



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**TWENTY-NINTH 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.



FIRST READING

Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 120:1-8

*Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

1. I lift my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. <R>
2. May he never allow you to
stumble! Let him sleep not, your
guard. No, he sleeps not nor
slumbers, Israel's guard. <R>
3. The Lord is your guard and your
shade; at your right side he

stands. By day the sun shall not
smite you nor the moon in the
night. <R>

4. The Lord will guard you from
evil, he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going
and coming both now and for
ever. <R>

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

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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)

Graham Blacket, Paul Fahey,
John Tregeagle, Betty Berry,
Geoff & Rose Munro, Mark Kelly,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Maired & Neil Cummings,
Mary Ferguson, Pat Mezzino,
Pat Chigwidden, Robyn Kelly,
Stephen Chalmers,
Loudi Carle, Sandy Lee,
Tony Mawdsley.

ANNIVERSARIES

Dan Kennelly, Ron Harris

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kaye Pickering

PARISH COLLECTION 11th & 12th October

1st (Presbytery) \$ 846.15
2nd (Parish) \$ 899.00

VICTOR MORNING TEA 19th October

P. Clingan
26th October
F. Hanna

VICTOR MEET & GREET October Saturdays

E. O'Connell
October Sundays
R. Reid & M. Cunningham

GOOLWA MEET & GREET October

A. Turner
MORNING TEA
October

J. Dunthorne, K. Luke, C. Grimma

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 OCTOBER.
For collaboration between different religious traditions : Let us pray that believers in different traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human solidarity.



The Holy Rosary ~ Sorrowful Mysteries ~

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries are traditionally prayed on Tuesdays, Fridays, and, during the season of Lent, on Sundays:

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death

We see Jesus at his most difficult moment in the Agony in the Garden. He shrinks from facing the suffering he knows is to come: "Let this chalice pass". We pray for ourselves and for those we know and love who are facing suffering in their lives – loss, illness, chronic pain, ongoing depression. We pray for our world especially where war destroys peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our prayers are with Dane D'Ottavi, Daisy D'Ottavi and Fritz Maranon who are celebrating their First Holy Communion at 11am Mass. We congratulate them for becoming "fully fledged" Catholics and look forward to their involvement in the parish.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!

Dear Parishioners.

Thank you for your patience and support as we work toward the Goals of Safety and Integrity for all within our Parish.

As part of working towards these goals
all volunteers are asked to complete

a Safeguarding Essentials Risk Assessment.

Not all volunteers have been able to do this online so:

Face to Face Training for Volunteers unable to complete the online Safeguarding Essentials will take place on

- ♦ **Tuesday the 28th of October:**
- ♦ **in the annex of St Joan's Victor Harbor 10.00 till 11.30**
- ♦ **at St John's Goolwa 1.30 till 3.00.**
- ♦ **Please register your intent to attend these sessions by signing the attendance sheet at the back of the Church.**

For any queries please ring me on 0475 8793 521

Pax et Bonum (Peace and All Goodness).
Andy Nicholls

RECENTLY DECEASED

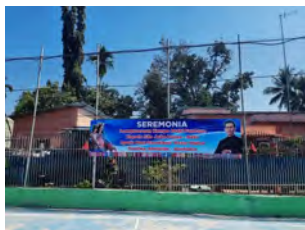
Kaye Pickering passed away peacefully last Wednesday evening at home surrounded by her family. May she rest in peace.
Details of her funeral to follow.

Bulletin Board



BLESSING OF THE BETO SPORTS FACILITY IN COMORO, TIMOR-LESTE

The sign on the fence reads:



CEREMONY

Inauguration Multi-function Field
Chapel of Saint John Bosco - Beto
Support from Parishioners Victor Harbor
Goolwa South - Australia

Below are some points made by Mark in his talk to the Comoro parishioners on that occasion.

"The Beto Sports Facility came about through the link between two parishes, one in Australia and one in Timor. Each is of one Catholic faith and, I would suggest, one family. I dream of our shared faith as a strong roof. It shields us from the elements and it shields us from assailants. In my dream, it is an arching roof of steel, that extends from Australia to Timor. The roof brings about togetherness because everyone shelters beneath it. Our Faith is this roof, sheltering two nations who share and co-operate with one another. In Australia we have a saying "every thing under one roof."

