



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SIXTEENTH 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

Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he

replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. <R>
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. <R>
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. <R>

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for

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

Graham Blacket, John Blacket,
Paul Fahey, John Tregeagle,
Betty Berry, Geoff & Rose Munro,
Mark Kelly, Pat Mezzino,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Mary Ferguson, Pat Chigwidden.
Robyn Kelly

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maureen Farmer, Brian Fitzgerald

PARISH COLLECTION
12th & 13th June

1st (Presbytery) \$ 853.00
2nd (Parish) \$931.85

VICTOR MORNING TEA

20th July
M. Cunningham & V. Coffey
27th July
W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET
July Saturdays
H. Anderson
July Sundays
R. Reid & C. Allen

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

July
J. Dunthorne

MORNING TEA

July
V. Scriva, C. Rivers, S. McCarthy,
P. Stone

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 JULY: For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

EARLY NOTIFICATION

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Once again there is a special blessing on Sunday 21st September for couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries this year, for example an '0' or a '5' anniversary. Or there might be a personal reason to have a special blessing on your anniversary this year.

Please contact Fran Hanna by Sunday 21st August

by phone 0415 124 010 or by email at fran.hanna@bigpond.com

FUNERAL OF MAUREEN FARMER

Maureen's funeral will be held on next Tuesday 22nd at St Joan's at 10.00am.

FUNERAL FOR BRIAN FITZGERALD

was held on Tuesday 15th July at St John Vianney's Catholic Church, Burnside at 11.00am. Ten parishioners went to the funeral in the bus provided. There were about 80 people at his funeral.

IN THE MIDST OF WINTER

Lord, in the midst of Winter, when the days are cold
and wind can pierce,

remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short,
dawn comes late and dusk arrives early

*remind us that in the darkness
your light still shines.*

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter,
reach out to us with the power of your resurrection
so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light
that alone can take away the darkness of our soul.



PLASTIC FREE JULY



Blister packs (the packets our pills come in made of aluminium and plastic) are not recyclable through our yellow bins.

The best way to dispose of them is to return them to your chemist. Many chemists now send them on to special recycling plants. You can also return unwanted or out-of-date medicines to the chemist which if left at home can be taken unsuspectingly or disposed of down the sink causing damage to the environment.

SOUTHERN CROSS

The July Southern Cross is now available in our foyers.

Keep up with what is happening in our Archdiocese.

The centre page has information about the Diocesan Synod to be held next year.

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CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CARE APPEAL for VICTOR HARBOR AND GOOLWA (PLEASE LEAVE GIFTS IN OUR FOYERS)

A BIG THANKYOU TO YOUR CHURCH
FOR CONDUCTING THIS FOOD DRIVE
SOUTH COAST CARE (SCC) WAS ESTABLISHED SO THAT ALL THE CHURCHES ON
THE SOUTH COAST COULD BE EFFECTIVE IN
WORKING TOGETHER TO MEET THE NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY
IN THE NAME OF CHRIST
WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE:

Baked Beans,	full cream long life milk and also
Ring top tins of Spaghetti	dairy free or almond milk.
Ring top tinned Carrots/peas/beans	tinned stewed meals
& combined carrots and peas	2 minute noodles
Rice	tea bags
Dry Spaghetti and Pasta (no lasagne please)	biscuits or snack food for children
Red Pasta Sauce or Bolognese Sauce	toothpaste and brushes
Tinned tuna, large and small sizes	deodorants
Tinned or packet soups	Toilet Rolls.
Vegemite, peanut paste or jams	Shampoo
Larger size tins of coffee (we can divide these up)	Liquid soap.
Sugar (we will also divide this into smaller packs.)	dog food tins and cat food tins.
Breakfast cereals	There is also a need for activities for children while parents are being attended to.

THIS WEEK: 19th & 20th July

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppatz

R.1 J. Jeffery
R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 L. Sunman
R. 2 P. O'Brien

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1 A. Fawkner
R2 R. Lee

EMHC A. Turner



ANNUAL CEO SLEEP OUT FOR VINNIES

On Thursday 19th June 2025 more than 1,500 CEOs, business and community leaders and their teams stood together at annual Vinnies CEO Sleepouts across Australia.

