



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

*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

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again

Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137:1-3, 6-8

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. 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 before your holy temple. <R>
2. 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. <R>

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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, John Blacket,
Paul Fahey, John Tregeagle,
Betty Berry, Geoff & Rose Munro,
Mark Kelly, Pat Mezzino,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Mary Ferguson, Pat Chigwidden.
Robyn Kelly

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maureen Farmer, Brian Fitzgerald

ANNIVERSARIES

Sheila Hanna, Mollie McGee

PARISH COLLECTION
19th & 20th June

1st (Presbytery) \$1058.40
2nd (Parish) \$1233.45
Seafarers \$ 634.40

VICTOR MORNING TEA
27th July

W. & J. Baker

3rd August

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR MEET & GREET
August Saturdays

C. Huppatz

August Sundays

R. Reid & L. Sunman

GOOLWA MEET & GREET
August A. Turner

MORNING TEA
August

T. Curtis, E. Bourne, B. Hallion

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 JULY: For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP JULY 30th



"Through friendship — by accumulating bonds of camaraderie and developing strong ties of trust — we can contribute to the fundamental shifts that are urgently needed to achieve lasting stability, weave a safety net that will protect us all, and generate passion for a better world where all are united for the greater good."
United Nations

JESUS AND FRIENDSHIP



This week (29th July) we celebrate the feast of Mary and Martha and Lazarus who were close friends of Jesus. He often visited their home in Bethany just outside Jerusalem. It was a place where he could relax. Martha felt comfortable enough to complain about Mary not helping with the serving of food. Mary felt comfortable to sit at his feet just listening to him speak. When his friend Lazarus died Jesus risked being arrested by the Jews when he came to Bethany. He weeps with the two sisters and gives Lazarus the most wonderful gift - his life. All this spells out what a special friendship they had. Jesus offers each of us that same friendship. He just asks that we strive to love each other.

You are my friends if you do what I ask of you.....love one other."

John 15:15

Today let us give thanks for our friends.

Let us reach out in friendship to those who have no one.

SHELLING OF ONLY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GAZA

The shelling of the Holy Family Catholic Church on Thursday 17th July, Gaza time, also damaged the church compound where hundreds of Palestinians have been sheltering from the 21-month Israel-Hamas war. An Israeli shell slammed into the compound of the only Catholic church in the Gaza Strip, killing three people and wounding 10 others, including the parish priest.

The late Pope Francis, had spoken to the priest there – Reverend Gabriel Romanelli – every day since the war began in October 2023 about the war's toll on civilians. The church compound was sheltering both Christians and Muslims, including a number of children with disabilities, said Fadel Naem, acting director of Al-Ahli Hospital, which received the casualties. *The Sydney Morning Herald.*

KSC FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE OPENS NEXT SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST

1st Prize \$100 meal voucher.

For V.H ... Whalers Restaurant

For Goolwa ... Goolwa Hotel

2nd Prize \$50 for each parish

3rd Prize Bottle wine for each parish

Tickets \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10

Victor parishioners please see Des Wallace.



Bulletin Board



CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CARE APPEAL for VICTOR HARBOR AND GOOLWA (PLEASE LEAVE GIFTS IN OUR FOYERS)

Baked Beans,	full cream long life milk and also
Ring top tins of Spaghetti	dairy free or almond milk.
Ring top tinned Carrots/peas/beans	tinned stewed meals
& combined carrots and peas	2 minute noodles
Rice	tea bags
Dry Spaghetti and Pasta (no lasagne please)	biscuits or snack food for children
Red Pasta Sauce or Bolognese Sauce	toothpaste and brushes
Tinned tuna, large and small sizes	deodorants
Tinned or packet soups	Toilet Rolls.
Vegemite, peanut paste or jams	Shampoo
Larger size tins of coffee (we can divide these up)	Liquid soap.
Sugar (we will also divide this into smaller packs.)	dog food tins and cat food tins.
Breakfast cereals	There is also a need for activities for children while parents are being attended to.

THE WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



will be celebrated for the fifth time in 2025 on 27th July - the Sunday closest to the **Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus**. The theme chosen by Pope Francis before his death for this year's celebration is:

"Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (cf. Sir 14:2)

Pope Francis wrote during his last hospitalisation, "our bodies are weak, but even so, nothing can prevent us from loving, praying, giving ourselves, being there for one another, in faith, as shining signs of hope" (*Angelus*, 16th March 2025).

MEAL FOR VISITING PRIESTS

While I take my annual holiday there will two priests to celebrate our weekend Masses. I wish to provide meals on Saturday night for the visiting priests on 9th August, 16th August and 23rd August. Please let Pat Clingan know on 0410 593 617 if you can help. Father Vinh

UKRAINE PRESENTATION BY

VICTOR HARBOR REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP

Diane Howarth is coming from Adelaide to give a Powerpoint presentation on the work of ***Rebuilding Schools in Ukraine***. The meeting will be at the Christian Gospel Centre in George Main Road at 2 pm this Sunday 27th July.

PAT'S INJURY

We are sorry to let you know that Pat Clingan, our Parish Manager, had a fall on Monday afternoon and has broken her shoulder. Pat is at home at present but has an appointment next Monday to see a specialist and learn what further needs to happen. Please keep her in your prayers.

THANK YOU

Our thanks to Marie Dorkin who has taken on the task of putting together our Welcome Kits.

NEXT WEEK: 26th & 27th July

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppatz

R.1 V. Cross
R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 L. Sunman
R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC J. Baker

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 A. Cowley
R2 E. Bourne

EMHC M. Ryan



NEXT WEEK: 2nd & 3rd August

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppatz

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: D. Huppatz

R1 M. Mulvihill
R2 V. Scriva

EMHC T. Sicilano

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• PARISH MANAGER

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• 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

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• INTEGRITY and SAFEGUARDING

- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8159)
- Victor Harbor/Goolwa contact: Andy Nicholls (0475 893 521)

• CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare) Contact Cathy May (0401 584 237)



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3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. <R>
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rm 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him

get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

THE COURAGE TO PRAY

Prayer requires courage. Imagine the flutter in Abraham's heart when he asked God to consider the innocent who would suffer with the guilty in the destruction of evil cities! Who is Abraham to tell God what is just? Yet our every prayer of petition is roughly the same. With hearts fluttering, we ask God to act according to our perception. It's a bold thing to do.

Jesus encourages his disciples to pray with daring. He tells us to ask for God to reveal divinity to us! That's a big request. Jesus also teaches us to ask for more immediate and practical concerns like food, forgiveness, and to be spared the tug of sin on our hearts. Jesus says we can ask for anything in prayer, big or small, trusting the One who loves us desires our welfare more than we do. With confidence, then, let us pray.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 - 31 July)

- **Monday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35)
- **Tuesday, 29:** Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27)
- **Wednesday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46)
- **Thursday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53)
- **Friday, 01:** St Alphonsus Liguori (Lev 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 02:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Lev 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 03:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21)

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.