



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

29TH 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 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R)

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out
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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

Geoff & Rose Munro,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Christine Fitzpatrick, Mary Ferguson,
Pat Mezzino, Pat Chigwidden,
Stephen Chalmers, Sandy Lee,
Tony Mawdsley, Gemma Woodhead,
Janet Murray, Claire Galpin,
Rosene Edwards, Vicki Cross, Mary Jacobson, Tanya Francis, Garry Hill,
Les Hill, Geoff Chalmers, Eric Temme,
Kevin and Cath Howard,
Richard Gubbins, Di Shearer
Baby Alfrey,,
Delia Lewis, Patricia Haynes,
Giovanni Mignanelli, Gerard Siciliano.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Siciliano, Ken Tillson,
Blandino Murro, Margaret Hope,
Ron Harris

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lourdes Carle, Carolyn Labram.

PARISH COLLECTION

October 10th & 11th

1st (Archdiocesan Priests) \$ 984.10
2nd (Parish Expenses) \$ 1168.20

VICTOR MORNING TEA

October 18th

Y. Rogers & F. Hanna

October 25th

W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET

October Saturdays

H. Anderson

October Sundays

R. Reid & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

October

MORNING TEA

D. Wilkinson

October

J. Dunthorne, C. Grimmer

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF
UKRAINE and
THE MIDDLE EAST**



Bulletin Board



Pope Leo has been diagnosed with lung cancer but had successful surgery to remove a lower lobe of his right lung. He is in recovery. Our prayers are with him.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2026 – 18TH OCTOBER

We invite you to support this month's appeal.

Donation envelopes are available in the porch, and every gift, large or small, can make a difference.

DECLARATION FIVE: STRUCTURES AND PLANNING FOR COMMUNION, MISSION AND PARTICIPATION

Together on the Way



Declaration Five invites us to work together to build a welcoming and vibrant Church where everyone feels valued and encouraged to contribute.

By strengthening supporting our priests and volunteers and creating more opportunities for listening and shared decision-making, we can grow in faith, deepen our sense of community and share the love of Christ with others.

KNIGHTS NEWS



We had a full attendance at our AGM in September and wish to thank Fr Vinh for his attendance as well. John Dunthorne has stood down as Minutes Secretary and we thank him for taking on this job that is sometimes so hard to fill. We thank Des Wallace who immediately offered his services and is now our new Minutes Secretary. David Huppatz is our new Vice Chairman replacing Des whilst Paul remains Chairman with Peter Sullivan as Treasurer.

There seems to be a deep commitment to our order by our branch and we hope this group can remain together for the foreseeable future.

BBQ RESULTS FOR OCTOBER. A profit of \$152 was recorded, which was a great result after a few quiet months. Special thanks to our visitors who supported the BBQ really well as well as our local parishioners giving generous donations.

APOLOGY FROM PAUL

Last Sunday as Commentator at Goolwa I asked for prayers for those who died in war on the 11th day of the 11th month. Of course it was not the 11th month. This mistake was not made out of disrespect but an aging mind. Some members at Mass made comment to me not to worry about the error but that we should pray for those lost at war at all times not just special days..... So True.

45 CLUB The first winner for this draw was Fran Hanna No 28.

URGENT NOTICE *There are still 5 members who have yet to pay for this series. As everybody has indicated that they would participate in Series 3 we ask for payment this weekend. Those in Victor please put participation fee of \$20 in an envelope with your name on the front and place on Second Collection plate. Goolwa people contact Paul.*

ROSTERS FOR VICTOR HARBOR MASS MINISTRIES

are soon to be completed for the months of November to February inclusive. Let Carol know if you are unavailable at any time during these 4 months by Friday 16th October on 0418 856 799.



VINNIES INVITATION: *If you would like to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society, you are welcome to attend the next Vinnies (St Vincent de Paul) meeting*

Wednesday 21 October, Goolwa after 9.30am Mass.

A message from Saint Joan's Social Club

Regrettably we will not be holding our Melbourne Cup Luncheon this year due to lack of interest. Over the last 2 years our Social Club has donated:

- \$1000.00 to The Biggest Morning Tea at Goolwa
- \$1000.00 to the View Club who support the Smith Family in helping children in poverty
- \$1000.00 to the Hutt Street Centre in Adelaide
- \$2000.00 to Knights of the Southern Cross Goolwa who in turn help Vinnies Winter Appeal here in Victor and Goolwa

These contributions could not be made without St Joan's Social Club running events to help.

Your support is vital otherwise we will not be able to continue helping. Our next event will be our Parish Christmas Dinner on Friday night 27th November. Last year we had 76 attend and a wonderful night was had by all. There will be more information in the coming weeks. Please organize a table of friends or we can do it for you. Come along and join in the fun.

