



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

### WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.

## 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

**Genesis 18:20-32**

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find

forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalms 137:1-3, 6-8**

*Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.*

### SECOND READING

**Colossians 2:12-14**

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised:

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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, Claire Hamish, Barry Wilks, Bob Willis, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Rita Sullivan, Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Margaret & Len Peake, Ron & Patrine Harris, Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick, Ann & Kevin Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Sheila Hanna, Mollie McGee, Cherie Blacket

## PARISH COLLECTION 16th & 17th July

1st (Presbytery) \$730.00  
2nd (Parish) \$942.45

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 29th July

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons  
5th & 12th August  
W. & J. Baker, M. Cunningham

## VICTOR MORNING TEA 24th July

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden  
31st July  
J. & W. Baker

## VICTOR MEET & GREET July Saturday

M. Farmer & E. O'Connell

## July Sunday

W. Baker & M. Cunningham

## GOOLWA MEET & GREET July

J. Henderson

## MORNING TEA

### July

V. Scriver, C. Rivers, S. Butler, R. Sadlon

## ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

## HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY

### For the elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



**PPC meeting Minutes:** Approved Minutes are available to read on Church noticeboards.

**Next PPC Meeting:** 27th July 2022 7p.m. Victor Harbor.

**EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH LECTIO DIVINA** is held each Sunday night at 5pm in the Annex.

## CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

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

## CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Monday afternoons 2-4pm. Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson on 0402 341 071.

**THE CENACLE** You are invited to join us in The Cenacle held every Wednesday at 10am 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 other, and making an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Gemma Woodhead 0492 849 414

## FREE BOOKLET AT GOOLWA

Copies of a booklet called a Novena to St. Francis of Assisi are available on the table on the left hand side of the entrance door to St Johns at Goolwa. They are free and you will find them inspirational.

## PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



## ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB SOUP DAY

Come and join us on Sunday 31st July after 11am Mass in the annex for a hot mug of soup. Mugs and spoons will be supplied.



## BLESSING OF SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Celebrations of significant wedding anniversaries (usually "0" or "5" anniversaries) will be held in local parish communities on Sunday, September 18th.

If you, or any couple you know, would like to receive a special blessing certificate from the Archbishop, please send your names, number of years married and the date of your wedding by August 15th to [fran.hanna@bigpond.com](mailto:fran.hanna@bigpond.com).

## HAIR CUTS BY MARK – FOR UKRAINE

Mark our Parishioner will do haircuts on Sunday 31st July after Mass in Victor Harbor annex, for a donation towards Ukraine Refugee Relief.

Call Ray Klecko on 0438 364 870 to reserve an appointment. Starting at 12 noon after Mass in 15 minute spots.



## IT WILL BE HAIR RAISING!!

It is also soup day so enjoy a mug while you wait.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."*

LUKE 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Generosity is a gift that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YR.C

*Lord on the day I called for help,  
You answered me.*

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.

I thank You for our 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.

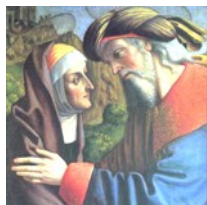
The Lord is high yet He looks on the lowly  
and the haughty He knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
You give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out Your hand and save me,  
Your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of Your hands.



## SAINTS JOACHIM and ANNE

Feast Day 26th July



The two feasts of the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary have been joined and are celebrated today. The couple early became models of Christian marriage. Her

two great shrines — that of Ste. Anne d'Auray in Brittany, France, and that of Ste. Anne de Beaupre near Quebec in Canada — are very popular. We know little else about the lives of Mary's parents, but considering the person of Mary, they must have been two very remarkable people to have been given such a daughter and to have played so important a part in the work of the Redemption.

The church of St. Anne in Jerusalem is believed to be on the site of the home of SS. Joachim and Anne. *Catholic Culture*

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

24th July

Pope Francis writes:



“We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women

and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren.

We ourselves have grown in humanity by caring for others, and now we can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need. Pope Francis said old age was no time to “give up and lower the sails”, but a season of “enduring fruitfulness”.

Pope Francis went on to urge all parishes and communities to “seek out those elderly persons who feel most alone, at home or in residences where they live. Let us make sure that no one feels alone on this day,” he said. “And don’t forget to pray for me.”