Vinnies SA CEO Evelyn O'Loughlin reiterated the importance of raising awareness of the issue of homelessness and said it was equally as important as raising money.

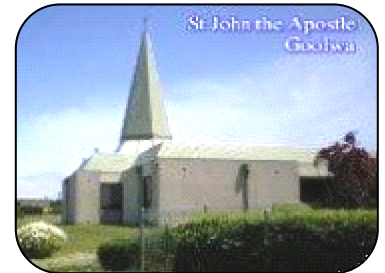
"What we are trying to do is to raise awareness, to increase compassion and to start conversations about homelessness."

Addressing his fellow sleepers, Premier Peter Malinauskas said the government could only do so much and it was *"organisations like Vinnies who make a difference on the front line"*.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

On behalf of Pope Leo XIV, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of the Vatican, addressed the participants of the [2025 AI for Good Summit](#) on Thursday, 10th July in Geneva, Switzerland. Cardinal Parolin, echoed the pontiff's call for clarity and oversight on the ethical questions regarding artificial intelligence as the technology continues to develop rapidly.

"Humanity is at a crossroads, facing the immense potential generated by the digital revolution driven by Artificial Intelligence," [said Cardinal Parolin on behalf of the pope](#). "The impact of this revolution is far-reaching, transforming areas such as education, work, art, healthcare, governance, the military, and communication. This epochal transformation requires responsibility and discernment to ensure that AI is developed and utilized for the common good, building bridges of dialogue and fostering fraternity and ensuring it serves the interests of humanity as a whole." Vatican News



NEXT WEEK: 26th & 27th July

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppatz

R.1 V. Cross
R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 L. Sunman
R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC J. Baker

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 A. Cowley
R2 E. Bourne

EMHC M. Ryan

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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

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• INTEGRITY and SAFEGUARDING

- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8159)
 - Victor Harbor/Goolwa contact: Andy Nicholls (0475 893 521)

- CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare) Contact Cathy May (0401 584 237)



Why science teachers
should not be given
playground duty.

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the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans.

The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

THE DINNER PARTY

It was a perfect Saturday. Maya had been planning the dinner for weeks. She had the playlist queued, the sourdough rising, candles ready, floors mopped, and her phone on "Do Not Disturb." Jesus was coming over. Well – Josh, technically. But to Maya and her friends, he was the real deal. A barista-theologian-poet kind of guy who didn't just talk about God – he radiated God.

Maya's apartment smelled like garlic and rosemary. She moved with purpose, sliding trays into the oven, refilling drinks, adjusting throw pillows no one noticed. She was proud of the space she'd made. It mattered. She wanted to honour him.

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.

Meanwhile, her younger sister, Zoe, had been the first to greet Josh at the door. But instead of helping Maya finish up, Zoe plopped down on the couch next to Josh – barefoot, crisscross-applesauce – and just listened. She asked deep questions. She laughed. She sat with long silences and soaked up the wisdom like it was rain in a drought.

Maya kept catching glimpse of them from the kitchen. Every time she passed the doorway, a little more irritation flared in her chest. She was sweating. Zoe wasn't even holding a coaster. Finally, she snapped.

"Zoe, seriously? Can you please help me? I've been doing everything while you just sit there!" Josh turned gently toward her, his tone calm but firm. "Maya, you're amazing. You care so much. But you're anxious about all the extras. Only one thing really matters right now. And Zoe's chosen it."

He smiled, not to shame her – but to invite her. Maya froze. She realised: the music was already perfect. The bread would be fine. And real feast wasn't on the table – it was on the couch. She grabbed two mugs of tea and joined them.

We live in a world that celebrates Maya's mindset – achieve, impress, produce. But Jesus still calls us to choose the Zoe way – to be present, to listen, to slow down. Sometimes the most radical thing you can do in a hyper-efficient world is to stop and just be with the One who made you.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(21- 28 July)

- **Monday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 22:** St Mary Magdalene (Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)
- **Wednesday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9)
- **Thursday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20; Mt 13:10-17)
- **Friday, 25:** St James (2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28)
- **Saturday, 26:** Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary (Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30)
- **Sunday 27:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13)