



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

TWENTY-FIFTH 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.



-Matthew 20:1-16

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know

what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage."' So they went.

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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, Paula Collinson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Ron Harris, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson, Jesse Walker, Richard Eisenkoeck, Monsignor Robert Aitken, Rose Munro.

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Peake, Adrian Langtry, Joe O'Shaughnessy

RECENTLY DECEASED

Dr. Nigel Quadros, Mons Rob Egar, Ken Tillson

PARISH COLLECTION
17th & 18th September

1st (Presbytery) \$ 970.70
2nd (Parish) \$1352.15

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER
22nd & 29th September
W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna
6th & 13th October
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA
24th September
Wendy & John Baker
1st October
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

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

HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER : FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MARGINS :

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions ; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



SEASON OF CREATION
Let Justice and Peace flow like a mighty river



WEEK 4 - Communion
"Reverence for creation allows awe and wonder to penetrate into our hearts and calls us to a 'universal communion' to kinship with all creatures, to a sense of belonging and joy in the cosmos.

Pope Francis Laudato Si

There are moments in our lives when we experience ourselves in communion with what is around us, other human beings, the natural world, its rivers and seas, its plants, its creatures.

Let us take some time this week to sit in nature conscious of being one with all that exists.

Can I call all beings around me brothers and sisters as St Francis did?

Can I care for them as for a family?

DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR PARISH ASSEMBLY SUNDAY OCTOBER 19TH 12.00pm - 3.00pm at St Joan's

The theme for our Annual General Assembly this year is **'Nurturing our Faith through the Eucharist'**. We are privileged to have Jenny O'Brien from the Archdiocesan Office of Worship come and speak on this topic.



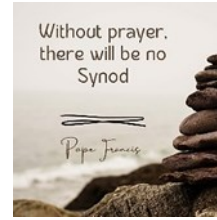
So come along, gain further insights into our faith, hear the latest about our parish, ask questions and contribute to a **really memorable event.** *Forms to register your attendance etc available next weekend.*

REFERENDUM

How much do you know about the coming referendum?

For your information, please read the inserted letter from our Archbishop and there is more information for your consideration at the back of the Church. I encourage you to pray and read widely to help you in your choice in this referendum. No one can tell you to vote "yes" or "no". You vote according to your conscience. Please be respectful of those with a different view. *Father Vinh*

THE OCTOBER WORLD SYNOD - AN EVENT OF PRAYER



Just as the apostles and Mary waited in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost we are called to pray for the gathering of the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of

Bishops in Rome in October.

Synod Secretary-General Cardinal Grech writes:

"The synod is first and foremost an event of prayer and listening that does not solely involve the members of the synodal assembly, but every baptized person, every particular church.

All are called in this moment to join ourselves to the communion of prayer and in the insistent invocation of the Holy Spirit so it may guide us in the discernment of what the Lord asks today of his church."

OUR PRAYER EVENTS

To help us in our prayer for the Synod there will be a short prayer together on Wednesday 27th September in our Mass at St John's, Goolwa.

and

"TOGETHER" THERE WILL BE AN EXTRA SPECIAL ECUMENICAL PRAYER VIGIL ON NEXT SATURDAY 30TH SEPT AT 10.00AM AT ST JOHN'S

We are hoping others from other Churches will join us. **Our prayer vigil will reflect the same vigil being held on the same day in**



St. Peter's Square in the presence of Pope Francis, Patriarch Bartholomew, Archbishop Justin Welby and the leaders and representatives of many Churches.

With the support of the Brothers of Taizé, volunteers of Taizé and those working with the community, **many young people will also be gathering from nations around the world.** They come together in prayers for three days. We come in solidarity and communion with them.

We are sharing the same Bible readings and prayers, and songs as will be used in the prayer vigil in Rome. And in this way we are showing our closeness to all, and the many, from different places of the world on this one occasion. A way of communion with each other as we join as one.

More things are brought about by prayer than this world dreams of.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

The Lord is near to all who call Him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
His greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all His creatures.

The Lord is just in all His ways
and loving in all His deeds.

