



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

16<sup>TH</sup> 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

*Wisdom 12:13,16-19*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16*

*Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do

marvellous deeds, you alone are God. (R)

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R)

## SECOND READING

*Romans 8:26-27*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 11:25*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 13:24-43*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

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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, Lourdes Carle,  
Sandy Lee, Tony Mawdsley,  
Janet Murray, Claire Galpin,  
Rosene Edwards, Vicki Cross,  
Gemma Woodhead, Mary Jacobson,  
Tanya Francis, Garry Hill, Les Hill,  
Geoff Chalmers, Eric Temme,  
Kevin and Cath Howard,

## ANNIVERSARIES

Patrine Harris, Maureen Farmer,  
Bob Willis, Sheila Hanna,  
Mollie McGee

## PARISH COLLECTION

### July 11th & 12th

1st (Presbytery) \$749.80  
2nd (Parish) \$1016.25  
Aboriginal Sunday \$544.30  
Sea Sunday \$480.95

## VICTOR MORNING TEA

### 19th July

Y. Rogers & V. Coffey

### 26th July

W. & J. Baker

## VICTOR MEET & GREET

### July Saturdays

C. Huppatz

### July Sundays

R. Reid & W. Baker

## GOOLWA MEET & GREET

### July

J. Dunthorne

## MORNING TEA

### July

V. Scriva, C. Rivers, P. Stone,  
T. Riding

## 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



## HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY

### For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

## ST MARY MAGDALENE – 22nd July

Mary Magdalene was healed by Jesus of a serious affliction, described in the Gospels as the casting out of seven demons. She became one of his faithful followers, accompanying and supporting his ministry in Galilee. She remained with Jesus during his crucifixion and witnessed his burial. She became the first person to encounter the risen Christ. Jesus entrusted her with the message of his resurrection and instructed her to tell the Apostles that he had risen and was ascending to God.



***St Mary Magdalene, help us to share the message of the Gospel with courage and love.***

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

### 25th June 2026 – Goolwa

- **Volunteer safeguarding:** Work continues to ensure all volunteers complete **Working with Children checks, safeguarding training, and volunteer induction.**
- **Fr Vinh's report:**
  - Three people have expressed interest in becoming Catholic and an **RCIA** group will soon begin.
- **Parish statistics:** During the May Diocesan head count, across our two churches
  - **An average of 187 people** attended Mass each week
  - **21 people** per week received Holy Communion at home or in residential care.
- **Community concerns:** The Council discussed support for people experiencing homelessness or domestic violence. \*
- **Next meeting:** Thursday, **23 July 2026**, at **Victor Harbor**, 3:00 pm.



### \*Further information provided after the meeting:

#### RE HOMELESS PERSONS

If ever anyone meets a homeless person or a person escaping a domestic violence situation, please advise that the following organisations can be contacted:

- Junction, 31 B Cadel St; Goolwa, 9.00am - 5.00pm  
Ph: 8392 3060
- Homeless Connect SA 24/7; 1800 003 308
- Re domestic violence Ph. 1800 RESPECT or 1800 737 732

## INVITATION: Christian Community Care (CCC)



Christian Community Care (CCC) was established so that all churches on the South Coast could work together to meet the needs in our local community. We invite you to donate items which will be given to food pantries at

### the Church of Christ, Victor Harbor and Open Door, Goolwa:

|                                                     |                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Breakfast cereals                                   | Rice, Baked beans            |
| Vegemite, peanut paste, jam                         | Coffee /tea bags Biscuits    |
| Full cream long life milk/dairy free or almond milk |                              |
| Dry spaghetti & pasta (no lasagne)                  | Snack food for children      |
| Ring top tins of spaghetti                          | Sugar                        |
| Red pasta sauce/bolognese sauce                     | Tinned or packet soups       |
| Ring top tinned carrots/peas/beans                  | Tinned tuna (large or small) |
| Ring top tinned carrots & peas                      | 2 minute noodles             |
| Shampoo Liquid soap Deodorant                       | Soft toothbrushes/toothpaste |

*Thank you for your generosity,*

*Anne Fawcner & Rose Mulraney, CCC Parish Representatives*

## FUNDRAISING EVENT THIS SUNDAY FOR SOUTH COAST

### SCHOOLS MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

**Live Arts at Newland concert at 2pm  
this Sunday July 19th presenting the  
*Corinthian Singers of Adelaide.***



The concert will be conducted by Peter Kelsall.

