



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME - YEAR B

*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

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said. But his servant replied, "How can I serve this to a hundred men?" "Give it to the people to eat," he insisted, "for the Lord says this, 'They will eat and have some left over.'" He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18

*The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick, Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat.' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down.

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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, Ann Tee, Bailey Smallacombe, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Geoff Munro, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Mollie Davis, David Lee, Ann Hannagan, Cath Howard, Trudi McNamara, Allen Odgers Elizabeth Nance, J. Millar, Rose Munro, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, William Ash, Eloise Ash, Gavin Schumacher, Jim Ryan, Leonie Hassan, Fr Vinh Tran, John Tregeagle, Mairead Cummings, Maire Ryan

HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY: FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.



CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.00. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

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

LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Liturgy Committee will be meeting on Wednesday 31st July at 10.00am at Goolwa.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - RCIA

Do you want to become a Catholic or know of someone who is interested? If you have any questions please contact Father Vinh on 0429 098 802. There are two gentlemen who wish to become Catholics this year. The next meeting is on 7th August at 4.30pm at Goolwa. Any people wishing to update their faith teaching are also welcome.

ELDER ABUSE

Grandparents being exploited, neglected or financially coerced are the target of a new education campaign to eliminate elder abuse in Australia. Ending the abuse of older people begins with a conversation. "If something doesn't feel right, speak to someone you trust," the advertisement states. *CathNews*

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND



KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS WINE RAFFLE FOR FATHER'S DAY NOW OPEN

Our box this year has 15 bottles of Premium Reds plus 3 bonus bottles of Chapel Road Chardonnay. Tickets are \$10 each with book of 35 available at each Mass Centre. See Des Wallace (OBE) Victor and Mike O'Halloran (getting closer to OBE honours) Goolwa. The draw will be on Father's Day 1st September unless sold out beforehand.



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY SUNDAY 28TH JULY

Theme:

DO NOT CAST ME OFF IN MY OLD AGE

Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell, in charge of the Congregation for Laity, the Family and Life, said the theme is a reminder "that, unfortunately, loneliness is a widespread reality, which afflicts many elderly people, often victims of the throwaway culture and considered a burden to society." "Our communities, with their tenderness and affectionate attention that does not forget its most fragile members, are called to manifest the love of God, who never abandons anyone," the cardinal said.

REACH OUT TO SOMEONE OLDER TODAY

SAINTS JOACHIM and ANNE GRANDPARENTS OF JESUS

Feast Day 26th July



Little is known about the lives of Mary's parents, but considering the person of Mary, they must have been two very remarkable people to have been given such a

daughter and to have played so important a part in the work of the Redemption.

May they intercede for Grandparents everywhere. *Catholic Culture*

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness.

We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love.

In Jesus' name we pray

PARISH COLLECTION 20th & 21st July

1st (Presbytery) \$1079.35
2nd (Parish) \$1027.05
Special \$510.20

VICTOR MORNING TEA 28th July

W & J. Baker
4th August
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR MEET & GREET July Saturdays

M. Farmer & C. Huppatz
July Sundays
R. Reid & A. Rose

GOOLWA MEET & GREET July J. Dunthorne

MORNING TEA

July V. Scriva, C. Rivers, S. McCarthy.

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM 17th SUNDAY in ORD. TIME, YR.B-2

*The hand of the Lord feeds us;
He answers all our needs.*

-All Your creatures shall thank You, O Lord,
and Your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of Your reign
and declare Your might, O God.
-The eyes of all creatures look to You
and You give them their food in due time.
You open wide Your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.
-The Lord is just in all His ways
and loving in all His deeds.
He is close to all who call Him
who call on Him from their hearts.



SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA Feast Day 31st July (d. 1556)



Ignatius, a Spaniard, was born of a noble family at Loyola, in Cantabria. At first he attended the court of the Catholic king, and later on embraced a military career.

In 1521 a cannon ball fractured his left leg. While he was convalescing, Ignatius read about Christ and His saints and thus turned wholly to God. He went to Montserrat, hung up his arms before the altar of the Blessed Virgin; and entered upon his knighthood in the army of Christ. He undertook to equip himself for Christ's service by acquiring a good classical and theological education. The members of the Society of Jesus became the shock troops of the Church in the battle against the spread of Protestantism in Europe, as well as one of the greatest foreign mission organizations that the world has known. He composed the admirable book of the *Spiritual Exercises*.
Catholic Culture



PARIS 2024

OLYMPIC TRUCE
With world peace under serious threat, Pope Francis called on all nations to observe the

Olympic truce and cease all conflicts for the traditional period before, during and after the Olympic Games in Paris. May God help "enlighten the consciences of those in power to the grave responsibilities incumbent upon them, may he grant peacemakers success in their endeavours", the Pope said in a written message to Archbishop Laurent Ulrich of Paris. *CathNews*

SOUTH COAST CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CARE (SCCCC):



Invitation: 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
20-21st July, 27-28th July, 3-4th August.

