



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

TWENTY-FOURTH 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

*Ecclesiasticus 27:30 -28:7*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 102:1-4, 9-12*

*The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

### SECOND READING

*Romans 14:7-9*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we

die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 13:34*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.*

*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 18:21-35*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants.

When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Margaret Peake, Adrian Langtry, Joe O'Shaughnessy

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Dr. Nigel Quadros

**PARISH COLLECTION**  
10th & 11th September

1st (Presbytery) \$975.15  
2nd (Parish) \$1,284.25

**VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER**  
15th September

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons  
22nd & 29th September  
W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

**VICTOR MORNING TEA**  
17th September

A. Temme & M. Chalmers  
24th September  
Wendy & John Baker

**VICTOR MEET & GREET**  
September Saturdays

M. Farmer & E. O'Connell  
September Sundays  
R. Reid & A. Rose

**GOOLWA MEET & GREET**  
September L. Clayson

**GOOLWA MORNING TEA**

September C. May, A. Turner & S. Lee

**ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP**

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.  
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER : FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MARGINS :**

**We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions ; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Our 2023 Annual General Assembly** will take place on Sunday 29th October at St Joan's from 12 noon to 3.00pm including lunch and afternoon tea.

**ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB** will hold their Christmas Dinner on Friday 1st December.

**CENTACARE CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES**

The generosity of Catholic Charities is funding six projects across Centacare Catholic Family Services in 2023. Young people challenged by substance misuse issues, and Aboriginal elders, carers and secondary school students are among the clients who will benefit from a generous \$224,500 donation. **Please take home an envelope for Catholic Charities month and read what is being done with our donations. These can be placed on the collection plate or donations can be made online at [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au)**

**"TOGETHER " FOR THE OCTOBER WORLD SYNOD**

We will be having our final prayer **together** for the World Synod straight after Mass on Wednesday 27th September at St John's.



**THERE WILL BE AN EXTRA SPECIAL PRAYER VIGIL ON SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER AT 10AM.**

**PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD, THE COMING TOGETHER OF BISHOPS, CLERGY AND LAY PEOPLE IN ROME IN OCTOBER:**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

**SEASON OF CREATION**

*Let Justice and Peace flow like a mighty river*



**WEEK 3 - HOPE**

There is real wisdom, in the saying 'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.'

**Springtime is a season of optimism and hope,**

and the Christian lives a faith centred on hope. Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone, just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and beyond.

**We live a resurrection life reflected in the new life springing up around us.**

Creator God, teach me to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, where everything speaks to me of you.

**Am I aware of your voice calling me to listen and respond with hope-filled compassion?**

**HOW THE MURRAY WAS FORMED**



**FIRST NATIONS DREAMING**

In the Dreaming (time of creation) Ngurunderi, one of the great ancestral heroes of the Ngarrindjeri people, travelled down the Murray

River in a bark canoe. At that

time the river was only a small stream below the junction with the Darling River.

*A giant cod fish (Ponde) swam ahead of the Ngurunderi, widening the river with sweeps of its tail. At last Ponde was speared after it had left the Murray River and had swum into Lake Alexandrina. Ngurunderi divided the fish with his stone knife and created a new species of fish from each piece*

**St John's leadlight window and the style of fittings on the altar reflect our rivers and ocean.**

**St Joan's Windows feature our ocean and river and another fish species of our river the "bony bream". It also features Kondoli the whale.**

**45 CLUB**

**Please contact**

**Robert Lee if you would like to take part in the new series.**

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# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A**  
*The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless His holy name  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all His blessings.

It is He who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to a end;  
He will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the  
earth  
so strong is His love for those who fear Him  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does He remove our sins.



## SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG & COMPAN- IONS

### Feast Day 20th September

During the 17th century the  
Christian faith was brought  
to Korea by lay persons.  
Many of these Christians  
suffered martyrdom during the 19th centu-  
ry. Among the most notable were Andrew  
Kim Taegon, the first Korean priest, and the  
lay apostle, Paul Chong Hasang; they were  
canonized by Pope John Paul II on May 6,  
1984. Today's feast honours a group of 103  
martyrs including religious and heroic laity  
of all ages. *Catholic Culture*



## MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WEEKEND

celebrations will take place on  
**Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th Sept**  
*Free to choose whether to migrate or  
stay.*

Parishioners and visitors are invited to  
attend our weekend Masses in multicultural  
dress. You are invited to bring along  
something to share during our cuppa after  
Sunday Masses.

**Pray for the people of Ukraine**



## KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023

**MONTHLY BBQ** Our last BBQ held last  
Sunday raised a record \$165.30. Many  
thanks to all who gave their support,  
especially to those who left sizeable  
donations. The next BBQ will be held on  
Sunday 1st October which is a long week end  
and the start of daylight saving.

**MELBOURNE CUP DAY.** This year at  
Goolwa and we will begin promoting the day  
from the first Encounter in October. We will do  
all we can to make it a great day and  
look forward to your support.

