



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

TWENTIETH 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.

**O woman, great is your  
faith! Let it be done for  
you as you wish.**

MATTHEW 15:28



## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8*

*O God, let all the nations praise you!*

## SECOND READING

*Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 4:23*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 15:21-28*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.'

He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's

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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 McCoey, Len Peake, Ron Harris, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson, Jesse Walker, Richard Eisenkoeck, Monsignor Robert Aitken, Rose Munro.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid, Peg Page, Nora Worrad

### PARISH COLLECTION 12th & 13th August

1st (Presbytery) \$812.40  
2nd (Parish) \$1309.60  
Special Collection \$532.10

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 25th August & 1st September W. & J. Baker

### VICTOR MORNING TEA 22nd August A. Temme & M. Chalmers 27th August W. & J. Baker

### Victor Meet & Greet August Saturdays M. Farmer & H. Anderson

### August Sundays R. Reid & J. Baker

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET August M. O'Halloran

### GOOLWA MORNING TEA August T. Curtis, E. Bourne B. Helion

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP Practice time 3.00pm Wednesday. Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST :  
FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY :**  
**We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.**



### CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

to our new fully-fledged parishioners, Nam, Holly, Charlie, Samantha and Jordan. Thanks to Father Vinh for preparing them so well. Thanks to their parents and family and friends for their ongoing support and for sharing with us their celebrations. We hope to see more of you in the future.

### 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*

### THE BOOK SALES TABLE

at St Joan's is running again between now and December ... grab a good read for a gold coin donation to St Vincent de Paul to help us continue our good works locally!!

### SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL

Fr Tony Percy (who has been leading a task force to stop the compulsory acquisition) writes. "Dear friends, Congratulations. Your confidence and courage have enormously impacted our fight for Calvary Public Hospital. The federal Senate enquiry is now extended by a month and will include a public hearing in which the ACT government must be involved. Besides 65 detailed submissions, the Senate enquiry received over 7000 pieces of correspondence! Your contribution enhances our democracy." If you haven't had a chance to write to the PM or your MP there is still time to do so.

### BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES SEPTEMBER 16/17th

at each of our Mass Centres. Father will present Blessing Certificates from the Archbishop on that weekend. If you have an '0' wedding anniversary or a '5' one this year please ring, text or email Fran Hanna on 0415 124 010 or [fran.hanna@bigpond.com](mailto:fran.hanna@bigpond.com)

### PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



### ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB



Come and enjoy the last Sunday of Winter with a cup of soup & crusty bread



after 11am Mass on Sunday 27th August. Please wear a hat and enjoy.

### FATHERS' DAY WINE RAFFLE

this week at both Mass centres. \$10 a ticket for a dozen lovely wines with a bonus added. See Des Wallace at Victor or Mike and Paul at Goolwa. The Goolwa draw will be on Fathers' Day Sept 3rd at 9.00am Mass and the Victor one at 11.00am Mass the same day. We look forward to your support.

### DON'T FORGET!!! DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD TO LOCALS IN NEED

You are invited to donate non-perishable food to Open Door, Goolwa and South Coast Christian



Community Care (SCCCC), Victor Harbor who provide food to people in need. Donation boxes will be in our churches 19-20 August &

26-27 August. All non-perishable food items are appreciated however, canned fish, canned meat, canned fruit, spaghetti, soups, jams, vegemite, peanut butter, cereal, health bars & coffee are in short supply. Thank you! John Baker & Rose Mulraney represent our Parish on the SCCCC. Please contact them if you have any questions.

### CONCERN FOR OUR PRIESTS

Clergy workload, mental health and cultural challenges for overseas-

born priests were some of the issues discussed at a recent national gathering of clergy life and ministry diocesan directors.



The June 26-29 conference in Sydney saw 30 diocesan directors gather for the first time since the last national meeting in 2019. The conference serves as a way for clergy to build fraternity, develop support networks and reflect on shared joys and challenges. *CathNews*

### SCAM ALERT FROM ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE

It has come to our attention that parishioners have been receiving text messages and emails impersonating staff and/or priests asking for help in the form of money or gift cards. DO NOT REPLY OR CLICK ON ANY LINKS AND BLOCK THE EMAIL OR PHONE NUMBER.

# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

*O God, let all the nations praise you!*

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us His blessing till the ends of the earth revere Him.



## SAINT PIUS X, POPE Feast Day 21st August (1835 – 1914)

Joseph Sarto was born in humble circumstances in a small Venetian village. He was successively curate, parish priest, bishop of Mantua, Patriarch of Venice, and was elected Pope on August 4, 1903, taking the name of Pius X. As chief pastor of the Church he displayed untiring self-sacrifice and great energy. He realized to the full the value of the liturgy as the prayer of the Church. He spared no effort to propagate the practice of early, frequent and daily communion. Within a few days of the outbreak of WW1 he fell ill with bronchitis, to which he succumbed on 20th August. He was canonized on 29th May 1954, the first Pope canonized since St. Pius V in 1672.  
*Catholic Culture*



## CATHOLIC/ LUTHERAN CELEBRATION

The Lutheran community wish to thank the Catholic Parish for welcoming them in using our church for their services which began 20 years ago.



