



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

25TH 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

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised his greatness cannot be measured. (R)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R)

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the

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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,
Richard Gubbins, Di Shearer
Baby Alfrey, Carolyn Labram,
Delia Lewis, Patricia Haynes,
Giovanni Mignanelli, Gerard Siciliano.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid, Colin Galvin, Nora Worrad
Mary Siciliano, Ken Tillson,
Blandino Murro

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Roberts, Therese Wilsdon.

PARISH COLLECTION

September 12th & 13th

1st (Archdiocese/Priests) \$966.95

2nd (Parish Expenses) \$983.30

VICTOR MORNING TEA

September 20th

F. Hanna & J. Davidge

September 27th

W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET

September Saturdays

M. Tuckey

September Sundays

R. Reid & E. Dabinett

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

September

C. Rivers

MORNING TEA

September

A. Turner, V. Attard, M. Busby,

P. Lowe

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 SEPTEMBER

FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF CREATION:

Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

The River Murray is a vital national resource and the lifeblood of South Australia, providing water for Adelaide and other towns, as well as irrigation, industry and recreation. It supports important wetlands, floodplains, estuaries and ecosystems of national and international significance. The River Murray, its lakes, wetlands and surrounding areas also hold deep cultural and spiritual significance for Aboriginal peoples and communities.

*We pray that the Murray-Darling Basin Plan will be enacted
with care and justice for all involved
and that those striving to preserve our river and its surrounds
will find help and support.*

RECEIVING COMMUNION AT OUR PARISH WEEKEND MASSES

There are 2 markers on the floor at the altar indicating where to stand to receive Holy Communion. Can you please ensure that there is always someone on each marker. If the marker on your side of the church is free, please come forward immediately.

This will ensure a faster more streamlined queuing process.

Thank you for your co-operation. Father Vinh

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Our Congratulations to the following couples

Marsh and Shannon Muthuthamby – 5 years

Jose Jr and Mary Libutan – 10 years

Michael and Paula Lowe – 30 years

Eric and Anne Temme – 50 years

Maria and Ray Tuckey – 55 years

Ellen and James O'Connell – 55 years

John and Wendy Baker – 55 years

Bill and Gemma Woodhead – 60 years

Richard and Rosene Edwards – 60 years



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Dear Parishioners,

The Adelaide Archdiocese has introduced a new Code of Conduct to be signed by all Parish Volunteers. You will find these statements at the back of each Church with volunteer names on them. Please take, browse, sign and detach the last page. Please place this signed form in the return box. I will witness it once returned. Extra unnamed Forms are also available if any volunteer cannot find your name on a form.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support in ensuring that the highest standards of Safety and Integrity for all is maintained in our Parish.

Andy Nicholls. Safeguarding Contact.



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

DECLARATION ONE OF THE ARCHDIOCESAN SYOD

Together on the Way



Declaration One reminds us that **all of us who are baptised are called to be missionary disciples.**

It starts with our own relationship with Jesus and a willingness to keep growing in faith and living that

faith each day. The Archdiocese wants to support people through **practical formation** in Scripture, prayer, Catholic teaching and discernment, while also creating more opportunities to **listen to people who may feel unheard or disconnected from the Church.**

The declaration also encourages us to become a **more welcoming and outward-looking Church.** This means building stronger relationships with **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** peoples, people with **disability** and people from **different cultures and backgrounds.** It includes **caring for creation**, working with other Churches and faith communities, and giving families and young people a greater role in mission. Above all, it encourages our parishes, homes and schools to be places where people can experience the Good News through **welcome, prayer, friendship and service.**

Please take the full declaration home from our Mass today and take a few minutes to read this call to each of us.

LIVING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

One of the aspects of the Faith formation from the Diocesan Synod is developed in a group discussion, like the Advent or Lenten group discussion, called ***Living the Joy of the Gospel.*** Currently our parish is looking for facilitators to lead a small Parish group. The Diocese is offering training. If you are interested and feel called to help, please contact Fr Vinh.

