing starvation.

*God of light, You meet us in the darkest places.*

*We pray today that all people may work with you*

*to dispel the darkness of violence and war.*

*May this fragile light be a sign of hope for the people of Gaza.*

*May they find healing and lasting peace.*



### Caritas Australia Gaza Appeal reports

*Despite dangerous and challenging conditions, our partners on the ground are continuing to deliver emergency aid and are adapting their approach where it is needed.*

If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal please donate online at [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or speak to Fran Hanna 0415 124 010.

### PEACE TALKS FOR UKRAINE

We pray that peace talks taking place around this time will bring an end to the continuing war in Ukraine where the effects of the war are devastating the people, the land and the economy. 9 million are now living in poverty.

### THANKS TO OUR VISITING PRIESTS

For the next two weekends Fr Roderick O'Brien will be with us for Mass. Fr Roderick served in the parishes of Morphett Vale, Naracoorte and Albert Park before leaving Australia to teach in China for seven years with the Columbans. When he returned to Adelaide he was appointed parish priest at Salisbury where he served for 16 years before moving to Lefevre Parish. *A feature of his ministry in recent times has been a popular faith formation program involving presentations on a wide range of issues and topics at the Sacred Heart Church meeting rooms.*

### INVITATION TO A TALK BY FATHER RODERICK - AUGUST 24TH IN THE ANNEX AFTER 11AM MASS

Fr Roderick O'Brien is presenting a talk in the Annex after 11am Mass on 24<sup>th</sup> August on

#### **Faith and Forgiveness: Insights from the Life of Jan Ruff-Aherne.**

Many of you will have heard of Jan Ruff who was the first European woman to speak out about the experience of the so-called "comfort-women" during WW2. Father's talk will go for an hour and a Subway roll will be provided for lunch with a cuppa. *Please contact Pat Clingan on 0410 593 617 if you are attending.*

### VINNIES NEXT MEETING

Thursday 17th July, 9.30am at Victor Harbor. New members welcome.



## KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS - AUGUST NEWSLETTER

1. Our monthly BBQ raised \$62 in August. Thanks to all who supported and donated.
  2. Father's Day raffle has begun very well, tickets still available from John at Goolwa and Des at Victor Harbor.
  3. Goolwa will be hosting our parish Melbourne Cup Day on the 1st Tuesday in Nov. Please keep the date in mind.
  4. **Happy 80th birthday to Member Joe Ryan.** Thank you Joe for making our parish a much happier place by your cheerful presence.
  5. Next meeting: Wednesday 20th August at 3pm.
  6. Anniversaries: Fr Peter Ward, Former PP, Vic Davoren, Geoff Oates
- The Knights are seeking men in the parish to join our group.**  
**We have faith formation discussions as well as fundraising events to allow us to donate towards those in need. Over the last 3 years we have raised over \$5000. Please ring Paul on 0402 852 825.**



**DEAR JOE**  
**HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY**  
**FROM US ALL**

## ARCHDIOCESAN (SA) SYNOD - MAY NEXT YEAR

Over the last few years we have had many gatherings in the Australian Church as well as the Global Synod in Rome. We have sent in our hopes and dreams. But we sometimes wonder if anything is changing.

There are signs of change. For one thing many more lay people are taking part in these assemblies. Lay people are seen as equally part of the Church as priests and bishops. We just have different roles. Women were equal participants with voting rights in the Global Synod.



Another thing that has changed and gives hope for the future is a **new way of discerning** what needs to happen in our Church, in the world, in our local area. It is illustrated in the way the Global Synod in Rome was organised. No longer bishops in lecture theatres hearing what is to be decided and then voting for it with no discussion.

Rather bishops, priests, lay people sitting at circular tables, **each sharing their opinions, being listened to and then time made for prayer – listening for what the Spirit is saying to us.**

Our Archdiocesan Synod in 2026 is **the next step** in the ongoing process of Church renewal. More as we travel together on the way. Website: <https://www.togetherontheway.au/>

*Heavenly Father,  
 We pray for a generous response to those  
 whose livelihoods in South Australia are threatened  
 by the algal bloom and by drought.  
 Guide the decisions of leaders,  
 organizations and communities  
 as they respond to these disasters.  
 Give them wisdom to act swiftly and effectively and help them  
 to make choices that bring hope and restoration.  
 Lord, may Your Spirit guide their steps and inspire unity and collaboration.  
 In Jesus' name, Amen.*



THIS WEEK: 16th & 17th August

## VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket  
 R.2 C. Allen

EMHC A. Fawcner

## Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 K. Dudley  
 R. 2 M. Cunningham

EMHC A. Rose

## GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: A. Fawcner

R1 D. Huppertz  
 R2 R. Lee

EMHC S. Muller



NEXT WEEK: 23th & 24th August

## VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppertz

R.1 M. Mulvihill  
 R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

## Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 A. Weygood  
 R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC J. Baker

## GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R1 P. Kennelly  
 R2 A. Cowley

EMHC R. Austin



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RAMINDJERI land

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### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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In an emergency: Fr Richard Morris  
(0403 367 033)
- **PARISH MANAGER**  
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12 noon)  
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(All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)
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  - Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8159)
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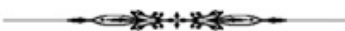
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### GOSPEL

**Luke 12:49-53**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'



### THE COFFEE SHOP FIRE

Maria was the kind of teacher 16 everyone liked. She never rocked the boat, kept her head down, and was known for her calm, polite Catholic faith – Mass on Sundays, the occasional rosary, and volunteering for the parish cake sale.

On Monday after school, she was marking papers in her favourite coffee shop when she overheard two young adults at the next table talking about religion.

"I don't know how anyone still believes that stuff," one said, scrolling on his phone. "Yeah," the other replied. "The Church just tells people what they want to hear so they'll give money."

Maria felt her cheeks get warm. She wasn't angry – she was burning. She thought of Jesus' words she had read in morning prayer: "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already blazing!"

She realised the "fire" wasn't about comfort – it was about truth that warms and purifies, even when it makes people uncomfortable. And suddenly she knew: she's been living like a pilot light, always on but never sparking anything.

She prayed a quick, silent Come, Holy Spirit and leaned over with a smile. "Sorry to interrupt, but I overheard you talking about the Church. I'm a

Catholic, and I get why you might feel that way. But I've also seen how the Church fed the hungry, taught generations of kids – including mine – about dignity and hope. If you ever want to hear about that side, I'd be happy to share."

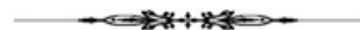
They looked surprised. Not defensive just ... curious. One said, "Maybe some time." And that was it. No dramatic conversion, no heated debate. But Maria walked away lighter. She'd stepped into the baptism of courage Jesus had been asking of her.

That night, she told her husband: "I think I've been mistaking 'nice' for being 'on fire.' But Jesus didn't come to make me nice – he came to make me burn for the Kingdom."

GPBS eNews

### Rejoice in your ability to serve

- In giving and not in hoarding, we will know God with us.
- In sharing and not in keeping, we will know God with us.
- In helping and not in counting hours, we will know God with us.
- In friendship and not in rejection, we will know God with us.



### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 21 August)

- **Monday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Judges 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Judges 6:11-24; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 20:** St Bernard (Judges 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 21:** St Pius X (Judges 11:29-39; Mt 22:1-14)
- **Friday, 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Sunday 24:** 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30)

### 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 0403 367 033.