



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

21ST 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:

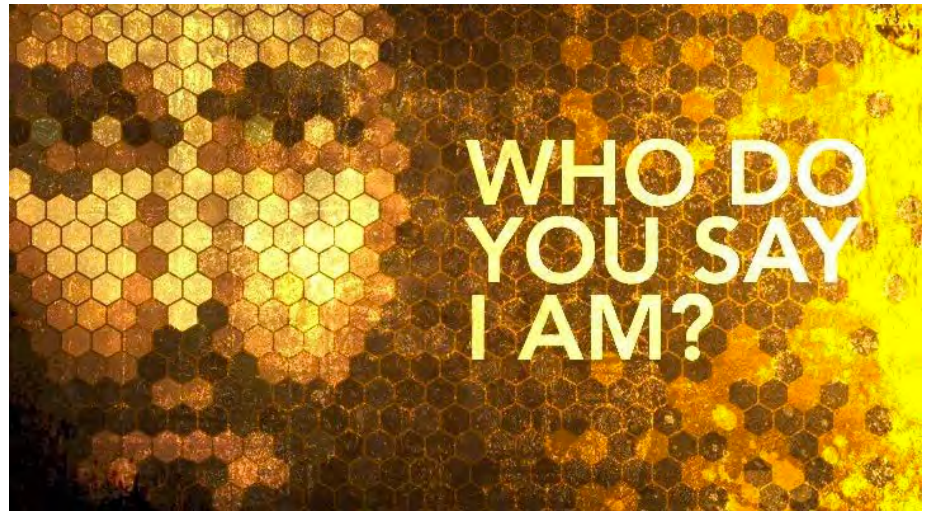
- Reach out to those in need
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill
- Engage with young people
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future
- Strengthen bonds with First Nation peoples

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 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

eternal, discard not the work of your hands (R.)

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church, the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man!

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid, Colin Galvin, Nora Worrad

PARISH COLLECTION

August 15th & 16th

1st (Presbytery) \$ 937.20

2nd (Parish) \$ 929.70

VICTOR MORNING TEA

30th August

F. Hanna & M. Cunningham

September 6th

L. Sunman & J. Davidge

VICTOR MEET & GREET

August Saturdays

E. O'Connell

August Sundays

R. Reid & C. Allen

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

August

A. Turner

MORNING TEA

August

T. Curtis & E. Bourne, B. Hallion

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 AUGUST FOR MUTUAL COEXISTENCE:

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult, might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

COMORO/EARTHCARE PRODUCE AND PLANT PROJECT



As Mark sets out for Comoro (Timor-Leste) next Sunday for his annual visit we are checking on our Plant Project.

Here on the left is a picture

of an original lesson in planting seeds and you can see seeds sprouting on the right in the egg container.

Please feel free to send in any progress pictures you may have.



COMPUTERS FOR COMORO



We are being asked to provide Comoro with an item that will contribute to students' welfare:

OLD COMPUTERS ALONG WITH THEIR PASSWORDS

The computers will be wiped and be made ready to use by the students. This technology is one of the best and most valuable ways in

which to assist education in Timor-Leste.

(See John Baker in Victor/Paul Kennelly in Goolwa.)

A DREMEL DRILL as well is needed for a local priest who makes Rosary Beads.

SAINT MONICA - A MOTHER'S PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED

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 had the joy of witnessing Augustine being baptised in 387.

SAINT AUGUSTINE

Feast Day 28th August

(354 – 430)



Augustine was born at Tagaste, Africa. As a law student in Carthage, however, he indulged in all kinds of degenerate excesses. His mother's prayers brought about his return to the faith. Returning to Tagaste he distributed his goods to the poor, was ordained a priest and at 41 made Bishop of Hippo. He was one of the four great founders of religious

orders, and a Doctor of the Universal Church. **POPE LEO IS A MEMBER OF THE AUGUSTINIAN ORDER FOUNDED BY ST AUGUSTINE** Catholic Culture

ST. JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB EVENT



SOUP AND HAT DAY

IS ON SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST

AFTER 11AM MASS IN THE
ANNEX AT VICTOR HARBOR



JOIN US AS WE SAY GOODBYE TO WINTER AND WELCOME
SPRING WITH A BOWL OF HOT SOUP AND A SLICE OF
BREAD AND SOME WONDERFUL COMPANY
WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE HAT, BEANIE OR BERET TO MASS
AND JOIN US AFTERWARDS.

Congratulations

to Pat and Arthur Cheadle

married on Assumption Day 1953 in
"Our Lady of Lourdes" Catholic Church
in the town of Hednesford. U.K.

