



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**TWENTY-NINTH 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.

WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR?



WHAT BELONGS TO GOD?

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all,

and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you.

Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'
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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, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Ron Harris, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawcner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson, Jesse Walker, Richard Eisenkoeck, Monsignor Robert Aitken, Rose Munro, Bill Woodhead, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter

HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER :
FOR THE SYNOD : We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



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**

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL THIS SUNDAY
 to support projects in 41 countries and 14 parishes in Australia. There are envelopes available at the back of the Church or you can donate at our third collection or online at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>

PPC MEETING
The next meeting will be held on Thursday October 26th at Goolwa at 4.00 pm.



PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE
The next meeting will be this Wednesday 25th October at 10.15 at Goolwa.

REMEMBRANCE BOARD FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
As November is the month of remembering those who have passed away, there will be a "Remembrance Board" in the foyer of both Churches. You are invited to give Vivi Scriva at Goolwa and Wendy Baker at Victor a photo or memorial card, with name or message on the back that will be displayed for the month.

WORLD-WIDE SYNOD CONTINUES
Prior to the Synod of Bishops there has been a three day retreat. Giving participants time for reflection and meditation ready for the Synod of Bishops. These themes included :-
At home in God and God at home in us;
"We are coming " said Father Radcliffe "to the Synod with conflicting hopes. But this need not be an insuperable obstacle. We are united in the hope of the Eucharist, a hope which embraces and transcends all that we long for."



NEXT SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER
IS OUR GENERAL ASSEMBLY
12.00pm - 3.00pm at St Joan's

Our theme this year is 'Nurturing our Faith through the Eucharist'. Don't miss out on the opportunity to see how the parish is going and have your input and questions heard!!!



You are important to us – come along to our annual assembly. Each person contributes in his or her own way to the life and mission of the parish community. So come along and join with your companions on the way!

If you need a lift call Paul Kennelly on 0402 852 825.

MESSAGE FROM THE ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
When we started this journey, we knew it would not be easy. We knew that there were many hurdles to overcome. *We believe that together, with love, understanding and the grace of God, we can build a future where every individual is recognised, respected, and cherished.* NATSICC

UNITED NATIONS DAY
24th OCTOBER
"Building Back Together for Peace and Prosperity"
A symbol of hope for our world especially at this time when global unity seems a far off dream.
There is no other global organization with the legitimacy, convening power and normative impact of the United Nations. No other global organization gives hope to so many people for a better world and can deliver the future we want. Today, the urgency for all countries to come together, to fulfil the promise of the nations united, has rarely been greater.

PRAY FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND GAZA
"I continue to follow, with pain and apprehension, what is happening in Israel and Palestine. So many people killed, and others wounded. I pray for those families who saw a feast day turn into a day of mourning, and I ask that the hostages be immediately released." *Reuters*
Warning against a humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and ongoing conflicts elsewhere, Pope Francis has called for a day of fasting, penance and prayer for peace in the world on Friday, 27th October . Source: OSV News.



PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

PARISH COLLECTION
14th & 15th October
1st (Presbytery) \$1,010.55
2nd (Parish) \$1,241.15

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER
20th & 27th October
W. & J. Baker, F. Hanna

VICTOR MORNING TEA
22nd October
W. & J. Baker
29th October
F. Hanna & L. McCallum

VICTOR MEET & GREET
October Saturdays
M. Farmer & M. Tuckey
October Sundays
R. Reid & W. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET
October A. Turner

GOOLWA MORNING TEA
October P. Kennelly,
J. Dunthorne, M. O'Halloran

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

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

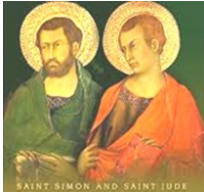
The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts



SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE
Feast Day 28th October

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Sts. Simon and Jude. We know nothing for certain about them beyond what is told us of their being called as Apostles in the New Testament. However little is known about them, they contributed to this great work of spreading the story of Jesus as eyewitnesses.



St Jude is the patron of desperate situations, forgotten causes, impossible causes, lost causes, hospital workers, hospitals. Franciscan Media.

[Meet Mark and Teilhard This Advent](#)

Enjoy a Retreat in
Daily Life

Di Shearer is inviting you to take time during November and December to enjoy a quiet and prayerful Advent. Reading the early chapters of Mark and linking Mark's narrative with the writing of Teilhard de Chardin brings lots of light on the many changes that are facing us in a 21st Century world. **Teilhard wrote Cosmic Life when his own life was threatened in the trenches of WWI. Taking his words in slowly but surely, we can meet Christmas with new vision and hope.**

Please let Di know if you'd be interested. Meeting times and conversations can be arranged in Goolwa, Victor Harbor and Port Elliot to suit interested participants. Di's phone 08 8554 3703 0448536835 Di's Email: dishearer@icloud.com

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

MELBOURNE CUP

It seems we are booked out for the cup luncheon on Nov. 7th. For those who have put their name down and may not now be able to attend please notify Paul on 0402 852 825 ASAP. Thank you all for your support especially the many coming from Victor. Don't forget to dress up a bit and be in line for a prize. We will put out tables and chairs on Monday morning from 10 am.

