



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SEVENTH 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.



What to do with enemies?

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off, No one saw, no one knew, no one work up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called

out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. <R>
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. <R>
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. <R>
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. <R>

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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)

Gregory Hope, Evelyn Liston, Trevor Smallacombe, Graham Blacket, John Blacket, John Slagter, Paul Fahey,

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter McInnes, Bruce Smallacombe

PARISH COLLECTION
15th & 16th February

1st (Presbytery) \$1194.15
2nd (Parish) \$1322.05

VICTOR MORNING TEA
February 23rd

W & J Baker
March 2nd
L.Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR MEET & GREET
February Saturdays

M. Farmer & E.O'Connell
February Sundays
R. Reid & L. Sunman

GOOLWA MEET & GREET
February C. Rivers

MORNING TEA
February T. Curtis, E. Bourne, B. Hallion

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:



FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE:

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the Liturgy committee will be on Wednesday 26th February at 11.15am at Goolwa.

A LETTER OF THANKS

Vinnies making a difference

Dear Vinnies' Members and Fr Vinh, Thank you so much for your amazing response to my request for help for the people I wrote to you

about...Your combined outreach has been a blessing to those involved - an example of responding in a way to make the world a better, wiser, kinder and safer place for people who are made vulnerable by their circumstances. Grateful to you all.

(Email received: 11 February 2025)



REFLECTION

Christ asks for a home in your soul—a sacred space where you and He can be alone together, where you can laugh, be silent, and delight in one another, just as you would in a committed and truly deep friendship.

God became flesh in Jesus so that we might enter into an intimate and loving relationship with Him.

With Christ, there is no need to worry about being misunderstood or to be extra careful with your words.

There is nothing to fear—you are totally accepted, totally and unconditionally loved.

With Him, you can be completely transparent and at ease.

He is always there, always waiting, at any time. He will never let you down.

He loves you more than anyone ever has or ever will!

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DID YOU HEAR? OUR NEXT COMORO GARAGE SALE IS ON SATURDAY 8TH MARCH



There are **THREE** ways to participate in raising money for our projects.

1. YOU CAN DONATE GOODS.

Collection boxes are now placed in the foyers of each church and on **Wednesday 5th March between 2.00 and 5.00 and Thursday 6th March between 10.00 and 1.00 the Annex will be open for donations.** If you require more information re donations, you can contact Mark Leaney on 0412 607 891 or Ellen O'Connell on 0414532406 or Paul Kennelly 0402 852 825.

2. YOU CAN COME ALONG ON

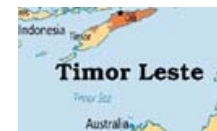
FRIDAY 7TH TO SET UP OR ON SATURDAY 8TH TO HELP WITH SELLING.

There are rosters in both church porches. Please put your name and number next to the times you can be there.

3. YOU CAN MAKE A MONETARY CONTRIBUTION.

You can give money to Brian Fitzgerald in Goolwa and Mark Leaney or Ellen O'Connell in Victor. Many thanks to two very kind donors who have already given \$210 towards the Comoro fund.

A WARM WELCOME WAS GIVEN TO OUR SPECIAL VISITOR FROM COMORO



ALEX GUSMAO

Alex was enthusiastically welcomed to our parish at each of our weekend Masses. He was warmly thankful to God and

to us for our efforts to help our Comoro brothers and sisters. Alex shared a little of his story with us. He was involved in the resistance to the Indonesian annexation of Timor-Leste in 1975.

He suffered deafness because of imprisonment and ill-treatment. Independence formally occurred on 20th May 2002. Alex now has worked for the Anti-Corruption Commission in his government for 15 years. Alex will be with us for a further weekend. Take the opportunity to talk to him.

OUR COMORO PRAYER

Lord, please put your arms around our sisters and brothers in Comoro so they feel comfort and hope.

Grant them the means and skills to sustain them, both physically and spiritually.

Help them embrace the future and trust in your will.

May the prayers of our parish be an instrument of our love

in building a relationship with our sisters and brothers in Comoro as we work in your name, Lord. Amen.



CAN YOU HELP?

SOUTH COAST CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

CARE is in need of the following items:
Cereal (not Weetbix),



red pasta sauce, vegemite, tuna, packets of soup, baked beans and Heinz Chunky tin meals. **Please leave them in the boxes in our foyers.**

(South Coast Christian

Community Care has been renamed 'Christian Community Care')

INVITATION: Parish Representative

Would you like to be a Parish Representative on Christian Community Care (CCC)? Many families and individuals doing it tough are supported by CCC. Your time commitment would be attendance at 4 meetings yearly; and assistance with our Parish annual food drive. Please see Rose Mulraney or contact the Parish Office for her contact details.

