



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SOLEMNITY SAINTS PETER AND PAUL - 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.

STS. PETER AND PAUL

June 29th

FIRST READING

Acts 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was

only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-9

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. <R>
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. <R>
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. <R>
4. The angels of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him.. <R>

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run

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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, Geoff Chalmers,

ANNIVERSARIES

Rita Sullivan, Mary Meade, Patrine Harris

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Slagter, Joan Matthews, Rom Kurlavicius

PARISH COLLECTION
21st June & 22nd June

1st (Presbytery) \$889.40
2nd (Parish) \$968.40

VICTOR MORNING TEA

29th June
M. Cunningham & F. Hanna
6th July
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR MEET & GREET
June Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson
June Sundays
R. Reid & A. Rose

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

June S. & R. Lee

MORNING TEA

JUNE C. Grimma, M. O'Halloran, J. Ryan

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 JUNE: That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his heart, learn to have compassion on the World.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Jesus once said: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them." *Matt. 18:20.*

GATHERING TOGETHER FOR PRAYER GIVES SUPPORT AND FRIENDSHIP.

Have you thought about joining one of our prayer groups.

ROSARY BEFORE MASS

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.

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.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Today the Church sets before us the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul: the two mighty pillars of the Church: St. Peter, the Apostle to the Jewish Nation and St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles.



FUNERAL FOR ROM KURLAVICIUS will be held on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at 2.30pm at Currency Creek Cemetery. It will be officiated by Fr. Vinh. If parishioners could attend it would be appreciated.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES AND LETTER can be collected in the porch (V.H.) and on the table in Goolwa. If you are interested to join our Thanksgiving or direct debit please contact our Parish Treasurer Merv Mallett on 0412 103 443.

POPE LEO XIV SAYS the huge economic divide between rich and poor today is unacceptable, with so much wealth concentrated in the hands of a few. "Political leaders have a responsibility to promote the good of the entire community, especially by defending the vulnerable, the marginalised and the poor," he told speakers and members of parliament attending a Rome conference on democracy and interfaith dialogue *during the Jubilee of Governments.*

This Sunday there will be a collection for the Pope known as Peter's Pence. This Appeal supports the Pope in his responsibilities in the Vatican and for his special charities. Australian Bishops.

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GOOLWA GARDEN DAY This Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am. Hope the weather is not too cold, but if the rains come down, which would be welcome, maybe a day off if it is really wet.



ONE DAY AT A TIME



When John Slagter was diagnosed with terminal cancer, he played this song every night before he went to sleep. He said it gave him the strength to face each day. John wanted the words printed on his memorial card so that they may help you some day.

*One day at a time sweet Jesus
That's all I'm asking of You.
Just give me the strength
To do everyday what I have to do.
Yesterday's gone, sweet Jesus
And tomorrow may never be mine
God help me today
Show me the way
One day at a time.*

Thanks to Chris Slagter for allowing us to publish John's message.

TREES IN JULY - PHOTO COMPETITION

As you can imagine choosing a winner from among the wonderful pictures of trees sent in was very difficult. We have consulted with fellow parishioners and



From Goolwa: Vivi's entry showed the inner working of a tree - a tree's vascular system carries minerals and water from the roots up to the leaves and photo-synthesized food down to the rest of the tree.



From Victor: Peter Redden's photo of a tree clinging to a rock - symbolic for Peter of the struggles of living our faith.

Thank you Vivi and Peter. **We also have a runner's up prize for two more entries to be revealed next week** and over the following weeks we will share with you the other photos sent in. You can view them all on this link:

[aatreephotos](#)

Our Father, we humbly come before You,
grateful for the majesty of Your creation.
We pray for the trees that provide us shelter, air, and life.
May we be inspired to protect and nurture them.
Grant us wisdom to cherish and sustain our forests,
reflecting Your love through our stewardship. Amen.

SPECIAL THIRD COLLECTION ON 5/6TH JULY

Next Sunday is Aboriginal Sunday and there will be a third collection for the **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in South Australia supported by NATSICC** (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council).
<http://www.natsicc.org.au/>

THIS WEEK: 28th & 29th June

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C, Sutherland
R.2 A. Fawkner

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 P. Clingan
R. 2 P. O'Brien

EMHC A. Rose

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R1 E. Bourne
R.2 D. Huppertz

EMHC S. Muller



NEXT WEEK: 5th & 6th July

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppertz

R.1 L. Blacket
R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

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

EMHC P. Clingan

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriver

R1 M. Freeborn
R.2 M. O'Halloran

EMHC R. Austin

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
CATHOLIC PARISH**

NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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we will get back to you asap*)
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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• **PARISH MANAGER**

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

• **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)
Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• **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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the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and 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 16:13-19

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, '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.'

ON THIS ROCK

Many churches bear the names of Saints Peter and Paul. One of the most prominent is the spectacular Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, the cathedral church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

In the mid-19th century construction of the church began in an environment when the growth of the Catholic population and the increasing visibility of Catholic institutions gave rise to the suspicion that the Catholic Church and its large number of immigrant members posed a threat to traditional American values. Riots against Catholics and their poverty were sometimes the result of this attitude.

With the potential for violence against the building in mind, the cathedral's original clerestory windows were placed over 75 feet above the ground, their height, legend has it, measured from the distance the builders – and therefore a potential vandal – could throw a rock into the air.

The apostles Peter and Paul suffered their share of persecution for their faith. What is interesting was their reaction: They didn't retaliate – Peter became a rock rather than tossing one back. They simply had faith, endured, trusted in God – and kept on building the church.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(30 June - 06 July)

- **Monday, 30:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22)
- **Tuesday, 01:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27)
- **Wednesday, 02:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 21:5, 8-20; Mt 8:28-34)
- **Thursday, 03:** St Thomas (Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29)
- **Friday, 04:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13)
- **Saturday, 05:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 (Gen 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17)
- **Sunday 06:** FOURTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)

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.