



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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Please forward items for the newsletter
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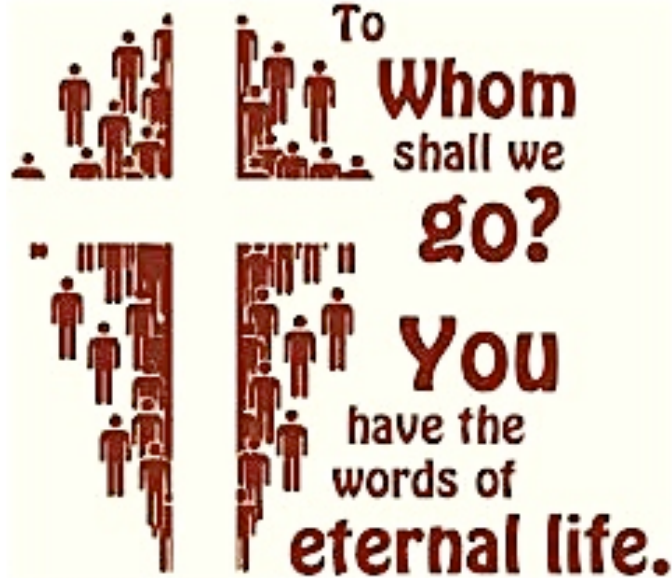
MASS TIMES

• VICTOR HARBOR

Weekend - Saturday 6.00pm;
Sunday 11.00am.
Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 9.00am

• GOOLWA

Weekend - Sunday 9.00am.
Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am



FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the people through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3, 16-23

*Taste and see the goodness
of the Lord.*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of

the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts.

For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.

This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:63, 38

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!*

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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)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace, Margaret Langtry, Claire Hamish, Brian Smallacombe, Barry Wilks, Bailey Smallacombe, Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth, Mark & Lola Kelly, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Jen Jeffery, Charlie Nicolson, Bette Higgins, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Ann Tee, Emily Slattery, Shona Edwards, Eileen McCoe, Carmen Kernahan, Cass Le Poidevin

ANNIVERSARIES

Ann Sloane

RECENTLY DECEASED

Shirley Godfrey

PARISH COLLECTION 14th & 15h August

1st (Presbytery) \$ 792.35
2nd (Parish) \$ 1,231.95

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 27th August

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons
3rd & 10th September
W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MORNING TEA

22nd August
M. Cunningham & J. Andrews
29th August
P. Clingan & T. Hounslow

VICTOR MEET & GREET August Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson
August Sundays
L. Sunman & J. Schulze

GOOLWA MEET & GREET August

M. O'Halloran

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021 PRAYER INTENTIONS: AUGUST Intention for Evangelisation *The Church*

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH LECTIO DIVINA

Is held each Sunday night at 6pm in the Annex.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.30pm. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED

for the Altar Roster. Contact Mary Ferguson on 0434 877 863

NEW READER'S AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER'S ROSTER.

If you are unavailable please contact Mary Ferguson on 0434 877 863

45 CLUB

Series 2 of the 45 Club has concluded and the results will be posted in both churches. Series 3 will commence on 25th September and the final will be drawn on 4th December in time for Christmas. The Knights of the Southern Cross thank all who contributed to the 45 Club which enables us to help those most in need in the community. Please see Robert Lee or phone on 0409 945 019 to be sure to be in it to win it.

SOUP AT ST JOAN'S



St Joan's Social Club will supply hot soup after 11am Mass on Sunday 29th August. There will be pumpkin and vegetable soup available. If you are joining us there is a list in the porch to tick which soup you would prefer. As it's the last day of winter it would be a bit of fun for the ladies to wear a winter hat to Mass.



Please bring your own cup/mug.

THANK YOU FROM FATHER VINH

Thank you to all those who worked hard in our parish while I was on holiday. Fr Francis was very happy to witness our vibrant Catholic Faith community both at Goolwa and Victor Harbor. I enjoyed my holiday and gained 2.5 kilos. Your prayers and support are most appreciated.

CELEBRATION OF YOUR SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Thanks to those couples who sent in details of their special wedding anniversaries.



Bill and Gemma Woodhead – 60 years
Richard and Rosene Edwards – 55 years
Bob and Jen Jeffery – 55 years
Anne and Eric Temme – 45 years
Their details will be sent away and they will receive certificates on Sept 19th.

Some couples were not eligible for the certificate because they did not fit the numbers requested such as 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 etc., but nevertheless are celebrating significant celebrations so we are including them below:

Ron and Patrine Harris – 61 years
John and Pat Mezzino – 61 years
Helen and Michael Taylor – 51 years

Our heartiest congratulations to these couples for so many faithful years.

