



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THIRTY-THIRD 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

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127:1-5

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst

suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them.

To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had

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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, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, 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, Rose Munro, Bill Woodhead, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter

ANNIVERSARIES

Dorry Higgins, Jim Huppatz, Frank Scriva, Reginald Meade

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kathy Tiltaman, Ron Harris, Margaret Wark, Chris McCarthy, Mon. Robert Aitken, Margaret Wark, Anna Pacitti.

PARISH COLLECTION
11th & 12th November

1st (Presbytery) \$1165.75
2nd (Parish) \$1458.35

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

17th & 24th November
W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna
1st & 8th December
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

19th November
A. Temme & M. Chalmers
26th November
W & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET

November Saturdays
M. Farmer & C. Huppatz
November Sundays
R. Reid & L. Sunman

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

November J. Colver

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

November V. Scriva, C. Rivers, D. McMahon

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER :

FOR THE POPE We pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



THE CENACLE

You are invited to join us in The Cenacle held every Wednesday at 9.30am in St Joan of Arc Church. We start by praying the Rosary, reading, meditating and reflecting on one of the messages given to Father Gobbi by Mary our Mother and making an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Gemma Woodhead 0492 849 414

2023 VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food to place in the Christmas boxes in both churches until Sunday 10th December. Your generosity was much appreciated by 67 local families last year. Thank you!



MESSY CHURCH. Sunday 26th Nov.

at St John's Catholic Church from 3.30pm This service will introduce the children to the Christmas story. At the last gathering a number of grandparents brought their grandchildren for Christian education.

EARTHCARE MATTERS

THE POPE SPEAKS OUT ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

Pope Francis will travel to the United Arab Emirates from 1st to 3rd December to attend the United Nations Conference on Climate Change, The decision by Pope Francis to attend COP28 is the latest in a series of moves by the Vatican in the past year to engage more seriously in international deliberations on climate change.

You might like to email the Prime Minister asking that we fulfill our obligations regarding Climate Change and engage responsibly in the coming international conference.

<https://www.pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm>

FATHER VINH'S RETREAT

Fr. Vinh will be on retreat at Seven Hills from Sunday evening until Friday. If you need a priest urgently, please ring Fr. Dominic from Noalunga Parish on 0421 074 212.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER

Just when you thought the good times and fun were over WELL THINK AGAIN.

St Joan's Social Club are having their Christmas Dinner on Friday 1st December 6pm for 6.30 start. Cost \$20 per person... BYO drinks & glass. Come along and join in the festivities...it's always a great night. Call Colleen on 0405 634 744 or Pat on 0410 593 617 to book a seat or a table. Payment is due by 26th November.

ADVENT EVENING

Redeemer Lutheran Church Goolwa cordially invites members of the Catholic Church to join them in an evening of fellowship and singing on Sunday 3rd December 6-9pm at the Catholic Church Goolwa. Please bring a plate of food to share and BYO drinks, glasses and nibbles. Please register your plan to attend with Vivi Scriva on 0439 430 486.



ZONTA SAYS NO

The Zonta Group of the Fleurieu Peninsula, during the campaign for *16 Days of Activism against Domestic Violence*, 25th November -10th December, will be holding a Film Screening of the movie "ON THE BASIS of SEX" at the Victa Cinema, 4th December 2023 at 6.30pm.

The film celebrates the life of *Ruth Bader Ginsberg* who was the second woman to serve as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Tickets \$15 each - include a glass of "bubbles" and cheese & biscuits.

They are available from Zonta members – Anita Williss, Colleen Pearsons, Guardian Pharmacy, Victor Harbor or at the door. PS. Zonta Group raised \$6,000 at their recent Open Day. Congratulations!

GOOLWA CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Put the date in your diary.
10th December from 6.00 pm
Just \$10 a head to thank you

all for your great support for the many projects we donate to. Names taken from Sunday 19th Nov. Victor people welcome to join in.





RESPONSORIAL PSALM

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in His ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your able.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life.



SAINTS ANDREW DUNG-LAC

(1791 - 1839)

and COMPANIONS

(d. 1820 – 1862)

Andrew Dung-Lac, a Catholic convert
ordained to the priesthood, was one of 117



people martyred in
Vietnam between 1820
and 1862. Although
they died at different
times, all were
canonized by Pope
John Paul II on June

19, 1988. Of the group, 96 were
Vietnamese, 11 were Spaniards, and 10
were French. There were 8 bishops and 50
priests. Of the priests, 11 were Dominicans,
10 belonged to the Paris Mission Society,
and the rest were diocesan priests plus one
seminarian. Certain individual martyrs were
mentioned by name in the process of
canonization: one of whom was
Andrew Dung-Lac, a diocesan priest
ordained in 1823. The last of the martyrs
were 17 laypersons, one of them a 9-year-
old, executed in 1862. *Catholic Culture*

A BIRTHDAY PARTY

We would like to celebrate
Fr Vinh's birthday!

