



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THIRD 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

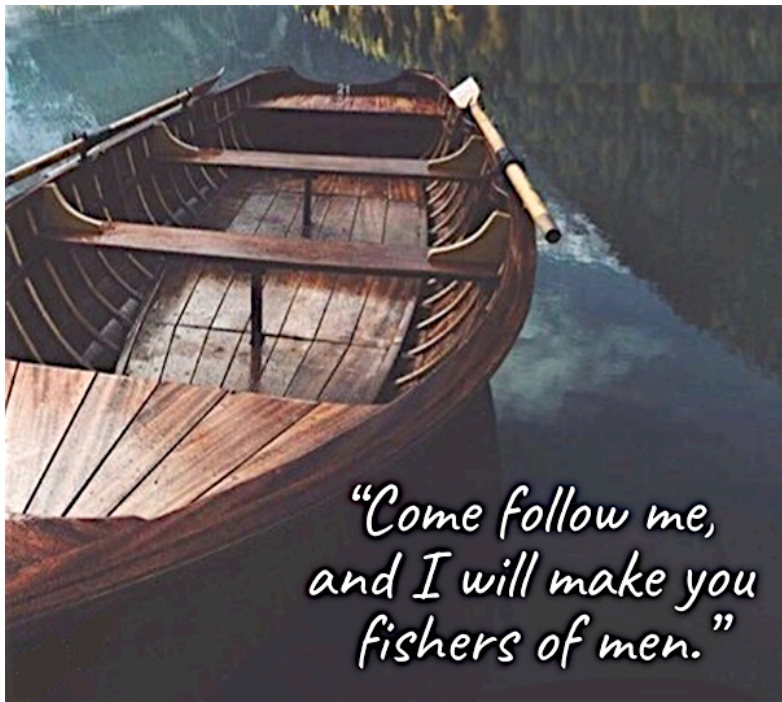
Weekend - Saturday 6.00pm;  
Sunday 11.00am.  
Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,  
Friday 9.00am

### • 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 8:23-9:3*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before who I shall I shrink? <R>
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long; to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. <R>

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! <R>

### SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 4:23*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!*

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(All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)

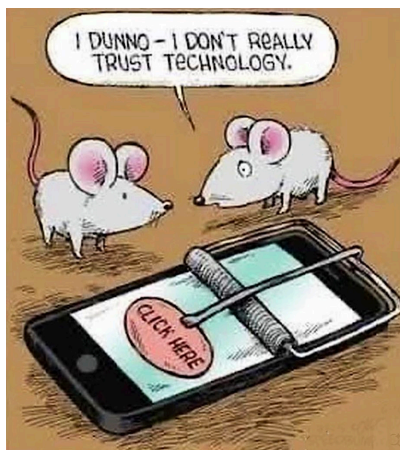
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• **INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING**

We are a safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

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(8210 8150 - select Option 2)
- CSHW SA (Work, Health and Safety) please contact Jim Dabinett (0460 033 529)



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**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 4:12-23**

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.'

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

**BACKGROUND ON  
THE GOSPEL READING**

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew

wants to show that Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(26 January - 1 February)

- **Monday, 26:** AUSTRALIA DAY (Is 32:15-18; Mt 5:1-12)
- **Tuesday, 27:** Weekday Ord Time 3 (2 Sam 6:12-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35)
- **Wednesday, 28:** St Thomas Aquinas (2 Sam 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20)
- **Thursday, 29:** Weekday Ord Time 3 (2 Sam 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25)
- **Friday, 30:** Weekday Ord Time 3 (2 Sam 11:1-10, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34)
- **Saturday, 31:** St John Bosco (2 Sam 12:1-7, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41)
- **Sunday 01:** 4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12)

**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.