



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**TWENTY-FIRST 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 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and

knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church, the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied,

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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 McCoey, 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

Ian Reid, Peg Page, Nora Worrad

HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST :
FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY :
We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

Sunday 5pm in the Annex. You are welcome to join this group to reflect on the Gospel of the day. Phone Carol Sutherland. 0418 856 799.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Thank you to the 30 parishioners who were accepted by our Archbishop to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We thank them for being part of this ministry in our Parish.

THE CENACLE

You are invited to join us in The Cenacle held every Wednesday at 9.30am 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 Mother and making an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Gemma Woodhead 0492 849 414

FATHERS' DAY WINE RAFFLE

this week at both Mass centres. \$10 a ticket for a dozen lovely wines with a bonus added. See Des Wallace at Victor or Mike and Paul at Goolwa. The Goolwa draw will be on Fathers' Day Sept 3rd at 9.00am Mass and the Victor draw at 11.00am Mass the same day. We look forward to your support.

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES SEPTEMBER 16/17th

at each of our Mass Centres. Father will present Blessing Certificates from the Archbishop on that weekend. If you have an '0' wedding anniversary or a '5' one this year please ring, text or email Fran Hanna on 0415 124 010 or email <fran.hanna@bigpond.com>

CONGRATULATIONS



to Mary and Ron Taylor who celebrated their 55th Anniversary on 27th July.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

27th August

Theme: Listen, Learn, Love



A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

We, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council, invite members of the Church to walk with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in this year of great possibility. We hope for an end to the pain, the hurt and the injustice that has burdened the First Peoples of this land for far too long. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will not tell Catholics or their fellow Australians how to vote in the referendum.

Instead we ask all Australians to

- seek out information on the referendum proposal

- weigh up all the arguments and information carefully and

- make a choice which you think respects the hopes and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The full version can be downloaded at [Social Justice Statement 2023-24 - Office For Justice, Ecology and Peace \(catholic.org.au\)](https://www.catholic.org.au/social-justice-statement-2023-24)

DON'T FORGET!!!



DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD TO LOCALS IN NEED

You are invited to donate non-perishable food to Open Door, Goolwa and South Coast Christian Community Care

(SCCCC), Victor Harbor who provide food to people in need.

Donation boxes will be in our churches 19-20 August & 26-27 August.

All non-perishable food items are appreciated however, canned fish, canned meat, canned fruit, spaghetti, soups, jams, vegemite, peanut butter, cereal, health bars & coffee are in short supply. Thank you!

John Baker & Rose Mulraney represent our Parish on the SCCCC. Please contact them if you have any questions.

URGENT - CAN YOU HELP

A woman parishioner is urgently seeking accommodation in Victor Harbor preferably within walking distance of her workplace which is close to town.

Please ring Fran Hanna 0415 124 010 for further information.

PARISH COLLECTION 19th & 20th August

1st (Presbytery) \$ 730.00
2nd (Parish) \$ 1065.25

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 25th August & 1st September W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

VICTOR MORNING TEA 27th August W. & J. Baker 3rd September L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

Victor Meet & Greet August Saturdays M. Farmer & H. Anderson

August Sundays R. Reid & J. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET August M. O'Halloran

GOOLWA MORNING TEA August T. Curtis, E. Bourne B. Helion

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

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

Lord, Your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of Your hands.

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 you before your holy temple.

I thank you for your 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.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Passion - 29th August

(c.5 – c.30)



The Church, having celebrated the birthday of St. John the Baptist on June 24th, today honours the anniversary of his martyrdom. Besides our Lord and our Lady,

St. John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are thus celebrated..

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple lifestyle was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centred on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. With God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation. *Catholic Culture and Franciscan Media*

CATHOLIC/ LUTHERAN CELEBRATION

The Lutheran community wish to thank the Catholic Parish for welcoming them in using our church for their services which began 20 years ago.

To celebrate they are holding a luncheon at Oasis Gardens Restaurant , 726 Langhome Creek Belvidere on Sunday 24th Sept. from 1.00 pm. The price is \$50 per person for all you can eat. Please see Vivi or Paul if you wish to attend.

GOOLWA INTERCHURCH REPORT MEETING 17th August

Attended by Vivi and Paul

PAGEANT There will be no pageant again this year due to high costs but a Christmas concert will be held at the oval and run by Rotary who will call on Church groups for support. The group is also seeking the return of the Nativity scene in the Council window display. The Council has not displayed it for the last 2 years.