He is close to all who call Him,
who call on Him from their hearts.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Feast Day 27th September

(b.1581 – d.1660)

St. Vincent de Paul (1581 - 1660) was born in Gascony, France, and died in Paris. He studied theology at Toulouse and was ordained a priest in 1600. As a young priest he fell into the hands of Mohammedan pirates who carried him off to Africa. After his return to France he became successively parish priest, grand almoner of the galley slaves, and spiritual director of the Visitation nuns. He founded the Congregation of the Priests of the Mission or Lazarists to preach especially to country people. With the help of Louise de Marillac he established the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity to care for young girls, for the needy, sick, and foundlings. He died at St. Lazarus's which was the centre of his Congregation. Leo XIII proclaimed him special patron of charitable institutions. *Catholic Culture*

THANK YOU TO OUR VINNIES

Our special prayers and thanks for the members of our St Vincent de Paul Conference who reach out every day to those in need in our region. May they find joy and peace in their work.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



Each year about 800 children with special needs and their families are receiving education and special support via Religious Services and Events, Pastoral Visiting both in the home and in Hospital, Interpreting, School and Family Support and NDIS Support.

Our Lady of La Vang & St Patrick's

Special Schools

Envelopes for Catholic Charities

These can be placed on the collection plate or donations can be made online at

www.adelaide.catholic.org.au



MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY

24th September

Theme: **Free to choose whether to migrate or stay.**

Today we give thanks for those people who have come to Australia from many different lands as migrants or refugees.

Their presence has enriched our nation in many ways. Some of our refugees are still suffering in detention and we ask that justice and care be shown to them.

We are reminded that we are all descendants of migrants or refugees and we acknowledge the original peoples of this land.

CALVARY HOSPITAL ACT TAKEOVER

For the latest news on this issue go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=028vN63WGw4>

where Father Tony Percy explains the threat to religious belief and practice that this decision represents and what he hopes to do to work against it happening again.

DEATH OF MONSIGNOR ROB EGAR

It is with sadness that I advise you of the death of Monsignor Rob Egar, aged 90 years, who died on Tuesday at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

In the midst of our grief, we are filled with a spirit of thanksgiving for so many years of faith-filled and committed priestly ministry amongst us. May he rest in peace.

Funeral details to be advised.

Fr Dean Marin Vicar General

DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER



Remember to turn your clocks **forward.**

THIS WEEK 23rd & 24th SEPT

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 C. Sutherland

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 C. May

R. 2 Michael Riddle

EMHC T. Siciliano



NEXT WEEK 30th SEPT & 1st OCT.

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 S. Duong

R.2 B. Bullen

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 R. Reid

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC J. Baker

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator:

R. 1

R. 2

EMHC

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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**

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 21/09/23)

- 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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At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

HERE'S A TIP ABOUT GOD

"He replied to the one speaking for the rest, 'Friend, I haven't been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar; didn't we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can't I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I am generous?' Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first". (Matthew 20: 13 - 16)

When visiting Paris for the first time, I found one custom so different from here or other places I had visited that it made me genuinely uncomfortable: It was tipping. My guidebook told me not to tip the staff that cleaned my hotel room. They would take it as an insult that they were not doing their job well enough and needed further incentive. The same went for taxi drivers and to the infamous French waiters. An English-speaking waiter explained that the French do their job

and leave you to eat, not hovering around the table working for a larger tip. That is why we often consider them to be aloof or inattentive, when in fact they are neither.

We cannot possibly reach the standards of perfection we sometimes think God places on us. We fail to realise how generous God is with us. God's ways remain a mystery to us.

So we need merely to accept the generosity of God as God chooses to share it with us. We cannot work harder trying to impress God to get a bigger response from God who is already totally generous. We need instead to be accepting of what God chooses to give to us, grateful and humble. *GPBS eNews*

KIDS' CORNER

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways, my ways, says the Lord. (Isaiah 55: 8)
"I wish Franklin understood why he has to go to the vet," Jacob says as he sits with his dog in the waiting room. "Well, he needs his shots to stay healthy," Jacob's mum says. "And he'll get a tasty-treat too". Jacob looks at Franklin again. "I know that, but Franklin doesn't," he says. It's a little bit like that with God and us. When things happen that we don't understand, God longs to tell us how much God loves us and that there's a good reason for everything. *GPBS*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
(25 September - 1 October)

- **Monday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18)
- **Tuesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 27:** St Vincent de Paul (Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6)
- **Thursday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Haggai 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9)
- **Friday, 29:** Sts Michael Gabriel, Raphael (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)
- **Saturday, 30:** St Jerome (Zech 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45)
- **Sunday 1:** 26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32)

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.