MONTHLY BBQ. Our October BBQ raised \$63.60 and again thanks for all who supported 5th Nov.

DONATIONS \$100 was donated to the Flying Doctor Service at our last meeting as well as \$200 to the local cancer group.

FATHERS' DAY WINE RAFFLE. A sellout in both Mass centres and congratulations again to both winners. Watch out for our big Christmas wine raffle.

RUDI BALTAIS Rudi and his wife Kaye are well settled in the aged care facility in Strathalbyn. Rudi, of course, is a former knight, and recently had a visit from a member of the Strathalbyn Knights, and after discussions Rudi has been presented with a gopher from the local branch to travel around in. Well done Rudi, a just reward for your great service to our order.

MEETING The next meeting will be held on 18th Oct. at Goolwa at 4.00 pm.

THANKS TO OUR HELPERS AT THE COMORO CLEARANCE SALE

Thanks to all our helpers from both ends of the parish. Father noted at Mass on Sunday that once again the sale brought both sides of the parish together. \$1,900 was raised for our Sister Parish.

There were laughs aplenty when John Dunthorne tried to present Nam, one of our recently confirmed young parishioners, with a Tottenham jumper in gratitude for his help at the Comoro sale. Nam however is an Arsenal fan and was determined not to accept the Tottenham jumper which John eventually gave to Nam's father. John said it was the first time he gave something away that was not accepted!

THIS WEEK 21st & 22nd OCTOBER

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 R. Klecko

R. 2 P. O'Brien

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriver

R. 1 C. May

R. 2 J. Ryan

EMHC M. Ryan



NEXT WEEK 28TH & 29TH OCTOBER

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 C. Huppatt

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 L. Healey

R. 2 Michael Riddle

EMHC A. Turner

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
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 (*All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening*)

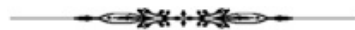
• **PARISH TREASURER**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

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



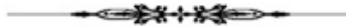
COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(*Current from 19/10/23*)

- 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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But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'



TAX TIME

(*Matthew 22: 15 - 21*)

What is a tax? In the best of circumstances, it's a private payment for the public good. It's how individuals contribute to the interests of the community of which they're a part. In the time of the Roman empire, taxation among the occupied provinces was a troubling matter. It could be argued that what went into the pocket of Rome went out of the province for good.

Those who questioned Jesus about taxes, of course, weren't asking for a moral decision. They wanted him to betray himself by being politically incorrect in front of the people. And Jesus, of course, was above politics, framing his answer in larger terms than the Pharisees cared to consider. Those who were obliged to Caesar should certainly make payment in the coin of the realm. But those who are obliged to God - and who isn't - owe a debt to be paid in the province of the human spirit. It is this larger obligation that should capture our concern. *GPBS eNews*

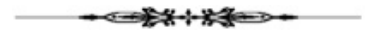
THE ONLY LEGACY THAT MATTERS

The Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in, to ask, "Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, and don't pander to your students. So, tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" (*Matthew 22: 15 - 17*)

Not long ago I attended a funeral for a man who had served as a journalist for the diocesan paper for over 25 years. Kevin was all the one would hope and

trust a journalist might be: inquisitive, persevering, intelligent and articulate. Usually dishevelled, wearing a corduroy jacket with a camera slung over his shoulder, Kevin never seemed to care about clothes and appearance, money or status. Pursuing a good story and a commitment to justice – those were Kevin's passions. And above all else, Kevin was honest. The people who gathered for Kevin's funeral that morning heard these words at the start from the homilist: "Kevin was a good man, an honest man who spoke the truth". It was a starkly simple statement followed by these words: "And what is more important than to be a good and honest person?"

It was one of those moments when I found myself thinking: Really, what could matter more at my death than for someone to be able to say I was a good and truthful person? Awards and accolades, accomplishments and financial success are fleeting and pale in comparison to goodness and honesty. The Pharisees didn't seem to understand this truth in their arguments with Jesus, the good and honest teacher. Kevin's funeral reminded me how important it is to be a person who is good and honest. *GPBS eNews*



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(*23 - 29 October*)

- **Monday, 23:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21)
- **Tuesday, 24:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21; Lk 12:35-38)
- **Wednesday, 25:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48)
- **Thursday, 26:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53)
- **Friday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Rom 7:18-25; Lk 12:54-59)
- **Saturday, 28:** Sts Simon and Jude (Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Sunday 29:** 30th Sunday Ordinary Time (Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40)

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.