



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**TWENTY-FIFTH 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

Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?'

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweeping of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 112:1-2, 4-8

Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor:

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! <R>
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? <R>
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dunghill he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. <R>

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8-9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. (Continued page 4)



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,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Mary Ferguson, Pat Mezzino,
Pat Chigwidden, Robyn Kelly,
Stephen Chalmers,
Loudi Carle, Sandy Lee,
Tony Mawdsley.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Len Peake, John Blacket

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid, Mary Siciliano

PARISH COLLECTION 13th & 14th September

1st (Presbytery) \$ 687.80
2nd (Parish) \$ 784.40

VICTOR MORNING TEA 21st September

F. Hanna & V. Coffey
28th September
W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET September Saturdays

V. Cross
September Sundays
R. Reid & E. Dabinett

GOOLWA MEET & GREET September

C. Rivers

MORNING TEA September

C. May, A. Turner, V. Attard

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF
UKRAINE and**



HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER 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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF CREATION

Today the Gospel calls us to stewardship - to use our gifts to heed **the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.** This stewardship is expressed in many ways. One way is to shop locally. Shopping locally offers a win-win for both the environment and the community. Locally sourced food travels shorter distances requiring less petrol and wrapping. It also directly supports local farmers and businesses, strengthening the local economy. Consider shopping at places like:



- Op shops - a way to save money for other uses and a way of recycling
- Local markets
- Organic shops

Those who live in Port Elliot have access to a Community Garden. You can pay a fee to use the produce grown there. Congratulations to Meg Klecko and Chris Blacket who have been very involved in developing this market. Di Shearer is currently the co-ordinator. Various groups visit the Garden from time to time. Contact Di on dishearer@icloud.com if you want to know more. Victor and Goolwa have their own local Farmers Markets with fresh fruit and vegetables for sale.



A SPECIAL EVENT

Next Sunday 28th, Vivi's grandchildren Siara (14) and Thiago (11) have chosen to receive the Sacrament of Baptism at the 9:00 am Mass at Goolwa.

Please pray for them as they continue their faith journey.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

Another way in which we exercise stewardship is sharing our resources with those less well off. In this we are responding to the cry of the poor. Our parish is very generous in supporting the many appeals organized through the Archdiocese. This month we are asked to support our own South Australian Catholic Charities. One of these is the Hutt Street Centre.

"When I walked into the Wellbeing Centre, I was met with a warm smile — and for the first time in a long time, I felt seen. Hutt St Centre gave me more than food or shelter — they gave me dignity, hope and the strength to believe in myself again. Their support helped me move from homelessness to homefulness. I'll never forget the kindness that got me here." — Robert

We helped Hutt St Centre serve 3800 warm, nutritious meals to people experiencing homelessness in 2024-25. **Don't forget to return your envelopes.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Feast Day 27th September (b.1581 – d.1660)

St Vincent de Paul is the patron saint of our St Vincent de Paul Society which was founded by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam to care for the poor in France. Our prayers are with our own Vinnies' group as they care for those in need.

ON SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, the Victor Harbor Refugee Support Group will meet at 2 pm at the Christian Gospel Centre on 2 George Road to see the film. All invited. The name of the film is **PALESTINIANS DON'T NEED SIDEWALKS**

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Canberra-Goulburn Archbishop Christopher Prowse has called for Australians to reject fear and stereotypes in the wake of nationwide anti-immigration protests, urging a spirit of hospitality and hope instead. Source: *Catholic Voice*.

AND SO

NEXT SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER WE WILL CELEBRATE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

which is observed every year on the last Sunday of September.

Here in Australia migrants and refugees have made an enormous contribution to our country and to our church. So, we would like to celebrate.

1. You might like to wear the costume and/or colours of your mother country.
2. If possible join us for morning tea.

We are blessed to have you in our parish.

