



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

*Exodus 22:20-26*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this:

"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51*

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

### SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 1:5-10*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led

to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 14:23*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:34-40*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart,

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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)

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Jeffery Family, Natalie Millar, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson, Jesse Walker, Richard Eisenkoeck, Monsignor Robert Aitken, Rose Munro, Bill Woodhead, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Kathy Tiltaman, Ron Harris

**PARISH COLLECTION**

**21st & 22nd October**

1st (Presbytery) \$ 982.75  
2nd (Parish) \$1,072.55  
Catholic Missions \$788.85

**VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER**

**3rd & 10th November**  
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons.  
**17th 24th**  
W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

**VICTOR MORNING TEA**

**5th November**  
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden  
**12th November**  
A. Williss & F. Hanna

**VICTOR MEET & GREET**

**November Saturdays**  
M. Farmer & C. Huppertz

**GOOLWA MEET & GREET**

**November** J. Colver

**GOOLWA MORNING TEA**

**November** R. Austin, V. Scriva, C. Rivers, D. McMahon

**ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP**

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.  
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER :**

**FOR THE SYNOD :** We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



**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

**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.

**KEEP THE GREEN GOODNESS FLOWING?**



One of the easiest ways you can make a difference is by putting your food scraps in your green Food and Gardening Organics (Green Bin). This includes meat, seafood and bones, eggshells, cheese, yoghurt, tea bags and coffee grounds, fruit and vegetables, bread and baked goods.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

St. Joan's Social Club will hold their Christmas Dinner on Friday 1st December. Retreat in Daily Life with Di Shearer November & December

**REMEMBRANCE BOARD FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

As November is the month of remembering those who have passed away, there will be a Remembrance Board in the foyer of both Churches. You are invited to give Vivi Scriva at Goolwa and Wendy Baker at Victor a photo or memorial card, with name or message on the back that will be displayed for the month.

**MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH**

**7th NOV. FROM 12 NOON**

All booked out, and we ask if those from the Goolwa section of the parish could make payment over the next couple of weeks. We will have 9 tables and have done our best to make all feel comfortable with those they are seated with. On Monday morning 6th Nov. from 10 am we will be setting up the hall, and all help would be appreciated.

And finally thank you all attending for your great support, especially from the Victor section of the parish, as well as the Lutheran people who share our lovely church.

**THIS SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER IS OUR GENERAL ASSEMBLY 12.00pm - 3.00pm at St Joan's**



**PRAY FOR THE SYNOD**



Father Radcliffe in his second meditation prior to the Synod of Bishops said, "So when we listen to each other during the coming weeks and disagree, I pray we shall often say, 'Yes, and.....' Rather than 'No!' That is the Synodal way. Of course, No is also sometimes necessary!" So, my brothers and sisters, we may be divided by different hopes. But if we listen to the Lord and to each other, seeking to understand his will for the Church and the world, we shall be united in a hope that transcends our disagreements..."

**FROM A SISTER AT THE SYNOD**

One sister at the synod described the scene at the synod where Cardinals, Bishops, young and older lay Catholics, and women religious like herself are sitting together at roundtables, without hierarchical distinctions. "Pope Francis, like the other some 460 participants in the synod, is also sitting at a roundtable — the head of the Catholic Church being treated just like everyone else in the room."



National Catholic Reporter

**RON HARRIS FUNERAL:**

Thursday 2nd November at 11am at St. Joan's

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**





**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to His king  
and shown His love for His anointed.



**ALL SAINTS**  
Feast Day 1st November



The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives

like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read today, while it shows their happiness, shows, too, the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us whither they have gone.  
*Catholic Culture*

**ALL SOULS' DAY**  
Feast Day 2nd November



Grant, O Lord, that my own heart may be touched, as Yours is, at the passing of all souls into eternal life. In great confidence, I pray for all my friends and loved ones who are no longer here on this journey of faith. When I am sad at the death of those who were close to me, may my sadness be firmly supported by my faith that life is merely changed not ended, that those I love are still with me though unseen. May You, Lord Jesus Christ, welcome me and all those for whom I pray, into eternal life at the moment pleasing to you.

**NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**  
Feast Day Thursday 2nd November



**FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE**

May we be held by the God of compassion as we remember our loved ones who have died.  
May God be with us in our sorrow, and comfort us in our loss.  
May our God, our family and our friends, give us strength and confidence.  
May our spirit be lifted, may our hearts be filled with peace,  
and may the light of God's promise fill us with joy and hope. Amen.

**ALL SAINTS**  
WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER

The best thing about the communion of saints is that it connects us all because we are



one body. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we pray with all those who have gone before us. We the living can pray for the dead, "the souls in purgatory," who need prayers on their journey to God. The multitude in heaven pray for the rest of us, inspire us by their example, and remain present to us in ways of which we know not. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth," said St. Thérèse of Lisieux before her death.  
*US Catholic*

**MASS TIMES**  
Feast of All Saints  
Wednesday 1st November 9.30am Goolwa  
Feast of All Souls  
Thursday 2nd November 9.00am Victor

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."* – MATTHEW 22:37  
Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

**THIS WEEK 28TH & 29TH OCTOBER**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 C. Huppertz

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

**Sunday 11am**

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC P. O'Brien

**GOOLWA 9.00am**

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 L. Healey

R. 2 Michael Riddle

EMHC A. Turner



**NEXT WEEK 4TH & 5TH NOVEMBER**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

Commentator: I. Blacket

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC M. Farmer

**Sunday 11am**

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 R. Reid

R. 2 F. Hanna

EMHC P. Clingan

**GOOLWA 9.00am**

Commentator: D. Huppertz

R. 1 M. Mulvihill

R. 2 P. Kennelly

EMHC S. Muller

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA**  
NGARRINDJERI and  
RAMINDJERI land

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Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084, [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com) (*All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening*)
- **PARISH TREASURER**  
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Cathy May (0401 584 237)

**COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS**

(*Current from 26/10/23*)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact.

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with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

**THE BOTTOM LINE**  
(*Matthew 22: 34 - 40*)

Moses drew the bottom line for the people of God when he presented the stone tablets to them at the base of Sinai: Here are ten things you must, and must not do. Love God, honour your parents; don't steal, kill. Most of us know the commandments well enough to know when we break them, without peeking back at Exodus.

To ask - which commandment of God is the greatest? - is a bit like asking for a hierarchy of evil for future reference. The popularity of lists of sins is that they give us guidelines as to how far we can go in sin before we're over our heads. As Robert Orbin says, most of us would like to be delivered from evil - but would like to keep in touch. The great commandment of Jesus doesn't give us that option. Loving God with heart, soul, and mind is a pretty exclusive commitment. When it comes to monogamy, even a little infidelity is too much.

**RULE NUMBER ONE**

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence. This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: Love others as well as your love yourself. These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them".  
(*Matthew 22: 37 - 40*)

Mr Williams was rehearsing his lines in his mind. His daughter had missed curfew once again, and she'd already been warned. How often had he told her about curfew – rule number one? Now, he was going to lower the boom. Ground her for weeks. Take away her driving privileges. Let her know there are consequences to her actions.

And the minutes dragged on. And his worry increased. And his anger

increased along with his worry. The phone rang. "Mr Williams, your daughter is here at the police station. She's OK. There was an accident. It wasn't her fault. We'll be bringing her home shortly, but she didn't want to worry you so she asked me to call".

When his daughter arrived home, he saw the look on her face. He could see all that she'd gone through, the apology already on her lips. It softened his heart. He opened his arms and she came swiftly into his embrace. As if singing a duet, they said simultaneously, "I was so worried for you". The Williams home discovered its new "rule number one": Love God and one another.

God's strong and all-embracing love will go with us, a love nurtured in this faith community. A love that we sense as we come quietly before God. A love that supports us in the hard times. A love that gives permission to question and doubt. A love that binds us together in ministry. A love that sometimes seems absent, but a love that is there for us always, even when we least expect it. A love we know in Jesus through his teachings, his relationships, his stories, and his love that took him to the cross. With God's love we leave this space joyfully and hopefully. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. *GPBS eNews*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(*30 October - 5 November*)

- **Monday, 30:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17)
- **Tuesday, 31:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21)
- **Wednesday, 1:** ALL SAINTS (Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14; 1Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12)
- **Thursday, 2:** Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) (From Masses for the Dead)
- **Friday, 3:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6)
- **Saturday, 4:** St Charles Borromeo (Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11)
- **Sunday 5:** 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12)

**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.