73 years of marriage,
a great milestone together.



OPEN DOOR APPEAL

We would like to thank the many parishioners who donated food to this appeal. It is now closed but if you wish to donate in future, please deliver to Open Door office next to Uniting Church in Goolwa.

KSC FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO VINNIES

1st Prize \$100 meal voucher.

For V.H ...Crown Hotel For Goolwa ... Thai Days

2nd Prize for both Churches - 3 bottles of wine

3rd Prize for both Churches - 2 bottles of wine

Tickets \$5.00 ea or 3 for \$10.

45 Club winner No 1 Charlie Grima

MESSY CHURCH – SAVE THE DATE



On Sunday 13th September Messy Church will take place
at St John's, Goolwa. From 3.30-5.30 pm there will be
Games, Craft, Devotion and a Light Meal.

Organised by the Combined Churches of Goolwa.

Enquiries: 0439 863 065.

MASS OF CREATION - 2026 SEASON OF CREATION EVENT



*A special Mass has been created for Season of Creation
by the Vatican and shared with all the faithful.*

The Archdiocesan Council for Integral Ecology invites
you to celebrate this special Mass in nature with

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan during the Season of Creation.

The event will occur on Saturday, 5th September (10am start) at
St. Helens Park (39 Prospect Rd, Prospect 5082). BYO chair and plate of
food. Some light refreshments and an ice-cream cart.

Let Fran know if you would like a ride. 0415 124 010.

THIS WEEK: August 22nd & 23rd

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 C. Allen

EMHC - Host E. O'Shaughnessy

- Chalice 1 Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2: E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 W. Baker

R. 2 R. Klecko

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 F. Hanna

- Chalice 2 L. Sunman

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

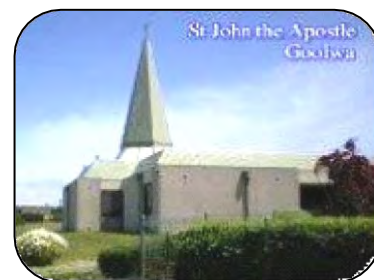
R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 A. Cowley

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 A. Turner

- Chalice 2 S. Muller



NEXT WEEK: August 29th & 30th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC - Host Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 A. Fawkner

- Chalice 2: E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 F. Hanna

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 P. O'Brien

- Chalice 2 K. White

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R.1 E. Bourne

R.2 J. Small

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 S. Muller

- Chalice 2 V. Scriva

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
CATHOLIC PARISH**
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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VICTOR HARBOR SA 5211
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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• **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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Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.

And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

WHO DO WE SAY WE ARE?
(*Matthew 16:13-20*)

When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some think he is John the Baptist, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus asks a question that cuts through the noise: "Who do you say I am?" It is a question about more than belief. It is about what our lives reveal. In our parishes, homes and families, it is worth asking: does the way we speak, welcome, forgive and show up actually look like Jesus?

Faith cannot survive as something we simply attend. It has to become something we live. Our parish communities do not need to be perfect, but they do need to be real. They need to be places where people who are struggling are noticed, newcomers are welcomed, young people have a voice, families feel they belong and nobody is left wondering whether they matter.

The challenge is big. We can know the prayers, attend Mass and carry the Catholic label, yet still miss the heart of the Gospel. Jesus is asking us to move beyond knowing about him towards becoming people who make his compassion, courage, justice and hope visible.

So here is the question for every parish

and every home: Who do we say we are, and what do our lives prove?

Questions for Reflection

- If someone experienced our parish or family for the first time, what would they discover about what we truly value?
- Who might be feeling unseen, disconnected or unwelcome in our community, and what could we do differently?
- Where is Jesus challenging us to move from simply talking about faith to actually living it?

Action Response

Do something this week that makes your faith unmistakable. Notice someone who is usually overlooked. Welcome someone you do not know. Check in on a family member. Invite someone into the life of the parish. Listen without rushing to fix things. Forgive something you have been holding onto. Make room at the table, in the conversation and in the community. Our Catholic faith is not meant to be hidden behind church doors. If we say we follow Jesus, then people should be able to see it in the way we live. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
(23 - 30 August)

- **Monday, 24:** St Bartholomew (Rev 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (2 Thess 2:1-3, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32)
- **Thursday, 27:** St Monica (1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51)
- **Friday, 28:** St Augustine (1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13)
- **Saturday, 29:** The Passion of St John the Baptist (Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29)
- **Sunday 30:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)

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.