## WINTER REFLECTION

It’s been too cold today to spend much time outside,



though from behind glass I’ve read Your message in the winter landscape. Bare branches move gently against a pearl grey sky, with a band of brightness thinness in the clouds.

Some sprays of early blossom try to make us believe that spring is here.

The cycle of the seasons turns. I say, “I don’t like winter. I can’t wait for spring!” But when I stop to look, I see the beauty of bareness and sense the mystery of dying and rising. Trees are revealed in their essential forms and grass grows velvet green. I say, “This is lovely.” I stop wanting to fast-forward time and receive with gratitude what You are giving now.

*Reflections for the Seasons*

**THIS WEEK 23rd & 24th July**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** E. O’Shaughnessy

**R.1** B. Bullen

**R.2** L. Blacket

**E.M.** E. O’Connell

**Sunday 11.00am**

**Commentator:** F. Hanna

**R. 1** P. Clingan

**R. 2** K. Dudley

**E.M.** P. O’Brien

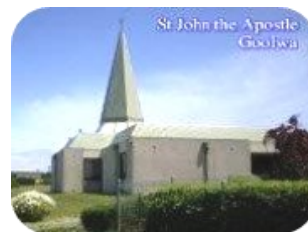
**GOOLWA 9.00am**

**Commentator:** D. Huppatz

**R. 1** J. McMahon

**R. 2** L. Longworth

**E.M.** T. Siciliano



**NEXT WEEK 30th & 31st July**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** C. Huppatz

**R.1** B. Bullen

**R.2** C. Sutherland

**E.M.** E. O’Shaughnessy

**Sunday 11.00am**

**Commentator:** T. Hounslow

**R. 1** A. Weygood

**R. 2** R. Klecko

**E.M.** P. Clingan

**GOOLWA 9.00am**

**Commentator:** V. Scriva

**R. 1** G. Byrne

**R. 2** E. Bourne

**E.M.** A. Turner

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 20/07/22)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the SA Health instructions in regard to isolating and other government health protocols. Stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- There are now no density limits for places of worship; Churches can return to full capacity.
- Masks are highly recommended by the Archdiocese.

The following activities may resume:

- Procession of gifts
- Collections (please be mindful to minimise contact when passing)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- After Mass gatherings and Parish meetings.

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

32 Seaview Road (PO Box 464)  
VICTOR HARBOR SA 5211  
Telephone: 8552 1084 (Please leave a message if the Office is unattended - we will get back to you asap)  
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Web: [www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au](http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au)

## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- **PARISH PRIEST**  
Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084; in an emergency - 0429 098 802)  
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- **PARISH MANAGERS**  
Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)  
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
Email: [Parish\\_manager@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_manager@bigpond.com)
- **PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com) (All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)
- **PARISH TREASURER**  
Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)  
Email: [parish\\_treasure@bigpond.com](mailto:parish_treasure@bigpond.com)
- **CHILD PROTECTION**  
Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)  
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)  
Victor Harbor (Parish Office 8552 1084)
- **CSHW SA (Safety, Health & Welfare)**  
Parish (Cathy May 0401 584 237)

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he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Rm 8:15**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

**Luke 11:1-13**

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

“Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test.”

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the

heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

## THE COURAGE TO PRAY

Prayer requires courage. Imagine the flutter in Abraham's heart when he asked God to consider the innocent who would suffer with the guilty in the destruction of evil cities! Who is Abraham to tell God what is just? Yet our every prayer of petition is roughly the same. With hearts fluttering, we ask God to act according to our perception. It's a bold thing to do.

Jesus encourages his disciples to pray with daring. He tells us to ask for God to reveal divinity to us! That's a big request. Jesus also teaches us to ask for more immediate and practical concerns like food, forgiveness, and to be spared the tug of sin on our hearts. Jesus says we can ask for anything in prayer, big or small, trusting the One who loves us desires our welfare more than we do. With confidence, then, let us pray.

What are the most common obstacles you face in prayer, and how can you overcome them?

“Ask and you'll get; seek and you'll find; knock and the door will open. Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need”. *GPBS eNews*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(25 - 31 July)

- **Monday, 25:** St James (2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28)
- **Tuesday, 26:** Sts Joachim and Anne (Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46)
- **Thursday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53)
- **Friday, 29:** Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27:)
- **Saturday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 31:** 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21)

## 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.