



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**TWENTY-SIXTH 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

Amos 6:1, 4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. <R>
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. <R>
3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. <R>

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must

aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day.

And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the

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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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Blacket

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid, Mary Siciliano

PARISH COLLECTION 13th & 14th September

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

VICTOR MORNING TEA 28th September W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET
October Saturdays change these
V. Cross
October Sundays
R. Reid & E. Dabinett

GOOLWA MEET & GREET
September
C. Rivers
MORNING TEA
September
C. May, A. Turner, V. Attard

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 SEPTEMBER : For Our Relationship With All Of Creation.

Let us pray that inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



In a sense, except for our indigenous sisters and brothers, we are all migrants or refugees - our ancestors came to Australia hoping for opportunities for a new life. Our first generation migrants and refugees here today remind us of that journey of hope. Today finding refuge in a new land can be very difficult. Yet all is not lost. There are still reasons to hope. Pope Leo says: ***"In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Those who have the courage to leave their homelands, the resilience to survive their challenging journeys and the strength to start life anew, can be for us 'Missionaries of Hope'."***

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM



Today we welcome Siara Francesca Cuadros and Thiago Azaiah Cuadros into our Church Family as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Blessings to them and their family."

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

On Thursday, 2nd October, Fritz Maranon will be confirmed at 7.00pm at St Joan's by Father Marin. May Fritz be filled with the strength and joy he needs for his life's journey.



LAST SUNDAY OF SEASON OF CREATION



The first **National Climate Risk Assessment** by the Australian Climate Change Authority has been released and its forecasts make difficult reading. All the effects we are already witnessing - more serious floods, fires, droughts, coastal inundation etc - are set to worsen unless our efforts improve. May we rise to the challenge.

"Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life."
Pope Francis

RENEWAL of EARTHCARE PLEDGE

After Communion at each of our Masses we will renew our Earthcare Pledge.

I pledge myself to pray with and for Creation.

To live more simply, making choices that help our planet to flourish.

To stand on behalf of Creation, when I can, by my words and by my deeds.

To be open to hear the cry of the poor.

THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR RALLY TO FEED STARVING CHILDREN IN GAZA FOR A WEEK

The rally, held in Warland Park, Victor Harbor last Saturday, has so far raised \$6,000 - enough to feed 750 children for a week with special nourishing food packs.

Bulletin Board



45 CLUB SERIES 3 BEGINS THIS WEEKEND.

Numbers for each member will be on notice boards at both churches.
Winning numbers and names will be published in the Encounter each week.

DEMENTIA MORNING TEA

Our Dementia Morning Tea to help raise funds for Dementia Australia continuing their research in this insidious condition will be held at St Johns Church Goolwa on Tues 21st October at 9.30am. *A donation of \$5.00 and a small plate of morning tea to share would be very much appreciated.* Tea and coffee supplied.
Some members of the Goolwa Ukelele group will entertain us. Dementia affects so many and we want to help Dementia Australia continue their vital research.

GOOD STEWARDS

In keeping with Fr Vinh's homily this week, being stewards is truly reflected in those serving in the church. Especially seen by everyone from St John's, in the aluminium and bottle recycling team!
Special thanks to Lennie, Anne Fawcner, Marie Ryan, John Dunthorne, Lynne and Dave, Marilyn, Vivi, Chrisso and Alex.
It was a mammoth effort to collect, recycle and care for our common home and care for our brothers and sisters of Comoro. Thank you everyone (the recycle cans and bottles amazing, special appreciation).
The collection raised \$50 for Comoro. Thank you! Keep collecting!



FEAST OF ST FRANCIS - 4TH OCTOBER

Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. He was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, his openheartedness. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and interior peace.



AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

On Friday last a very successful anti-abortion rally was held in Adelaide. It is seen as an answer to prayer so continuing prayers are asked for the success of the bill to eliminate abortions over 23 weeks. The bill will be put to the vote some time before the next state election on 21st March next year.

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SAVE THE DATE

21 st October 2025	Morning Tea for Dementia at Goolwa
4 th November 2025	Melbourne Cup Luncheon at Goolwa
28 th November 2025	St Joan's Christmas Dinner at Victor
7 th December 2025	KSC Christmas Dinner at Goolwa

MORE INFORMATION IN THE COMING WEEKS

DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS

Turn your clocks 1 hour forward at 2am on Sunday, October 5th



THIS WEEK: 27th & 28th September

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Sutherland
R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC A. Fawcner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 A. Weygood
R. 2 P. O'Brien

EMHC A. Rose

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Sciva

R1 E. Bourne
R2 C. May

EMHC S. Muller



NEXT WEEK: 4th & 5th October

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppertz

R.1 A. Fawcner
R.2 C. Allen

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 M. Cunningham
R. 2 K. Dudley

EMHC F. Hanna

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Sciva

R1 M. Freeborn
R2 M. O'Halloran

EMHC T. Siciliano

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NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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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**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
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• **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



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scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them..." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

THE BOY AT THE BUS STOP

Every morning, Sarah drove her kids to school. They passed the same bus stop every day. And every day, there was a boy sitting on the bench – hoodie pulled over his head, old school bag at his feet, staring at the ground. Sarah noticed him but didn't think much of it. Life was busy: school lunches, work emails, traffic.

One wet, freezing morning, her daughter said, "Mum, that boy's shoes are soaked. Look – he's shivering." Sarah glanced over but kept driving. Someone will help him, she thought.

Weeks passed. The boy was always there. Always alone. One day, he wasn't. The bench was empty.

That afternoon, Sarah overheard someone at school say a boy from the neighbourhood had been taken into care after missing weeks of school. Something in Sarah's heart sank.

That night, she couldn't stop thinking about him. She thought of the mornings she had driven past, all the times she could have stopped, asked if he was okay, offered help. She whispered a prayer: "Lord, give me eyes to see and a heart to act next time." And the next time she saw someone in need – she did stop.

Jesus told the story of a rich man who stepped over a poor man named Lazarus every day, ignoring his suffering. When they both died, Lazarus was comforted, but the rich man was left with regret.

Like the rich man, it's easy to become so focused on our own lives that we don't see the "Lazarus" right in front of us – the lonely neighbour, the struggling student, the newcomer sitting by themselves at Mass.

But Jesus' story is a wake-up call. He invites us to open our eyes, see the people around us, and respond with compassion today – not tomorrow, not someday. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(29 September - 05 October)

- **Monday, 29:** Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)
- **Tuesday, 30:** St Jerome (Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56)
- **Wednesday, 01:** St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62)
- **Thursday, 02:** The Holy Guardian Angels (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10)
- **Friday, 03:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16)
- **Saturday, 04:** St Francis of Assisi (Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24)
- **Sunday, 05:** 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-9)

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.