ZERO DISCRIMINATION DAY

1st March

March this year is the tenth anniversary of Zero Discrimination Day. Upholding everyone's rights is the responsibility of us all. Everyone can play a part in ending discrimination. During His brief time on earth, Jesus was good at drawing marginalized people to Himself—those who were consistently and deliberately *pushed aside* by society. He *listened*, He *took action*, and He *met needs*. He called on us to do likewise.

For example: Jesus welcomed children.

Even when Jesus's disciples saw children as a nuisance to be avoided, Jesus saw them as a treasure to be welcomed, to be received, to be loved, to be *cherished*."

2. Jesus valued women.

In first-century Palestine, it was unusual for men outside the family to address a woman in any way. But Jesus sat with a woman at the well, he healed the woman with the bleeding disorder

3. Jesus touched lepers.

Lepers were among the most stigmatized people in Jesus's day. But when a leper approaches Jesus to ask for healing, Jesus reaches out and touches him.

4. Jesus accepted Samaritans.

When the lawyer asks, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus answers with the story of the Good Samaritan who had compassion for the Jewish man left to die at the side of the road.

How do we treat marginalised people?

Loving marginalized people is not an optional upgrade for the Church—it's [the way we look like Jesus](#).

GOOLWA CONNECT INTERCHURCH REPORT FROM MEETING 13. 02. 25.

- Both Uniting Church and Lutheran Church now have ministers attending their weekend services. The Uniting Church will have one retired minister coming down on Sundays and during the week, whilst the Lutheran members will have different retired pastors each Sunday.
- Both our school chaplains are returning for 2025. Jo (Goolwa) will be back for 2025. They will be accredited on 3rd March at Bayside Church Pt Elliot.
- Both Uniting Church and Vibe Church now have youth groups, with the Vibe Church having formed a youth ministry group.
- Cancer Biggest Morning tea will not be happening this year.
- WORLD DAY PRAYER will be held this year at Church of Christ Goolwa on 7th March from 1.30 pm till 3.00 pm. The theme country this year is Cook Islands.
- The Goolwa Pageant will this year be held from 10.30 in the morning and proceeding to the wharf area.
- SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE. A sub-committee has been formed to arrange this special service.

THANK YOU VIVI for your lovely sign to welcome COMORO special visitor Alex to Goolwa last Sunday. Alex was very humbled by the effort put into the sign and our Comoro Group chair, Mark, raced out to his car to get a photo he was so impressed. Many thanks Vivi.



PRAYERS FOR POPE FRANCIS

battling a "polymicrobial infection of the respiratory tract" and pneumonia in both lungs. Francis, who has battled bronchitis since the start of the month, was first hospitalised last Friday.

The Holy Father's clinical conditions appear to be stable," said a Vatican statement released on Thursday "Blood tests, evaluated by the medical staff, show a slight improvement, particularly in inflammatory markers."

The statement also noted that the Pope read newspapers and did some work with some of the closest advisers. He also received the Eucharist prior to lunch.

CathNews

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE and THE HOLY LAND



THIS WEEK: 22nd & 23rd February

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 B. Bullen
R.2 C. Huppatz

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 P. Clingan
R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriver

R. 1 P. Kennelly
R. 2 A. Cowley

EMHC R. Austin



NEXT WEEK: 1st & 2nd March

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket
R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 A. Rose
R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R. 1 A. Fawcner
R. 2 C. May

EMHC A. Turner

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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

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• CHILD PROTECTION

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Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

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



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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven.

As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.'

Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

EXPLORING THE WORD

In last week's gospel, the disciples learned that to be a faithful follower of Jesus, they must be committed to a new order. This week's text tells them how they must live in that new order; in a sense it provides the practical details. What Jesus is suggesting should not be confused with passivity or simply inaction or resignation in the face of persecution and injustice. Quite the contrary! What Jesus is suggesting is radical action. It demands that we act towards others without being asked, that believers offer friendship and pardon constantly, without asking or hoping for anything in return.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(24 February - 2 March)

- **Monday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40)
- **Thursday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50)
- **Friday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12)
- **Saturday, 01:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16)
- **Sunday, 02:** 8th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45)

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.