Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

30TH 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

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this:

"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. (R)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. (R)

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 14-23*

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS
(These names will be removed after one month. To keep names on this list please contact Parish Office)
Geoff & Rose Munro,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Christine Fitzpatrick, Mary Ferguson,
Pat Mezzino, Pat Chigwidden,
Stephen Chalmers, Sandy Lee,
Tony Mawdsley, Gemma Woodhead,
Janet Murray, Claire Galpin,
Rosene Edwards, Vicki Cross, Mary Jacobson, Tanya Francis, Garry Hill,
Les Hill, Geoff Chalmers, Eric Temme,
Kevin and Cath Howard,
Richard Gubbins, Di Shearer
Baby Alfreya, Delia Lewis,
Patricia Haynes, Gerard Siciliano.

ANNIVERSARIES
Mary Siciliano, Ken Tillson,
Blandino Murro, Margaret Hope,
Ron Harris

RECENTLY DECEASED
Lourdes Carle. Giovanni Mignanelli.

PARISH COLLECTION
October 10th & 11th
1st (Archdiocesan Priests) $ 1191
2nd (Parish Expenses) $ 1295.25

VICTOR MORNING TEA
October 25th
W. & J. Baker
November 1st
L. Sunman & J. Davidge

VICTOR MEET & GREET
November Saturdays
E. O'Connell
November Sundays
R. Reid & K. Pedrosa

GOOLWA MEET & GREET
November
J. Dunthorne
MORNING TEA
November
V. Scriva, C. Rivers,
P. Stone, T. Riding

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP
Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE and THE MIDDLE EAST

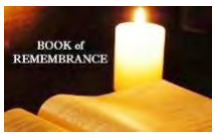




Bulletin Board

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS
SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK/BOARD

There will be a "Remembrance Book" in the foyer of both Churches.



You are invited to record the names of those you want to remember and pray for and the book will be taken up and placed on the altar at the Offertory Procession. If you have already recorded these names in the Book in previous years you do not need to re-record them.

As well, at Goolwa, there is a memorial board.
So parishioners at Goolwa are asked to leave a memorial card by the blue board which will then be displayed on the blue entrance board.
As parishioners enter the church they can then prayerfully remember those who have passed away, whose memories are deeply cherished and loved by fellow parishioners.

FR VINH IS GOING ON HOLIDAY

I will leave the parish on Monday 26th Oct and be back Thursday 5th Nov from Flinders Ranges. Fr Francis will be here for the weekend Masses, plus Monday 2nd Nov. 10 am for All Souls Mass, Victor Harbor.
If in emergency **for the last rites only**, please ring Fr Julius Nyandiga from Noarlunga on 0455878907.

Have a restful time Father and our prayers go with you.

RETREAT - ALL WELCOME

Saturday 31st October, 2026, Bethany Hall, Uniting Church,
Cnr St Jude St & St Andrews Tce, Willunga.
Fr Tom Gleeson will guide us in reflection.
10.30am Arrive/Greeting/Morning Tea
10.45am Start the Retreat 3.30pm Finish the Day
Please bring: 1. Your own packed snack and lunch (not for sharing as previously) 2. A small paper cup with a little soil from your home (½ cup or less) 3. A small cash donation for the hire of the hall is welcome. Tea and coffee supplied. RSVP Robyn Schrama: 0414365234

ALUMINIUM COLLECTION TEAM - LAST COLLECTION

Thank you to the Aluminium Collection Team. Lennie, Anne Fawkner, John Dunthorne, Lynne & Dave, Marilyn, Wendy & John Baker, and also the recycling bottles from Vivi, Chrisso, Alex and Marie Galvin! This may have been small but a little goes a long way in helping to money raise for Comoro!

Please note this is our last collection. Thank you so much for all your support. To continue on the good work of recycling - place your items (separate aluminium types) into a clear plastic container or a plastic bag, secure firmly and place in your yellow lid recycling bin. Placing them in like kind and in container ensures a quick processing at the recycle depot!

Thanks again for your fabulous support. It has been good working together on this project for the church, the environment and Comoro!

Blessings, Rosemary

45 CLUB This week's winner is No 43 - Lynne and Dave Healey

The 45 Club is now fully booked for the third series and we would like to thank two Goolwa members who filled in for the two members who failed to renew their numbers for this series.

DEMENTIA MORNING TEA

This was held on Tuesday 20th October at St John's.
Although the turnout was disappointing, all enjoyed the morning.
Many thanks to Marina O'Halloran and Jane Kennelly for setting up the hall and organising prizes for the raffle. A special thank you to Vivi as Emcee - she kept us guessing!! A total of $350 was raised.

PLANT AND PRODUCE SALE FOR COMORO



Parishioners and visitors enjoyed a wonderful display of plants and produce at our recent Sunday sales. The Goolwa sale was last Sunday and the help of the Victor members of the Comoro working group was greatly appreciated. A grand total of $1,600 was raised over the two sale days. Many thanks to everyone who contributed plants, produce, baked goods, time and effort.