So we are organising a dinner
at the Vietnamese Restaurant
Saigon Memories,
12 The Strand, Port Elliot,
on Friday 24th November, 6.00pm.

Everyone welcome! Great if you can make
it. Please text Rosemary (0438 606 630)
if you can come! See you there!



EXCERPTS FROM MARK LEANEY'S REPORT ON COMORO

AT THE PARISH ASSEMBLY

Victor Harbor/Goolwa parish pulls together at
an average age of 79 years! How is it
possible that this age group can be so
productive?

Over a period of three years much faith and
good will have actually produced amazing
results on the ground. A major factor in this
international relationship is that it is not top
down. The direction is at the instigation of the
Timorese of Maria Auxiladora (Mary Help of
Christians) Parish in Comoro. It is they who
are pivotal in the process and who are
responsible for successful project outcomes
and their sustainability. It is very much a
collaborative affair.

So back to the "oldies"... "Sure we get
tired. I can't do as much these days".

The fact remains that by the efforts of a few
really well-intentioned people, in excess of
\$60,000 (\$45,000 couple donation) has been
raised to actualise two extremely worthwhile
project entities. These few "oldies", have
listened to the Cry of the Poor. I sum it up
this way. By always putting our best foot
forward, and through our heartfelt intentions,
our faith and the love of God will shine
through.

MELBOURNE CUP FINAL WRAP UP

With prize money donated back, as well as
other donations, the profit for the day came in
at \$970! Amazing! Thanks to all for
supporting the day, as well as those who
made very generous donations.

The Knights are meeting Wednesday to
allocate funds to those in need at this time of
the year and in the next week or so you will
be advised of those donations.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you have been faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities."*
- MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts
He has given us and then generously return a
portion with increase. He doesn't want us to
waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He
expects us to grow our gifts, to use them
wisely, and to be generous with them.
Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in
proportion to all that God has given us.
God asks us to be generous with all our gifts,
especially the one that means the most to
you.

THIS WEEK 18TH & 19TH NOV.

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 W. Baker

R. 2 A. Rose

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R. 1 L. Healey

R. 2 E. Bourne

EMHC T. Siciliano



NEXT WEEK 25TH & 26TH NOV.

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppertz

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 R. Reid

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 P. Kennelly

R. 2 Michael Riddle

EMHC S. Muller

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **PARISH MANAGERS**

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Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084, catholicvhg@bigpond.com (*All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening*)

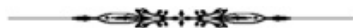
• **PARISH TREASURER**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)
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 16/11/23*)

- 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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received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."



FAITHFUL IN SMALL MATTERS
(*Matthew 25: 14 - 30*)

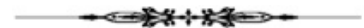
I was talking to a group of small children about the gifts God had given them. One girl seemed unconvinced. Her older sister, she told me with

dewy-eyed admiration, had all the talent in the family: intelligence, athletic ability, and creativity. She herself, however, had none.

On the contrary, I assured her, she had many gifts of her own. She had a generous love for her sister, a pleasant personality, a warm smile, and a way of making people happy to talk with her. These were talents from God, too, and I urged her to name other things she was good at that were less obvious than these.

Some weeks later I was at home, having a bad spell of writer's block, and began to feel frustrated with the blank computer screen. Going to the mailbox to retrieve my letters, I noticed one printed in pencil. It was from the little girl I had spoken with, and inside the envelope was a crayon drawing with these simple words pencilled alongside: *You have talents. God created you to use your talents. NAME THEM.* In a moment, my sense of failure was gone, replaced by a child's wonderful courage. She gave the story of the talents back to me multiplied, and I got back to work exhilarated.

What talents have you been given by God, and how have you invested them?
GPBS eNews



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(*20 - 26 November*)

- **Monday, 20:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Lk 18:35-43)
- **Tuesday, 21:** The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (2 Macc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10)
- **Wednesday, 22:** St Cecilia (2 Macc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28)
- **Thursday, 23:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (1 Macc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44)
- **Friday, 24:** Sts Andrew Dŭng-Lac and companions (1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-29; Lk 19:45-48)
- **Saturday, 25:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (1 Macc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40)
- **Sunday 26:** Christ the King (Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46)

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.