**FOR THE SICK** We continue to pray for Jan  
Fitzgerald, wife of member Brian as well as  
Jan Henderson, wife of late chairman Brian  
and all with health struggles at this time.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Jim Brown, Ian Reid  
Joe O' Shaughnessy, and Bernie Rush.

**AGM** The Annual general meeting of the  
Knights will be held on Sept 20th at  
4 pm at Goolwa. This will be followed by the  
general meeting.

**LUTHERAN CATHOLIC 20 YEAR  
CELEBRATION.** Many thanks to those  
19 parishioners attending the luncheon for  
this celebration of the Lutheran community  
sharing our beautiful church with us.

## PLEASE LOCK CHURCH

To all who attend St. John's Church during  
the day - a reminder to make sure you leave  
the church locked when you leave.

**SOUTHERN CROSS** The eulogy given at the  
funeral of past parish priest Fr Kevin  
O'Loughlin is printed in this month's edition.  
Also in the paper is an article on our guest  
speaker at this year's parish Annual General  
Assembly, Jenny O'Brien.

## REFLECTIONS on CREATION

Di Shearer and Wendy Baker are generously  
sharing their reflections on Creation,  
expressed in poetry. Copies of their work are  
being made available after weekend Masses.

## MORNING PRAYER

I bless the earth beneath my feet.  
I bless the air I breathe.  
I moisten life with water sweet  
and welcome its purging fire.

I walk this day aware of you,  
A Uni-verse of being  
I look, I hear, I smell, I touch  
I taste - each moment sensing

that in my life today there is  
a longing deep and true  
to find a way to live in you,  
Source of my whole being.  
*Di Shearer*

## THIS WEEK 16th & 17th SEPT

### VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** B. Bullen  
**R.2** M. Mulvihill

**EMHC** J. Jeffery

### Sunday 11am

**Commentator:** F. Hanna

**R. 1** A. Willis  
**R. 2** R. Klecko

**EMHC** M. Klecko

### GOOLWA 9.00am

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R. 1** E. Bourne  
**R. 2** H. Harris

**EMHC** R. Austin



## NEXT WEEK 23th & 24th SEPT

### VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

**Commentator:** L. Blacket

**R.1** C. Huppatz  
**R.2** C. Sutherland

**EMHC** E. O'Shaughnessy

### Sunday 11am

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R. 1** A. Rose  
**R. 2** L. Sunman

**EMHC** P. O'Brien

### GOOLWA 9.00am

**Commentator:** Marie Riddle

**R. 1** C. May  
**R. 2** Michael Riddle

**EMHC** T. Siciliano

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA**  
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](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com)  
(All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)

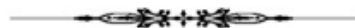
• **PARISH TREASURER**

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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)



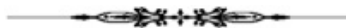
**COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS**

(Current from 14/09/23)

- 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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Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'



**THE EMBRACE OF SIN**

(Matthew 18: 21 - 35)

If ever someone was locked in the embrace of sin, it's the servant in this parable about mercy. Though compassion is shown to him, he's incapable of returning it. Watch the way he treats his fellow servant! His unforgiveness imprisons him in the same way.

The spirit of unforgiveness lurks in Peter's question about "how much" forgiveness is required. What he's really asking is: When can I reasonably refuse to forgive those who offend me? Surely there's a limit to how much forgiveness is strictly necessary.

Jesus won't play this game. Jesus paints God as a king willing to forgive an outrageous sum owed him, not because it's necessary – a king has no obligation to forgive anything – but for compassion's sake. Peter, in the guise of the first servant, sees his anger against his brother as actually justifiable. In the world of gospel parable, that attitude is destined for destruction. Holding others bound to their sin poisons our love. Our

forgiveness reveals how far short we fall of the mercy God shows to us. When I'm in opposition to a sister or brother, I know it's for my sake, as much as for theirs, that I find my way to forgiveness. To the extent that I choke my neighbour with my wrath, that's how far the embrace of sin has choked the love out of me.

Whom do you find hardest to forgive? What makes it hard, and what price do you pay for unforgiveness?

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**KIDS' CORNER**

Anna is learning to play a song on the piano, but her fingers keep hitting the wrong keys. It takes two weeks of practice before Anna can finally play the whole song through without any mistakes. But what if Anna only had one chance to get it right? Do you think she could do it? Could anyone? Probably not.

Jesus knows that we sometimes sin over and over again. But he doesn't give us only one chance. He wants us to know that we can keep asking for forgiveness and trying to do better. Of course, Jesus wants us to treat others the same way too.

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(18 - 24 September)

- **Monday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Tim 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17)
- **Wednesday, 20:** St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions (Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 21:** St Matthew (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13)
- **Friday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Tim 6:12; Lk 8:1-3)
- **Saturday, 23:** St Pius of Pietrelcina (1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15)
- **Sunday 24:** 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 2:1-16)

**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.