To celebrate they are holding a luncheon at **Oasis Gardens Restaurant** **726 Langhorne Creek Belvidere on Sunday Sept. 24 from 1 pm.**

The price is \$50 per person for all you can eat. Please see Vivi or Paul if you wish to attend.

## TOGETHER FOR THE OCTOBER WORLD SYNOD

Welcome to a short prayer **together** on Wednesday 23rd August straight after Mass at Goolwa.



**Together** we seek the Lord's guidance toward Synodality, coming **together** as Church

and the coming meeting of Bishops in October (and our annual **Season of Creation** next month!)

## 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.**

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

**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.**

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

## DO NOT BE AFRAID

To end World Youth Day 2023, Pope Francis told 1.5 million weary-eyed and sleep-deprived young people in Lisbon not to let their "great dreams" of changing the world be "stopped by fear". "Let's all repeat this phrase in our hearts: 'Don't be afraid,'" he told the hushed crowd. "Jesus knows the hearts of each one of you, the successes and the failures, he knows your hearts," Pope Francis said. "And today he tells you, here in Lisbon for this World Youth Day: 'Don't be afraid'." Source: CNS

## THIS WEEK 19th & 20th AUGUST

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** C. Huppatz

**R.1** L. Blacket

**R.2** J. Jeffery

**EMHC** E. O'Shaughnessy

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** P. O'Brien

**R. 1** F. Hanna

**R. 2** K. Dudley

**EMHC** L. Sunman

**GOOLWA 9.00am**

**Commentator:** D. Huppatz

**R. 1** M. Mulvihill

**R. 2** E. Bourne

**EMHC** R., Austin



## NEXT WEEK 26th & 27th AUGUST

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** C. Huppatz

**R.2** B. Bullen

**EMHC** E. O'Connell

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** P. O'Brien

**R. 1** S. Duong

**R. 2** A. Willis

**EMHC** P. Clingan

**GOOLWA 9.00am**

**Commentator:** P. Kennelly

**R. 1** Marie Riddle

**R. 2** Michael Riddle

**EMHC** S. Muller



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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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Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

• **CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare)**  
Cathy May (0401 584 237)



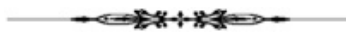
**COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS**

(*Current from 17/08/23*)

- 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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table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



**BUILDING A BIGGER HOUSE**  
(*Matthew 15: 21 - 28*)

Even dogs have hope! This is what the woman says to Jesus, when she asks him to heal her tormented daughter. She classifies her family with dogs, knowing the average Israelite would describe a Canaanite that way. Jesus is astounded by her faith and gives her the desire of her heart.

Some scholars claim Jesus was testing the woman by not responding to her request right away. Others say Jesus learned from her that his mission was larger than Israel. This seems strange to those of us who were taught that Jesus had the mind of God from the time Mary first laid him in the straw. But if Jesus is also fully human, he'd have to grow in wisdom and grace, as Luke says Jesus did.

This woman summoned up the courage to tell Jesus how to run his own ministry! The best of the prophets and saints showed this kind of spirit, sparring with God over matters of importance to them. Who knows what could happen if more people prayed with such confidence? Who knows how many of us could wrestle with God like Abraham, Jacob, Hannah, and the Canaanite woman - and win?

Do you think God's mind can be changed? Do you think there are things about which "God's mind is made up"?

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

My father told me the story about his being an immigrant teenager desperately looking for work with his two brothers. Employment office after employment office had signs that said, "Italians need not apply" or "No Italians wanted". To find work, they had to go inland and take the dangerous job of working in the coal mines, work that nobody else wanted.

Perhaps that is why when he opened his grocery store, he was tolerant of all who wanted to work for him or shop there. He always said that the

money people spend was green, not black or white or brown. He was pragmatic, if anything.

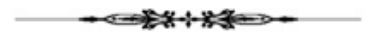
So, too, the church is welcoming, or should be, of all who choose to believe its message. Paul makes that clear as he brought the Gentiles into the church. Isaiah states that God's house "is called a house of prayer for all people".

So, we gather, all of us, with our differences, but united in one faith and ask for God's help in all that we do. It is that faith and our need for God's help that joins us together. All are wanted and welcome.

**KIDS' CORNER**

*... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples (Isaiah 56: 7)*

Every three years, about a million Catholic young people from all over the world gather at an event called World Youth Day. This year's World Youth Day was in Lisbon, Portugal. It is a time for young Catholics to go to Mass together, share stories, learn about other cultures and languages and become friends. Pope Francis once said about World Youth Day: "We celebrate the fact that coming from different cultures, we have come together to pray. Let our best word be our unity in prayer".



**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**  
(*21 - 27 August*)

- **Monday, 21:** St Pius X (Judges 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tuesday, 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Judges 6:11-24; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Judges 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 24:** St Bartholomew (Apoc 21:9-14; Jun 1:45-51)
- **Friday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 26:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 20 (Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Sunday 27:** 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)

**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.