The completion of the Beto Sports Facility is the story of two people who reached out across the water to shake hands in friendship. In fact it is symbolic of two free, independent and democratic nations working together. Someone once said to me that this is a good thing, even if it is only a very small project. Everything is a matter of perspective. To Beto, is this just a small project? No. To my parish, is this just a small project? No. Beto is rightfully proud of this accomplishment. What is important, is that each community work to their capacity, to the great glory of God the Father. In summary I would suggest that there is a deep sense of family in Beto. The family of Beto Community may not be rich in money but they are very rich in Spirit." Mark Leaney

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4TH



at St John's Goolwa.

\$20 a head and BYO drinks and glasses.

11.30 for 12 noon start.

Cold meat and salads and sweets provided.

Emcee Joe Ryan.

Raffle and sweeps available.

Join in the fun and help us raise money for the forthcoming Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

All enquiries Paul 0402 852 825.

DEMENTIA MORNING TEA

Our Dementia Morning Tea to help raise funds for Dementia Australia, continuing their research into this insidious condition, will be held at St John's Church Goolwa on **Tues 21st October at 9.30am**. A donation of \$5.00 and a small plate of morning tea to share would be very much appreciated. Tea and coffee supplied. Some members of the Goolwa Ukelele group will entertain us. Dementia affects so many and we want to help Dementia Australia continue their vital research. **Victor parishioners ring Pat on 0410 593 617 if you would like a ride to Morning Tea. If you can't attend and would like to make a contribution please see Pat.**

CONGRATULATIONS to our Parish Maintenance and Gardening groups at Victor and Goolwa. You have done a magnificent job to keep our Church grounds clean and tidy. *Father Vinh*

Anne Fawkner has won the 45 Club prize for this week.

Congratulations Anne.

Just in time for your birthday on Sunday. Have a great day.

THIS WEEK: 18th & 19th October

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 C. Allen

R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 G. Ryan

EMHC P. Clingan

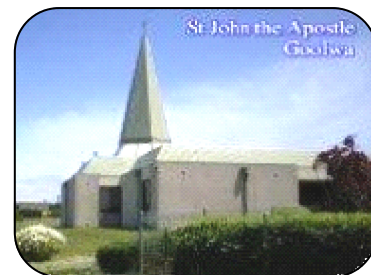
GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1 A. Fawkner

R2 R. Lee

EMHC A. Turner



NEXT WEEK: 25th & 26th October

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC A. Fawkner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC J. Baker

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 E. Bourne

R2 R. Austin

EMHC M. Ryan

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CATHOLIC PARISH**
NGARRINDJERI and
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 - 12 noon)
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• **PARISH ENCOUNTER**

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

• **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. We believe that all God's children, young people and adults at risk have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

- Andy Nicholls (VH/G contact - (0475 893 521))
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8150 - select Option 2))
- CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare) please contact the Parish Office.



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."' "

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

**THE STUDENT WHO
NEVER GAVE UP**

Emma was a 12-year-old in a Catholic school who loved art but struggled with math. Every day she tried, and every day she felt frustrated when her answers weren't quite right. She thought about giving up, feeling that maybe she just wasn't "good at math."

One afternoon, Emma's teacher noticed her frustration and said, "Emma, it's okay to ask for help again and again. Keep trying, and don't give up." Those words reminded Emma of a story she had heard in religion class, the persistent widow. Just like the widow kept returning to the judge, Emma realised she could keep asking, keep practicing, and keep trusting that effort and prayer would make a difference.

So she did. Each day, she worked through her homework, asked questions, and prayed for patience and

understanding. Slowly, her confidence grew. She even started helping a classmate who was struggling. Emma's persistence paid off, not only in better grades but in a renewed sense of hope and courage.

Emma's story is a modern reminder for schools, families, and parishes: faith, effort, and prayer go hand in hand. Life can be challenging, and answers don't always come immediately. But when we keep returning, keep asking, and keep trusting, God works in ways we often do not expect.

Just like Emma and the persistent widow, we are called to persevere in prayer and trust. Whether it's in school, at home, or in parish life, never give up on asking, hoping, and believing. God hears every prayer, and our persistence strengthens not only our faith but the community around us.

Go from here as those who will not give up or give in:

- Constant, when the world is changing.
- Listened to, when the clamour is loudest.
- Prepared, when others are uncertain.
- Unafraid, when fear reigns.
- Steady, when many are wavering.
- Compassionate, when others are serving themselves.
- Faithful, in times when faith counts for little.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(20- 26 October)

- **Monday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 29, (Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21; Lk 12:35-38)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48)
- **Thursday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53)
- **Friday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Rom 7:18-25; Lk 12:54-59)
- **Saturday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9)
- **Sunday 26:** 30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14)

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.