



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**TWENTY-FIRST 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

Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116:1-2

*Go out to all the world;
and tell the Good News.*

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! <R>
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. <R>

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not

get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons.

Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord; no one comes to the
Father, except through me. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from."

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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)

Graham Blacket, John Blacket,
Paul Fahey, John Tregeagle,
Betty Berry, Geoff & Rose Munro,
Mark Kelly, Pat Mezzino,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Mary Ferguson, Pat Chigwidden,
Robyn Kelly, Stephen Chalmers

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maureen Farmer, Brian Fitzgerald,
Len Peake

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid

PARISH COLLECTION 9th & 10th August

1st (Presbytery) \$ 801.15
2nd (Parish) \$ 913.10

VICTOR MORNING TEA 24th August

W. & J. Baker

31st August

F. Hanna & M. Cunningham

VICTOR MEET & GREET August Saturdays

C. Huppatz

August Sundays

R. Reid & L. Sunman

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 HOLY LAND**



HOLY FATHER'S 2025 PRAYER 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.

GREVILLEA DAY



Mark and Vicki would like to express their appreciation for the wonderful expression of concern for our environment put into action by members of the Parish. We were blessed with a beautiful day and many laughs. Our thanks to those who

contributed plants which in the future will provide habitat for many small native birds.

Further photos are available online.

Just Ctrl + Click on the following link. [AAAPHOTOS REGENERATION](#)



INVITATION TO A TALK BY FATHER RODERICK - AUGUST 24TH IN THE ANNEX AFTER 11AM MASS

Fr Roderick O'Brien is presenting a talk in the Annex
after 11am Mass this Sunday on

Faith and Forgiveness: Insights from the Life of Jan Ruff-Aherne.

Many of you will have heard of Jan Ruff who was the first European woman to speak out about the experience of the so-called "comfort-women" during WW2. Father's talk will go for an hour and a Subway roll will be provided for lunch with a cuppa. *Please contact Pat Clingan on 0410 593 617 if you are attending.*

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2025



Just a reminder of this coming event. If you would like to have a blessing from the Archbishop for a particular wedding anniversary - "0" or "5" anniversaries - can you let Fran Hanna know on 0415 124 010 by next Friday.

COME ALONG TO THE CELEBRATION OF OUR MASS OF CREATION

To celebrate 10 years of Laudato Si (Pope Francis' encyclical on care for the earth and care for the poor), a special Mass has been written for the Universal Church.

On Saturday 6th September this special Mass will be celebrated in our Archdiocese by

Archbishop Patrick O'Reagan at the beginning of our **SEASON OF CREATION.**

Place: Stockade Botanical Park Northfield

Time: Starting at 10am. (We would need to leave by 8.00 am.)

BYO deck chair and picnic lunch to share. A free icecream cart will be available.

Let Fran Hanna (0412 124 010) know if you would like to attend.

Car pooling will be arranged.





GOOLWA INTERCHURCH CONNECT REPORT OF MEETING 14TH AUG.

The group is seeking **information on the pageant** for this year.

Messy Church is now attracting 35 to 40 people and becoming increasingly popular. There will be a service this Sunday at 3.30 to 5.30pm at St John's. The group is looking for assistance. If interested see Paul.

School Chaplaincy. Jo is currently working with both Goolwa Primary and Goolwa Senior school but they are hopeful of having a new chaplain shortly
South Coast Christian Care wishes to thank all the churches for their support for their recent food appeal.

DEATH OF LEN PEAKE

Len Peake passed away last Sunday, 17th August. After a successful career in the RAAF in Australia and overseas, Len retired to Victor Harbor with his beloved wife Margaret. He was an active member of the Social Club and helped in many ways around the parish. Len helped Margaret to give out hymn books and newsletters for the Saturday evening Mass for many years. Our prayers are with his family at this time. May he rest in peace.

**Len's funeral will be celebrated on
 Monday 1st September at 10.00 at St Joan's.**



**FATHER RODERICK CELEBRATED
 THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION
 LAST WEEKEND
 CONGRATULATIONS FATHER FROM ALL OF US AND
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE
 TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD**



VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT REVIEW

Each weekend we pick up our Encounter. On the front page on the left there is a column entitled *Vision and Mission Statement*. It is part of a bigger document that can be found on our parish website. The PPC over the years has developed an

Action Plan and twice a year they review our commitment to this statement.

The areas they examine involve the following:

1. Celebrating the Eucharist meaningfully
2. Growing a personal relationship with the Trinity
3. Caring for each other
4. Caring for our environment
5. Reaching out beyond our church community

The 2025 mid-year review is now complete.