We remember too those who have lost spouses and who would also be celebrating significant milestones.

There is still time to participate so please give **your names and number of years married to Fran Hanna** either by text on 0415124010 or email fran.hanna@bigpond.com

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PANDEMIC

Parishes and other Catholic communities are being encouraged to participate in a National Day of Prayer in this time of pandemic on **Sunday, August 22.**

Find out more at: <http://>

www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/

LordHaveMercy/

WELCOME HOME FATHER VINH
**Good to know you enjoyed
your time away.**



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

21st SUNDAY IN ORD.TIME, YR.B

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
His praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns His face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns His eyes to the just
and His ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed
He will save.

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of His servants.
Those who hide in Him shall not be condemned.



SAINT MONICA

Feast Day 27th August
(333 – 387)

St. Monica was born in Tagaste, northern Africa and died in Ostia, near Rome. Monica was a Christian, but her husband Patricius was a pagan and a man of loose morals. When her son, Augustine, went astray in faith and morals, Monica's tears and prayers for him were incessant. She followed him to Milan, where Augustine went to teach, and there her prayers for her son brought about his conversion. She had the joy of witnessing St. Ambrose baptize Augustine in 387. She died in Ostia, her son beside her as they gazed at the sea. *Catholic Culture*



NOTES FROM THE

AUG 2021 PPC MEETING

2021 Adelaide Diocesan Assembly (18, 19 and 23 September): Archbishop Patrick O'Regan has invited up to three representatives from each Parish to attend including the Parish priest.

Covid-19 Regulations: Pat Clingan, Parish Manager and John Dunthorne were thanked for their leadership and taking responsibility for ensuring that Covid Marshals and parishioners in each church implemented current regulations. Thank you for your cooperation!

God's Presence During Covid-19: Father Vinh expressed that he thinks God's presence is demonstrated through parishioners who are contributing their time and talents to the parishioners and the community.

Goolwa Primary School's Breakfast Program: The PPC will donate \$400 to sponsor this pastoral care program for two school terms.

Health Training Opportunities: Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training for parishioners who registered is planned for 17 August in St Joan's Annex.

Sister Parish Relationship: The Working Group is waiting to find out if the Comoro Parish would like our Parish to support a specific project. Watch this space!

South Coast Christian Community Care (SCCCC): The PPC would like to thank generous parishioners who have donated non-perishable food to the SCCCC, a service provided by volunteers from local churches to provide emergency relief assistance to the disadvantaged in our wider community. Final day of collection in each church is

Sunday 29 August.

The Season of Creation (September): Weekly activities have been planned so, read *The Encounter* to find out how you can participate.

PPC Members: Membership terms are ending soon so if you would like to learn more about the PPC please speak with Father Vinh, current Members and/or read the monthly meeting Minutes on St John's noticeboard and St Joan's Annex noticeboard.

EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

Archbishop O'Regan recommends that we support the people of Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. You may like to consider giving a donation to Caritas Australia Emergency Response Appeal
www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 Toll free.

This Week : 21st & 22nd August

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. S. Duong

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. A. Willis

R.2 J. Tregeagle

E.M L. Sunman

GOOLWA Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: J. McInnes

R1 L. Healey

R2 H. Harris

E.M. T. Siciliano



Next Week : 28th & 29th August

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. A. Willis

R.2 J. Tregeagle

E.M L. Sunman

GOOLWA Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 M. Mulvihill

R2 Michael Riddle

E.M. M. Glazewski

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 12 August, 2021)

- The density requirement has changed to 3 people per 4 sqm. Weddings and funerals are capped at 50 people (provided density requirements are met).
- Wearing of masks is mandatory for indoor places. Wearing of masks is strongly recommended for Parish Offices.
- Choirs and congregational singing are not permitted. A single distanced singer is permitted.
- Recommendation from Archdiocesan Office that tea/coffee after Mass be suspended.
- Social distancing is mandatory - DO NOT CONGREGATE at entry/exit and outside.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is available at Church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around, but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccination for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access: [Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

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GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their

unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(August 23 - 29)

- **Monday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10; Mt 23:13-22)
- **Tuesday, 24:** St Bartholomew (Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51)
- **Wednesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32)
- **Thursday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51)
- **Friday, 27:** St Monica (1 Thess 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13)
- **Saturday, 28:** St Augustine (1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30)
- **Sunday 29:** 22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).