CALLING ALL THOSE WHO HAVE COME TO AUSTRALIA ACROSS THE SEA

Next weekend we are celebrating

World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

and we want to acknowledge

**the many parishioners who have personally come here from overseas
and also our own ancestors who migrated to this land.**

**EVERYONE IN THE PARISH IS INVITED TO WEAR COSTUMES OR
COLOURS FROM YOUR ANCESTRAL COUNTRY.**

**SUNDAY PARISHIONERS IF YOU ARE ABLE YOU MIGHT LIKE TO BRING
ALONG A SMALL TASTE OF YOUR COUNTRY'S CUISINE
SOMETHING SUITABLE FOR MORNING TEA.**

FUNDRAISER FOR SCHOOL CHAPLAINS OF THE SOUTH COAST.

Musical tribute to the Beatles

by the **Jesus Music Movement** and their theme of music in 60s and 70s of
Love, Peace, Freedom and Hope.

The musicians who will be playing are highly recommended.

Victor Harbor Lutheran Hall Saturday 17th October at 6pm \$20 per person.

COMORO NEWS

**Mark has arrived home this week bringing with him many experiences.
One which affected him greatly was meeting women who are bringing up
their children alone and who suffer great poverty. Mark accompanied the
Sisters who help them with weekly donations of food.**

***They will be in our minds as we undertake
our Plant and Produce fundraising event.***

THIS WEEK: Sept 19th & 20th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 C. Allen

EMHC - Host Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 E. O'Connell

- Chalice 2 F. Hanna

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 V. Coffey

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 L. Sunman

- Chalice 2 P. O'Brien

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R.1 J. Small

R.2 A. Cowley

EMHC - Host: T. Siciliano

- Chalice 1 Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2 A. Turner



NEXT WEEK: Sept 26th & 27th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator L. Blacket

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 C. Huppatz

EMHC - Host Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 A. Fawkner

- Chalice 2 C. Sutherland

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 Ray Klecko

R. 2 Kim Pedrosa

Gospel Father Vinh

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 P. Clingan

- Chalice 2 K. White

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R.1 E. Bourne

R.2 M. Wilcock

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 Marie Riddle

- Chalice 2 S. Muller

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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• PARISH MANAGER

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)

(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12noon)

Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• PARISH ENCOUNTER

Please forward items for the news-letter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084,

catholicvhg@bigpond.com

(All items for the newsletter by Wed)

• 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.

• Andy Nicholls

(VH/G contact - 0475 893 521 or
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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market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same.

Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.

HERE'S A TIP ABOUT GOD

"He replied to the one speaking for the rest, 'Friend, I haven't been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar, didn't we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can't I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I am generous?' Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first". (Matthew 20: 13 - 16)

When visiting Paris for the first time, I found one custom so different from here or other places I had visited that it made me genuinely uncomfortable: It was tipping. My guidebook told me not to tip the staff who cleaned my hotel room. They would take it as an insult that they were not doing their job well enough and needed further incentive. The same went for taxi drivers and to the infamous French waiters. An English-speaking waiter explained that

the French do their job and leave you to eat, not hovering around the table working for a larger tip. That is why we often consider them to be aloof or inattentive, when in fact they are neither.

We cannot possibly reach the standards of perfection we sometimes think God places on us. We fail to realise how generous God is with us. God's ways remain a mystery to us.

So we need merely to accept the generosity of God as God chooses to share it with us. We cannot work harder trying to impress God to get a bigger response from God who is already totally generous. We need instead to be accepting of what God chooses to give to us, grateful and humble. *GPBS eNews*

LIVING THE WORD

The 'vineyard' in the Hebrew Scriptures always referred to Israel, the people of God, while the 'master' was God himself. This parable would have been clearly understood to be about being gathered into God's people and who was welcomed into the kingdom. The unbounded generosity of God is highlighted.

- In what ways are we able to offer generosity to new-comers in our parish or local area?
- What welcoming ministries exist in our parish for those who move into the area or for new migrants?
- Who are the people in our society who are in need of generosity and welcome?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (21 - 27 September)

- **Monday, 21:** St Matthew (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13)
- **Tuesday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 23:** St Pius of Pietrelcina (Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-06)
- **Thursday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9)
- **Friday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22)
- **Saturday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 11:9 - 12:8; Lk 9:43-35)
- **Sunday 27:** 26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32)

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.