



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

26TH 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

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust?

When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed.

When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path, he teaches his way to the poor.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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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 Alfrey, Carolyn Labram,
Delia Lewis, Patricia Haynes,
Giovanni Mignanelli, Gerard Siciliano.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid, Colin Galvin, Nora Worrad
Mary Siciliano, Ken Tillson,
Blandino Murro

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Roberts, Therese Wilsdon,
Lourdes Carle.

PARISH COLLECTION

September 19th & 20th

1st (Archdiocese/Priests) \$ 1025.15
2nd (Parish Expenses) \$ 1153.75

VICTOR MORNING TEA

September 27th

W. & J. Baker

October 4th

L. Sunman & J. Davidge

VICTOR MEET & GREET

September Saturdays

M. Tuckey

September Sundays

R. Reid & E. Dabinett

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

September

C. Rivers

MORNING TEA

September

A. Turner, V. Attard, M. Busby,
P. Lowe

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF
UKRAINE and
THE MIDDLE EAST**



COMORO and EARTHCARE PLANT & PRODUCE SALE!! NEXT SATURDAY & SUNDAY 3/4TH OCTOBER AT VICTOR



Donations of

plants, chutneys, jams, cakes, biscuits and other goodies
are very welcome and can be delivered
on Saturday evening 3rd Oct between 5 and 6 pm
and on the Sunday from 10 -11am.

GOOLWA PLANT AND PRODUCE SALE

will be held on

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

Plants and produce may be delivered on
Wed 14th after mid-week Mass.



You may wish to contribute directly to fundraising for Comoro.

Account Name: "Comoro Sister Parish Working Group."

BankSA Victor Harbor SA. BSB: 105-026. Account No: 071 107 740.



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:8-12

**As we come to the end of our September Season of Creation we
listen to the poets among us.**

**Hundreds of years ago the psalmist wrote
these grateful words:**

***"Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit"
and Wendy's haiku reminds us of the saving power of rain
after a hot summer:***

***Rain makes small dimples
on tired summer's dusty face.
Season soon will break.***

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of water,
May our gratitude for water be shown in the way we use and protect it.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

The Adelaide Archdiocese has introduced a new Code of Conduct to be signed by all Parish Volunteers. You will find these statements at the back of each Church with volunteer names on them. **Please take, browse, sign and detach the last page. Please place this signed form in the return box. I will witness it once returned.** Extra unnamed Forms are also available if any volunteer cannot find your name on a form. Thank you. **Andy Nicholls**

RECEIVING COMMUNION AT OUR PARISH WEEKEND MASSES

There are 2 markers on the floor at the altar indicating where to stand to receive Holy Communion. Can you please ensure that there is always someone on each marker. If the marker on your side of the church is free, please come forward immediately.

This will ensure a faster more streamlined queuing process.

Thank you for your co-operation. Father Vinh

DECLARATION TWO – COMMUNION IN GRACE:



SACRAMENT TO THE WORLD

This second declaration is about making our parishes places where everyone feels welcome, included and able to encounter Christ. It encourages meaningful liturgies, different ways of praying, good formation and

greater sharing of responsibility between priests and lay people.

Please take our insert home and take a few minutes to read it through.

LIVING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Currently our parish is looking for facilitators to lead small Parish groups in reflecting on this theme. If you are interested and feel called to help, please contact Fr Vinh.

45 SERIES NO 3

Could all members of the 45 Club please note the final series for this year will begin on Sat Oct 10th. We ask Goolwa parishioners to make payment to John or Paul and Victor parishioners please follow the usual method of placing \$20 in an envelope and making sure your name is on it and place it on the second collection. These envelopes will be picked up every Friday.

As we have full membership at this time, anyone who doesn't wish to participate in this series could you please phone or text Paul on 0402 852 825.

DEMENTIA MORNING to be held on Tuesday October 20th at Goolwa Church from 10am. Please keep the date free and watch for further details.

FUNDRAISER FOR SCHOOL CHAPLAINS OF THE SOUTH COAST

Musical tribute to the Beatles

by the **Jesus Music Movement** and their theme of music in 60s and 70s of Love, Peace, Freedom and Hope.

