



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

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*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

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32:2-3, 17-19, 23

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. <R>
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. <R>

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. <R>

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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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, Paul Fahey,
John Tregeagle, Betty Berry,
Geoff & Rose Munro, Mark Kelly,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Mary Ferguson, Pat Mezzino,
Pat Chigwidden, Robyn Kelly,
Stephen Chalmers,
Loudi Carle, Sandy Lee,
Tony Mawdsley, Janet Murray.

ANNIVERSARIES

Dan Kennelly

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kay Pickering

PARISH COLLECTION 18th & 19th October

1st (Presbytery) \$1,333.70
2nd (Parish) \$1,596.45
Missions Zambia \$654.75

VICTOR MORNING TEA 2nd November

L. Sunman & J. Davidge

9th November

E. Dabinett & Y. Rogers

VICTOR MEET & GREET November Saturdays

H. Anderson

November Sundays

R. Reid & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

November

R. Lee

MORNING TEA

November

V. Scriva, C. Rivers, P. Stone,
P. Lowe

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 OCTOBER . For collaboration between different religious traditions : Let us pray that believers in different traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human solidarity.



The Holy Rosary ~Luminous Mysteries~

The Five Luminous Mysteries are traditionally prayed on Thursdays:

1. The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana
3. Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

Twenty years ago, St. John Paul II added five Luminous Mysteries to the traditional mysteries of the Rosary. The Luminous Mysteries refer to Christ's public life, and are His *Baptism in the Jordan*; His self revelation at the *Wedding of Cana*; His *proclamation of the Kingdom of God with His call to conversion*; His *Transfiguration*; and His *Institution of the Eucharist*, Without these mysteries we would miss out on Jesus' public life that is so important to our faith. Traditionally these mysteries are said on a Thursday and are prayed before Mass on Thursdays at St Joan's.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!

Dear Parishioners

Thank you for your patience and support as we work toward the Goals of Safety and Integrity for all within our Parish. As part of working towards these goals all volunteers are asked to complete a Safeguarding Essentials Risk Assessment.

Not all volunteers have been able to do this online so:

- ♦ Face to Face Training for Volunteers unable to complete the online Safeguarding Essentials will take place on
- ♦ Tuesday the 28th of October:
- ♦ in the annex of St Joan's Victor Harbor 10.00 till 11.30
- ♦ at St John's Goolwa 1.30 till 3.00.
- ♦ Please register your intent to attend these sessions by signing the attendance sheet at the back of the Church.

For any queries please ring me on 0475 8793 521

Pax et Bonum (Peace and All Goodness). Andy Nicholls

Bulletin Board



KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

45 Club. The winning number last Saturday night was 43, won by David and Lynn Healy from Goolwa

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON: This event has been cancelled due to lack of interest. We have for the last 3 weeks called for interest but there has been little shown. We have given it good promotion but with so many other cup luncheons available, we feel it is only fair to those who had given their names to seek another venue.

DEMENTIA DAY MORNING TEA: In an amazing effort by all who attended the day and others who were unable to attend but gave support, we managed to raise \$1,200 on the day. Many thanks to the Ukulele ladies who entertained us so well and Tony who told us the story of the crab that fell from the sky.

Many thanks to all involved especially Marina O'Halloran who put her heart and soul into the organising of the above.

ALL SAINTS SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER

All Saints Day



The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. *Catholic Culture*



HOLY SOULS SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

Tender God of Mercy, You so loved us that You sent Your only Son, Jesus, to be our Redeemer. In Him we have come to know You and love You. As we draw closer to You, we seek to share the Good News of Your powerful life-giving Love. In this month of the Holy Souls, we pray for all the faithful departed, and especially for the relatives, friends and neighbors who brightened our lives.

HALLOWEEN - FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER

is an Old English name for the *Eve of All Saints Day*

In England, from the medieval period, up until the 1930s, people practised the Christian custom of "souling" on Halloween, which involved groups of soulers, both Protestant and Catholic, going from parish to parish, begging the rich for soul cakes, in exchange for praying for the souls of the givers and their friends.