MARK'S VISIT TO COMORO

Mark is leaving for Comoro on the 24th September. He hopes to

- unravel the potential for our next Parish project
- reaffirm the invitation for a priest from Comoro to visit our parish
- get the chance to visit some more isolated villages within our sister parish boundaries. This will be dictated by the weather. Mark has also been invited to some schools further afield, within the Salesian network.
- On some of these trips Mark will be accompanied by our dear friend Alex who visited us early this year. Alex is working extremely hard on coordinating future programming strategies for the Salesian school network in Timor. One important facet of the strategy is aimed at environmental care.
- Finally, Mark promises to represent us to the best of his ability. He will strive to communicate the interconnection of our faith through our Sister Parish Relationship. Mark asks for our prayers.

MARRIAGE BLESSINGS THIS WEEKEND



Three couples from our parish will receive a blessing for a special anniversary of their marriage:

Mike and Barbara McBride - for 60 years

Paul and Jane Kennelly - for 40 years

Ray and Meg Klecko - for 40 years.

Congratulations to you all!

PREPARING FOR THE ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD IN MAY 2026 ARE YOU LISTENING?

Recent online preparation sessions for the Synod have emphasized the vital importance of **listening to the Spirit** in considering a particular topic, taking time to pray about the topic and listening with the heart as well as the head to what each member is saying, listening without interrupting. This process is called **Conversation in the Spirit**.



At first many of the Bishops in Rome weren't comfortable with this process but gradually they came to appreciate how it helped them to listen more deeply to the Holy Spirit.

We too as baptized members of the Church are called to listen deeply to the Spirit and take responsibility for our Communal Journey in God's service

Please keep the Synod in your prayers

THIS WEEK: 20th & 21st Sept.

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 G. Ryan

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC K. Dudley

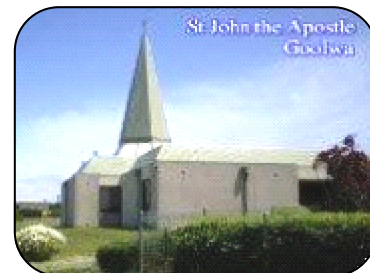
GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R1 P. Kennelly

R2 A. Cowley

EMHC R. Austin



NEXT WEEK: 27th & 28 September

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC A. Fawkner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 A. Weygood

R. 2 P. O'Brien

EMHC A. Rose

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Sciva

R1 E. Bourne

R2 C. May

EMHC S. Muller

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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 & 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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He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things can be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

**THE CLEVER TEEN AND
THE LOST WALLET**

Cameron was a Year 11 student who worked part-time at a local café after school. One afternoon, while cleaning the tables, he found a wallet stuffed with cash. It belonged to a man who had been in earlier – someone known in town as a bit rude and stingy. At first, Cameron thought, No one saw me pick this up. I could just keep it. But something tugged at his heart.

Instead of pocketing the money, Cameron did something different. He opened the wallet, found the man's loyalty card for the café, and decided to act smart. He asked the café owner for the man's number (from the loyalty card system), called him, and said: "Hi, I'm Cameron from the café. I found your wallet – it's safe. Come and pick it up whenever you can." When the man arrived, he was shocked. "You could have taken it. No one would have known." Cameron just smiled. "Doing the right thing isn't about who's watching."

The man was so moved that he not only thanked Cameron but started coming back to the café more often – and this time, he was friendlier, even tipping the staff.

Jesus told a story about a manager who had to think quickly and act wisely when he was about to lose his job. He used his head to make friends and build a better future.

Cameron was a "clever manager" too – but in a good way. He used his situation to do what was right and build trust. His choice turned a moment of temptation into a moment of grace – and it made an impact on the whole community.

Like Cameron, we're called to use our brains and our hearts to make good choices, even when no one is watching. In families, this means being honest, kind, and fair in small daily decisions. In parishes, it means looking for ways to welcome, serve, and bring people closer to God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22 - 28 September)

- **Monday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18)
- **Tuesday, 23:** St Pius of Pietrelcina (Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6)
- **Thursday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Haggai 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9)
- **Friday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Haggai 1:15-2:9; Lk 9:18-22)
- **Saturday, 27:** St Vincent de Paul (Zech 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45)
- **Sunday 28:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31)

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.