MESSY CHURCH The next service is on this weekend in the Catholic Church from 3 pm. Numbers have still been good, with a 19-year-old lad who attended being baptised into the Baptist Church.

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

Both school chaplains reported good support from teachers and students. Goolwa HS will be having another Christmas party this year, especially after the success of last years' event.

Goolwa PS are needing more volunteers to assist with serving breakfast.

THANK YOU

to long term volunteer **Anne Turner** who currently sets up morning tea each Sunday morning, as well as being an assistant sacristan and Extraordinary Minister of Communion. Anne was also a former secretary and chair to the now closed St. John's Social Club as well as other jobs she assisted with.

and

to **Anne and Keith Fawkner** who have been great volunteers until Keith's recent health problems . Both served as Readers, Commentators and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Anne also was formerly a chair of the PPC as well as serving as chair and committee member of the St John's Social Club and is also Catholic representative for planning the Women's World Day of Prayer. Anne is full time carer for Keith, who still gets to Mass whenever he can, and always still has a smile on his face, and enjoys a quick chat to those who come up and say good day.

AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS VISIT UKRAINE

At the invitation of Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia, New Zealand and Oceania, a delegation from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference visited Ukraine from August 8-11 in an expression of pastoral solidarity with the country's people. This was an important opportunity to witness first-hand the human experience of this ongoing war.

THIS WEEK 26th & 27th AUGUST

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 E. O'Shaughnessy

R.2 B. Bullen

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 S. Duong

R. 2 A. Williss

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R. 1 Marie Riddle

R. 2 Michael Riddle

EMHC S. Muller



NEXT WEEK 2nd & 3rd SEPTEMBER

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 P. Clingan

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R. 1 L. Healey

R. 2 R. Lee

EMHC A. Turner

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RAMINDJERI land

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Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
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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**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• **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)



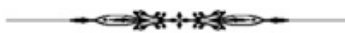
COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 23/08/23)

- 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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‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’ Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



A PEG IN A SURE SPOT

(Matthew 16: 13 - 20)

One day soon, Peter will deny he ever knew Jesus. But at this moment, he’s chosen to be the foundation upon which the future church will rest. Peter, in a sure spot? He was a nail driven into spackle! Is Jesus being ironic when he calls him a rock? In just a few more verses (see vs, 23), Jesus will call Peter the devil.

Jesus is Lord - but also a realist. Human nature is soft, like the flesh that contains it, and there truly is no better choice among the Twelve than Peter. From this impulsive, un-schooled, self-preserving fisherman, God will raise up the rafters of a church that will see twenty centuries more. Not because Peter is great, but because God is. Not much can be built on flesh, as frail and uncertain as human beings are. But through the Spirit which gives the church its breath, the reign of God keeps on coming, on earth as it is in heaven.

WHAT’S MY LINE?

When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some think he is John the Baptist, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets”. He pressed them, “And how about you? Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter said, “You’re the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God”. (Matthew 16: 13 - 16)

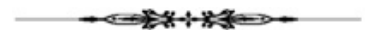
Back in the 1950s there was a popular TV quiz show called What’s My

Line? Four celebrity panellists would each ask questions until they received a “no” answer from a contestant. They were trying to guess the contestant’s unusual occupation. The contestant would receive cash for each question that could be answered with a “no”. Each show also featured a celebrity whose identity the panel had to guess while blindfolded. It wasn’t a very sophisticated show, but audiences found it entertaining.

Jesus seems to be playing a similar game with the disciples. Until Peter spoke, they all gave the answers that they were hearing from the crowds – good and logical answers, but wrong nevertheless. Peter shouts out the right answer. Jesus is “The Christ, the Son of the living God”. For that answer he is given the prize, the honour of being the rock upon which the church would be built.

The disciples heard this and were told by Jesus not to tell anyone that he was the Christ. We hear the same message today. But the roles have changed. We are to preach to all who will hear that Jesus is the Christ.

GPBS eNews



THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(28 August - 3 September)

- **Monday, 28:** St Augustine (1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10; Mt 23:8-12)
- **Tuesday, 29:** The Passion of St John the Baptist (Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29)
- **Wednesday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32)
- **Thursday, 31:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51)
- **Friday, 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13)
- **Saturday, 2:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 21 (1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30)
- **Sunday 3:** 22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27)

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.