The musicians who will be playing are highly recommended.

Victor Harbor Lutheran Hall Saturday 17th October at 6pm \$20 per person.

THANK YOU to Ellen and Maryanne, members of the Meet and Greet group at Saturday Night Mass. You have re-arranged and cleaned the porch well and it is very inviting for parishioners attending Mass. Well done. Fr Vinh.



DON'T FORGET DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS NEXT WEEK
Turn your clocks forward one hour on Sunday 4th Oct 2026.



MELBOURNE CUP

St Joan's Social Club is having an amazing
Chicken and Champagne Lunch on
Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at Victor.

Before we start organizing we would like to know
if this is something that appeals to you,
our parishioners.

There are survey forms at the exit to both Churches.

If you could just tick **YES or NO**
so we can gauge if we go ahead or not.
Many thanks, your Social Club.

THIS WEEK: Sept 26th & 27th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator L. Blacket

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 C. Huppatz

EMHC - Host Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 A. Fawcner

- Chalice 2 C. Sutherland

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 Ray Klecko

R. 2 Kim Pedrosa

Gospel Father Vinh

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 P. Clingan

- Chalice 2 K. White

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R.1 E. Bourne

R.2 M. Wilcock

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 Marie Riddle

- Chalice 2 S. Muller



NEXT WEEK: October 3rd & 4th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator T. White

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC - Host Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 C. Sutherland

- Chalice 2 E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 A. Weygood

R. 2 P. O'Brien

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 L. Sunman

- 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 T. Riding

VICTOR HARBOR/COOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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VICTOR HARBOR SA 5211
Telephone: 8552 1084 (Please leave a
message if the Office is unattended -
we will get back to you asap)
Email: catholicvhg@bigpond.com
Web: www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;
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Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• PARISH MANAGER

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
(Monday & Thursday: 10am - 12noon)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• PARISH ENCOUNTER

Please forward items for the news-
letter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084,
catholicvhg@bigpond.com
(All items for the newsletter by Wed)

• 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.

- 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



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the
Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

IS GOD FAIR?

(Matthew 21: 28 - 32)

I have a work colleague/employee who drives me crazy. He does nothing I ask him to do, is always late, leaves early, takes endless breaks, follows my directions only when it suits him. Most of the time he does just what he wants to do and is completely ungovernable.

Why don't I fire this guy? Because, although he does nothing I ask him to do, he does everything well. He does what needs to be done, and sometimes more than I would ever expect from anyone. Though I tear my hair out about his blatant disregard for my wishes, I have to admit he's the best I've ever seen. He's like the first son in the parable: he says "No" but does "Yes".

Lots of people say No but do Yes in the reign of God. They don't go to church, baptise their babies, or live by the Book in the way we would like. They don't seem to worship the same God we do, or any God at all. Yet God has a different abacus than ours, and the tally may come out better for them than for

faithful churchgoers who live by the Book but have no love in their hearts. Is this fair? Not while we are pushing the beads, perhaps. But God doesn't stoop so low as fairness, and all kinds of unlikely people are making their way toward the Kingdom.

GPBS eNews

LIVING THE WORD

- Words are one thing but deeds are another. In the long run it is deeds which count more. 'Actions speak louder than words'. More importantly, this little story tells us that change is possible, even after a negative decision. We have the ability to have second thoughts and respond generously; we can decide to do the right thing. At times, it is those who are not expected to do the right thing that surprise us!
- Who are the people in your life who inspire you because of the consistency of their vision and action?
- Sometimes it is the simple people who inspire us the most. How might you emulate their approach? Are there ways you can be an inspiration for others? Are there ways you can publicly witness to saying 'yes' or acting for justice this week?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 September - 4 October)

- **Monday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50)
- **Tuesday, 29:** Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)
- **Wednesday, 30:** St Jerome (Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62)
- **Thursday, 1:** St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Job 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Friday, 2:** The Holy Guardian Angels (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10)
- **Saturday, 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24)
- **Sunday 4:** 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43)

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.