The sales were also an opportunity to live out Pope Francis' message in *Laudato Si'* that caring **for our common home and caring for one another belong together.** Our care reaches beyond our local community as we continue to support our brothers and sisters in Timor-Leste. Small, practical acts of generosity and kindness can make a real difference when they grow from gratitude for creation and love and concern for others.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Thank you to all the parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving Program. These funds are used to provide for the administration and maintenance of the parish, which includes land and water rates, insurance, electricity, gas, general maintenance, cleaning, items of worship, phones and stationary. If you are new to the Planned Giving Program and would like to contribute, either by weekly envelop or debit/credit card, our parish bank account details are:

SECOND COLLECTION (PLANNED GIVING)
Account Name: Victor Harbor/Goolwa Parish
BSB: **066-782**
Account: 100000128
Ref: Your Name:

FIRST COLLECTION (Priests of the Archdiocese)
Account name: Presbytery account.
BSB 066782
Account: 100013968
Ref: Your name:

or please contact Treasurer Merv Mallett on Mondays on 0412 103 443 for more details.

Alternatively you can give directly to the Parish on the **Archdiocese website** under the headings of:
Giving - Donate - Donate to Your Parish (1st and 2nd collections).

THIS WEEK: Oct. 24th & 25th
Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm
Commentator J. Ryan
R.1 C. Huppatz
R.2 C. Allen
EMHC - Host Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 T. White
- Chalice 2 E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am
Commentator: R. Klecko
R. 1 F. Hanna
R. 2 A. Weygood
EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 P. O'Brien
- Chalice 2 L. Sunman

Goolwa Sunday 9am
Commentator**:** M. Freeborn
R.1 E. Bourne
R.2 M. Mulvihill
EMHC - Host: Fr. Vinh
- Chalice 1 Marie Riddle
- Chalice 2 T. Riding



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Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm
Commentator T. White
R.1 M. Mulvihill
R.2 L. Blacket
EMHC - Host Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 A. Fawkner
- Chalice 2 C. Sutherland

Sunday 11am
Commentator: F. Hanna
R. 1 K. Dudley
R. 2 G. Ryan
EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 P. Clingan
- Chalice 2 A. Rose

Goolwa Sunday 9am
Commentator**:** Marie Riddle
R.1 L. Hayward
R.2 Michael Riddle
EMHC - Host: Fr. Vinh
- Chalice 1 S. Muller
- Chalice 2 Marie Riddle

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• PARISH ENCOUNTER
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(*All items for the newsletter by Wed)*

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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.

- Andy Nicholls
  (VH/G contact - 0475 893 521 or andrewnicholls6@gmail.com
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8150 - select Option 2)
- CSHW SA (Work, Health and Safety) please contact Jim Dabinett (0460 033 529)



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GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

THE BOTTOM LINE

Moses drew the bottom line for the people of God when he presented the stone tablets to them at the base of Sinai: Here are ten things you must, and must not do. Love God, honour your parents; don't steal, kill. Most of us know the commandments well enough to know when we break them, without peeking back at Exodus.

To ask - which commandment of God is the greatest? - is a bit like asking for a hierarchy of evil for future reference. The popularity of lists of sins is that they give us guidelines as to how far we can go in sin before we're over our heads. As Robert Orbin says, most of us would like to be delivered from evil - but would like to keep in touch. The great commandment of Jesus doesn't give us that option. Loving God with heart, soul, and mind is a pretty exclusive commitment. When it comes to monogamy, even it a little infidelity is too much.

RULE NUMBER ONE

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence. This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: Love others as well as your love yourself. These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them".

Mr Williams was rehearsing his lines in his mind. His daughter had missed curfew once again, and she'd already been warned. How often had he told her about curfew – rule number one? Now, he was going to lower the boom. Ground her for weeks. Take away her driving privileges. Let her know there are consequences to her actions.

And the minutes dragged on. And his worry increased. And his anger increased along with his worry. The phone rang. "Mr Williams, your daughter is here at the police station. She's OK. There was an accident. It wasn't her fault. We'll be bringing her home shortly, but she didn't want to worry you so she asked me to call".

When his daughter arrived home, he saw the look on her face. He could see all that she'd gone through, the apology already on her lips. It softened his heart. He opened his arms and she came swiftly into his embrace. As if singing a duet, they said simultaneously, "I was so worried for you". The Williams home discovered its new "rule number one": Love God and one another.

God's strong and all-embracing love will go with us, a love nurtured in this faith community. A love that we sense as we come quietly before God. A love that supports us in the hard times. A love that gives permission to question and doubt. A love that binds us together in ministry. A love that sometimes seems absent, but a love that is there for us always, even when we least expect it. A love we know in Jesus through his teachings, his relationships, his stories, and his love that took him to the cross. With God's love we leave this space joyfully and hopefully. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(26 October - 1 November)

- ***Monday, 26:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Eph 4:32-5:8; Lk 13:10-17)
- ***Tuesday, 27:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21)
- ***Wednesday, 28:*** Sts Simon and Jude (Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19)
- ***Thursday, 29:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Eph 6:10-22; Lk 13:31-35)
- ***Friday, 30:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6)
- ***Saturday, 31:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Phil 1:18-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11)
- ***Sunday 01:*** ALL SAINTS (Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14; 1Jn 3:1-3; 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.