Two coming events:

Sunday 2nd November

David Basham MP

10.30 - 11.15am

Saturday 8th November

Rebekha Sharkie

Morning Tea

Contact:

dishearer@icloud.com

Port Elliot Community Garden



Come & Join

Spend time with friends,
make new ones,
learn new garden skills,
enjoy coffee and chat.
Share with us even if you can
do very little physical work.
Visit us any time
and take home something
seasonal from the
harvest.

24/7 Member Access



Open Wednesdays 9am-12noon / 2nd and 4th Saturdays 9am-12noon
End of Elliot St, off Tottenham Ct Rd Contact: dishearer@icloud.com

FUNERAL OF KAY PICKERING

It is sad that I inform you that Kay Pickering has passed away. Her funeral will be held on Friday 31st October at 1.00pm at Simplicity Funerals, Victor Harbor.

THIS WEEK: 25th & 26th October

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC A. Fawkner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC J. Baker

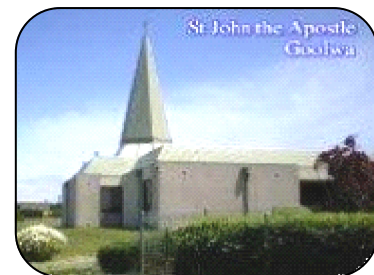
GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 E. Bourne

R2 R. Austin

EMHC M. Ryan



NEXT WEEK: 1st & 2nd November

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC A. Fawkner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC J. Baker

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: M. Riddle

R1 M. Mulvihill

R2 V. Scriver

EMHC T. Sciliano

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
CATHOLIC PARISH**
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **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 & SAFEGUARDING**

We are a safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children, young people and adults at risk. We believe that all God's children, young people and adults at risk have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

- Andy Nicholls (VH/G contact - (0475 893 521))
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8150 - select Option 2))
- CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare) please contact the Parish Office.



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

**THE TWO VOICES
IN THE HALL**

It was Friday morning, and the school hall buzzed with the chatter of students, teachers, and parish volunteers setting up for a community event. Among them was Alex, always eager to impress. He had been practicing his speech for the school assembly, making sure everyone knew how organised, responsible, and "good" he was.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the hall, Sam quietly helped a younger student untangle a tangle of cords for the sound system. Nobody was watching. Nobody would even know. Sam didn't care. He just wanted to make sure the assembly ran smoothly.

During the assembly, Alex's speech went perfectly. Teachers nodded, students clapped politely, and he felt proud. Later, however, he noticed the assembly had gone off without a hitch because Sam had quietly solved problem after problem behind the

scenes – keeping the younger kids calm, helping the tech run smoothly, and even comforting a nervous student about to perform.

Alex realised something: all his effort to look "good" had been loud, visible, and full of ego. Sam's humble actions had gone unnoticed by most, but they had made the biggest difference.

That afternoon, the principal echoed a truth Jesus teaches in Luke 18:14: *"For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."*

True greatness isn't in being seen, praised, or recognised – it's in serving others with a humble heart.

Alex quietly thanked Sam and, for the first time, felt the joy of helping without needing applause. Sam smiled and shrugged. "It's not about me. It's about everyone doing their part."

And in that moment, the whole hall – students, teachers, and volunteers – learned that humility can change a day, a school, a parish ... even a life.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(27 October - 2 November)

- **Monday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17)
- **Tuesday, 28:** Sts Simon and Jude (Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Wednesday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30)
- **Thursday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Rom 8:31-39; Lk 13:31-35)
- **Friday, 31:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6)
- **Saturday, 01:** ALL SAINTS (Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Mt 5:1-12)
- **Sunday 02:** COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day) (Isaiah 25:6-9; Romans 5:5-11; Luke 7:11-17)



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.