OUR FAREWELL AND THANKS TO LOURDE CARLE

We celebrated a fitting farewell to Lourdey, a much-loved family member, friend and parishioner. We heard of her difficult early life, her journey to Australia, her enduring care for family in the Philippines and here, and the many lives she touched through her kindness and warm smile. Family, friends, neighbours and aged care companions gathered to farewell her. During the Mass and burial service, we felt a special sense of unity, almost as though Lourdey's caring presence was still among us, drawing us together in the love and care she had shared so generously throughout her life. Our thanks to Fr Vinh and helpers for a prayerful service and a generous feast to follow.



CUPPA TIME FOR DEMENTIA at St John's Goolwa from 10am on Tuesday October 20th. There will be a \$5 donation as you enter and please bring a plate to share. Tea, coffee and water available and music by St John's choir. Most of us have been affected or know of someone with dementia and all funds raised will go to continued research. Vivi Scriva will be our Emcee.

SPECIAL NOTICE RE NOVEMBER RETREAT AT SEVENHILL

The Sunday evening Gospel reflection group have a two night retreat at Sevenhill each year. Due to some cancellations we have spaces available if anyone would like to join us. The retreat is from 22nd - 24th November. Cost is \$300 per person for the 2 nights. All meals included. Transport can be arranged. Expressions of interest are welcome. Please contact Carol Sutherland on 0418 856 799.

THIS WEEK: October 17th & 18th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator L. Blacket

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC - Host Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 E. O'Connell

- Chalice 2 T. White

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 G. Ryan

R. 2 R. Klecko

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 A. Rose

- Chalice 2 P. Clingan

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R.1 R. Lee

R.2 M. Busby

EMHC - Host: T. Siciiano

- Chalice 1 Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2 A. Turner



NEXT WEEK: October 24th & 25th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator J. Ryan

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 C. Allen

EMHC - Host Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 T. White

- Chalice 2 E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 F. Hanna

R. 2 A. Weygood

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 P. O'Brien

- Chalice 2 L. Sunman

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R.1 E. Bourne

R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC - Host: Fr. Vinh

- Chalice 1 Marie Riddle

- Chalice 2 T. Riding

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RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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• PARISH MANAGER

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)

(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12noon)

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 Wed)

• 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 (Work, Health and Safety)

please contact Jim Dabinett (0460 033 529)

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between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you.'

Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

TAX TIME

What is a tax? In the best of circumstances, it's a private payment for the public good. It's how individuals contribute to the interests of the community of which they're a part. In the time of the Roman empire, taxation among the occupied provinces was a troubling matter. It could be argued that what went into the pocket of Rome went out of the province for good.

Those who questioned Jesus about taxes, of course, weren't asking for a moral decision. They wanted him to betray himself by being politically incorrect in front of the people. And Jesus, of course, was above politics, framing his answer in larger terms than the Pharisees cared to consider. Those who were obliged to Caesar should certainly make payment in the coin of the realm. But those who are obliged to God – and who isn't – owe a debt to be paid in the province of the human spirit. It is this larger obligation that should capture our concern.

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THE ONLY LEGACY THAT MATTERS

Not long ago I attended a funeral for a man who had served as a journalist for the diocesan paper for over 25 years. Kevin was all the one would hope and trust a journalist might be: inquisitive, persevering, intelligent and articulate.

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.

Usually dishevelled, wearing a corduroy jacket with a camera slung over his shoulder, Kevin never seemed to care about clothes and appearance, money or status.

Pursuing a good story and a commitment to justice – those were Kevin's passions. And above all else, Kevin was honest. The people who gathered for Kevin's funeral that morning heard these words at the start from the homilist: "Kevin was a good man, an honest man who spoke the truth". It was a starkly simple statement followed by these words: "And what is more important than to be a good and honest person?"

It was one of those moments when I found myself thinking: Really, what could matter more at my death than for someone to be able to say I was a good and truthful person? Awards and accolades, accomplishments and financial success are fleeting and pale in comparison to goodness and honesty. The Pharisees didn't seem to understand this truth in their arguments with Jesus, the good and honest teacher. Kevin's funeral reminded me how important it is to be a person who is good and honest.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(19 - 25 October)

- **Monday, 19:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21)
- **Tuesday, 20:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38)
- **Wednesday, 21:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48)
- **Thursday, 22:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53)
- **Friday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59)
- **Saturday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9)
- **Sunday 25:** 30th Sunday Ordinary Time (Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40)

HOW TO WRITE "HELLO" IN MANDARIN



I first attempted to write
it in Danish but they were
just too delicious!