A copy of the review is posted on the notice board of both our churches.

Thanks to Rose Mulraney who spearheaded the review and thanks to our PPC members who undertake the review.

Each of us too can review our own actions in regard to these five areas:

Do I try to celebrate the Eucharist meaningfully?

Do I strive to develop a personal relationship with God?

How am I caring for others in our Church Community?

How do I care for the environment?

How do I reach out beyond our Church Community?

Perhaps we can choose one area to work on.

The smallest effort enriches our lives and the lives of others.

THIS WEEK: 23rd & 24th August

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppatz

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 A. Weygoood

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC J. Baker

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R1 P. Kennelly

R2 A. Cowley

EMHC R. Austin



NEXT WEEK: 30th & 31st August

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 C. Allen

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R1 E. Bourne

R2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC A. Turner

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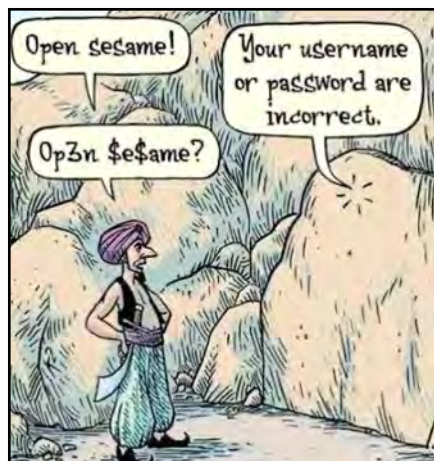
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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- **PRIEST** (*while Fr Vinh is away*)
In an emergency: Fr Richard Morris (0403 367 033)
- **PARISH MANAGER**
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12 noon)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com
- **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**
Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com
- **INTEGRITY and SAFEGUARDING**
 - Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8159)
 - Victor Harbor/Goolwa contact: Andy Nicholls (0475 893 521)
- **CSHW SA** (Safety, Health, Welfare) Contact Cathy May (0401 584 237)



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Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" "Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

THE NARROW GATE AT MAPLE STREET

Every Tuesday morning, the neighbourhood church buzzed with life. Children's laughter spilled into the streets, parents chatted over coffee, and teachers from the local school dropped by after morning drop-offs. Among them was Maria, a veteran high school teacher, juggling lesson plans, parish volunteer work, and the subtle chaos of her own family life.

One Tuesday, during a short break in the hustle, a young man approached her. "Maria, I've been trying to be a good person," he said, nervously twisting the strap of his backpack. "I pray sometimes, I help people when I can ... but is that enough? Will I get in?"

Maria paused. His question reminded her of a verse she'd read that morning in Luke 13: "*Strive to enter through the narrow door ...*" The words weren't a threat – they were a challenge. She realised this young man, like so many, wanted an easy ticket to salvation without the daily effort God calls us to.

"Listen," she said gently, "it's not about checking boxes. It's about living fully – loving boldly, forgiving quickly, teaching with patience, and showing up even when it's inconvenient. The door is narrow because it requires courage. It asks you to stand for what's right, even when everyone else is quiet. It asks you to give yourself away, not just

your time or money."

He looked unsure. Maria smiled. "Start with one small act today. Hold the door for someone who feels invisible. Speak kindly to a co-worker who's struggling. Invite someone new to your parish group. These little steps? They are how you practice walking through the narrow door."

As he left, Maria glanced at the classroom windows across the street, watching her students arrive. She thought of her own family, her parish, the lessons she's teach that day – not just in history or literature, but in life. The narrow door wasn't far away or impossible. It was right here, in ordinary moments, in the choices that required love over convenience, action over apathy.

And for everyone who chose to walk through it, God's welcome was already waiting.

From here to the waiting world is just a few steps. We leave this place with confidence.

- God will enable us to make the crooked paths straight and the rough places smooth.
- God will grant us freedom from the ways that restrict us, and boundless joy in our adventuring.
- God will give us love within our families, and trust within our deepest friendships.
- And God will never leave in this earthly time, or when this time merges with eternity.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(25 - 31 August)

- **Monday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10; Mt 23:13-22)
- **Tuesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26)
- **Wednesday, 27:** St Monica (1 Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32)
- **Thursday, 28:** St Augustine (1 Thess 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51)
- **Friday, 29:** The Passion of St John the Baptist (Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29)
- **Saturday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30)
- **Sunday 31:** 22nd Sunday in Ord Time (Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14)

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 0403 367 033.