Tickets \$30, Conc \$25, Students free.

Bookings at Swan Pharmacy, Victoria St Victor Harbor or pay at the door.

***So come along, enjoy a wonderful afternoon's entertainment, and  
support our School Pastoral Care Workers across the South Coast.***

## 45 CLUB

The list of 45 Club Members will be put up on our notice boards next week.

Our first two draws were as follows:

July 4th No 22 David Huppertz July 12th No 17 Anne Turner

## A HAIRCUT FOR COMORO

Thanks to Mark and Condrado for their generous service last Sunday.

Four brave people received haircuts and were very happy with the result.

A total of \$266 was raised for Comoro!!!

## PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Would you like to join with 53 parishioners who financially support the parish through Weekly Envelopes and 34 parishioners through Direct Debit or Credit? For more information, please contact our Parish Treasurer, Merv Mallett on 0412 103 443. Thank you.



## IN THE MIDST OF WINTER

Rain comes down... Sun rises... Grass grows quickly.

Thank you to the Maintenance Groups  
at both churches who keep the church grounds  
clean and green.

## THIS WEEK: July 18th & 19th

### Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 C. Huppertz

EMHC - Host: E. O'Shaughnessy

- Chalice 1: E. O'Connell

- Chalice 2: Fr Vinh

### Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 R. Klecko

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: L. Sunman

- Chalice 2: P. O'Brien

### Goolwa 9am

Commentator: A. Fawcner

R.1 R. Lee

R.2 M. Busby

EMHC - Host: T. Siciliano

- Chalice 1: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2: A. Turner



## NEXT WEEK: July 25th & 26th

### Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Ryan

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: A. Fawcner

- Chalice 2: T. White

### Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: P. Clingan

- Chalice 2: K. White

### Goolwa 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R.1 E. Bourne

R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC - Host: Fr. Vinh

- Chalice 1: V. Scriva

- Chalice 2: Marie Riddle.

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA  
CATHOLIC PARISH**  
NGARRINDJERI and  
RAMINDJERI land

**CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE**

32 Seaview Road (PO Box 464)  
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**PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

• **PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;  
in an emergency - 0429 098 802)  
Email: [Vinh2511@bigpond.com](mailto:Vinh2511@bigpond.com)

• **PARISH MANAGER**

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12noon)  
Email: [Parish\\_manager@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_manager@bigpond.com)

• **PARISH ENCOUNTER**

Please forward items for the news-letter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084,  
[catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com)  
(All items for the newsletter by Wed)

• **PARISH TREASURER**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)  
Email: [parish\\_treasure@bigpond.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed dandel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the dandel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the dandel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered.

And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the dandel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the dandel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables  
and expound things hidden since the  
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the dandel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the dandel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the dandel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the

virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

**MIGHT AND MERCY**

Just as power is used for good or harm, not all seeds are created equal. Jesus tells a story of good seed and bad, and how they grow up together in the harvest of the world. We experience this reality in the contents of our own hearts. We have wonderful, generous impulses; and also cruel, petty thoughts. We may be heroic in our love one day, and selfish the next. We forgive and withhold forgiveness. Our fields are waist-high in grain and thistles.

No wonder that good and bad grow up together in families; parishes are a mixture of charity and snobbery; politics is full of high-minded ideals and crude scandal. If we were surprised when nice people do things that are not nice, we have to look no further than this parable for the reason. Reasons are not excuses, of course. Jesus says even a tiny seed of good can create immense goodness. A bit of yeast makes the whole dough rise. The existence of evil is no reason to view it as inevitable. If I find within myself both good and evil, I have a responsibility to grow the grain and invite the Spirit to uproot the thistle in me.

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(20 - 26 July)

- **Monday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Micah 6:1-4, 6-8 ; Mt 12:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50)
- **Wednesday, 22:** St Mary Magdalene (Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)
- **Thursday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 ; Mt 13:10-17)
- **Friday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Jer 3:14-17 ; Mt 13:18-23)
- **Saturday, 25:** St James (2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28)
- **Sunday 26:** 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Ord Time (1Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52)

**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.