PREFERRED ITEMS ARE:

full cream long life milk, pasta (no lasagne sheets), pasta sauce, jams, vegemite, peanut butter, tinned soup, ring top stews, cereals (no oats), tinned peas, corn, green beans, carrots, potatoes & tomatoes; cans of tuna, rice, 2 minute noodles, tinned spaghetti & baked beans, tinned fruit, coffee, sugar, biscuits, & snack food for children. Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant & toilet paper appreciated.
Thank you!

PARISH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Would you be willing to represent our Parish at **South Coast Christian Community Care (SCCCC)**:

Role: - 4 meetings annually

- Assist with the food drive

Contact: Talk to Rose Mulraney or get her contact details from the Parish Office:

catholicvhg@bigpond.com

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY

30th JULY

"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' MESSAGE of FRIENDSHIP:

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command...This is my command:

Love one other." *John 15:15*

THIS WEEK: 27th & 28th July

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppatz

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 P. Clingan

R. 2 R. Reid

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Joe Ryan

R. 1 C. May

R. 2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC Marie Ryan



NEXT WEEK: 3rd & 4th August

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 B. Bullen

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R. 1 P. Kennelly

R. 2 M. Freeborn

EMHC S. Muller

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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)

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Sea of Galilee is also known as the Sea of Tiberias and as Lake Gennesaret, both of which were sizeable towns on the Lake's western shore.
- The Philip of this episode is mentioned in all four apostolic lists (Mt 10:3, Mk 3:18, Lk 6:14, Acts 1:13). He came from Bethsaida on the northern shores of the lake and is referred to most often in John's Gospel.
- Two hundred denarii is a large sum of money. A denarius was a Roman silver coin and one denarius represented a worker's daily wage.

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Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted: So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

MANGIA! "EAT UP!"

(John 6: 8-9, 12-13)

A guy I know grew up believing his grandma was with Jesus when he fed the 5,000. He came to that belief because whenever that particular gospel would be read, everyone in the family whispered, "Grandma musta' been there!" And they would laugh.

They all knew that no matter how many people arrived for dinnertime – even unexpectedly – everyone ate and there was always plenty left over. "My family was never rich," my acquaintance said, "especially when my mum was growing up, but they never felt poor, either."

Some people have a sense of abundance, that there's plenty of life to go around and they love to share what they have. Others are Scrooges who hoard everything, worrying that there can never be enough to satisfy. The apostles were skinflints when Jesus asked them to start offering what little they could muster. But then food started showing up, and everyone had plenty.

Some people in the church have those same attitudes about God's grace. They believe that grace is so rare that we have to hoard it and dole it out piecemeal only to the most deserving. But others take their cue from Jesus, who fed the 5,000-plus on a moment's notice: they realise that in God there is no skimping. The God who created the countless stars in the sky and who pours life into all Creation is no miser. Open your heart; there's plenty for all.

NOTHING WILL BE WASTED

One of the disciples – it was Andrew, brother to Simon Peter – said, "There's a little boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But that's a drop in a bucket for a crowd like this." ... When the people had eaten their fill, Jesus said to his disciples, "Gather the leftovers so nothing is wasted." They went to work and filled twelve large baskets with leftovers from the five barley loaves.

It's not a fair comparison, I grant you: but Elisha fed a hundred people with twenty loaves, and Jesus fed 5,000 with five loaves. If you do the math, it explains why people were even more anxious to follow Jesus. Plus, there are the inexplicable twelve baskets left over at the end of the meal that Jesus orchestrated. No wonder they wanted to carry him off and make him king.

But Jesus didn't come to regulate the economy of Israel or to provide welfare-to-work programs. He didn't come to set up a medical clinic or to treat mental illness. Though Jesus does feed some of the hungry and heal some of the sick, by no means did he put an end to suffering in his time or for all time. He left that challenge up to his followers. Jesus simply presents himself as the source of divine abundance and invites us to come to the table and eat. This table's been serving meals for two thousand years, billions have been fed, and there's no end in sight to the feast.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(July 29 - August 04)

- **Monday, 29:** Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27)
- **Tuesday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46)
- **Thursday, 01:** St Alphonsus Liguori (Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53)
- **Friday, 02:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 03:** St Dominic (Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 04:** 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35)

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.