



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

22ND 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

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9

*My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R)
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as

with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R)

4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to

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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, Lourdes Carle,
Sandy Lee, Tony Mawdsley,
Janet Murray, Claire Galpin,
Rosene Edwards, Vicki Cross,
Gemma Woodhead, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid, Colin Galvin, Nora Worrad

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Roberts

PARISH COLLECTION

August 22nd & 23rd

1st (Presbytery) \$669.70

2nd (Parish) \$874.85

VICTOR MORNING TEA

September 6th

F. Hanna & V. Coffey

September 13th

E. Dabinett & K. Pedrosa

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**



Bulletin Board



HOLY FATHER'S 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



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

**IT HAS ARRIVED AT LAST
THE FINAL SUNDAY OF WINTER!!**

**SPRING BECKONS AND WE ARE ABOUT TO CELEBRATE
SEPTEMBER AS THE SEASON OF CREATION.
THE THEME THIS YEAR IS "LIVING WATER"**

SO LET GO OF THOSE WINTER BLUES AND WELCOME NEW LIFE!!

DECREES OF OUR RECENT SYNOD RELEASED LAST WEEK



Our PPC meeting this week is working out a way to get the information to everyone including those without email. If you want to check for yourself the website is <https://www.togetherontheway.au/>

There is the *Full Document* giving the decrees and the thinking behind each decree and then

5 individual decrees sitting by themselves of about 1 to 2 pages each.

You will see that the Synod has resulted in a comprehensive pastoral plan for the future direction of our Archdiocese.

COMORO/EARTHCARE PRODUCE AND PLANT PROJECT



To our plant growers – when you are ready to plant your seedlings, shoots or bulbs there are pots available in the foyer of St Joan's and some at St John's if you like to check with Vivi.

Please look after your plants at home until we let you know the date to bring them in.

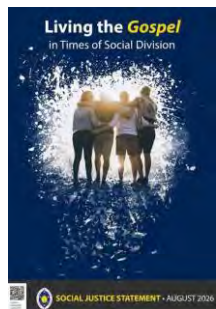
A reminder too that we are hoping to sell **home made jams and chutneys.**

Father Vinh has already received some early chutney samples!!!

**OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH MARK AS HE BEGINS
HIS TWO WEEK VISIT TO TIMOR -LESTE**

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY ON 30TH AUGUST 2026

Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division



Bishop Tim Harris launched the 2026 Social Justice Statement calling Australians to respond to increasing division, hatred and violence with **love, kindness, friendship and listening**.

He warned that prejudice against people who are different—including Muslims, migrants, refugees, First Nations peoples, the elderly, people with disabilities and others—damages the dignity and wellbeing of the whole community.

Drawing on Pope Leo and Jesus' command to **love God and love our neighbour**, Bishop Harris stressed that love must be **put into action**. It means listening to others, understanding their fears and hopes, building bridges, overcoming ignorance, forgiving and extending grace.

In times of division, Catholics are called to build a culture of encounter through kindness, friendship and a listening ear.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KSC FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS VICTOR HARBOR

1st Prize - \$100 meal voucher Crown Hotel - Richard Edwards

2nd Prize - 3 bottles of wine – Jackie Waye

3rd Prize - 2 bottles of wine - Ted Hounslow

THE GOOLWA PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN AT NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

45 Club winner No 28 Fran Hanna

GOOLWA GARDEN DAY this coming Tuesday 4th Sept 9.30 - 11.30.

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Sunday 20 September 2026

LAST CHANCE to add your names to the list of receivers of Milestone Anniversary Certificates from

Archbishop O'Regan. Nominations close strictly on 4 September.

To date we have 8 couples. Ring Fran 0415 124 010.

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA – FEAST DAY SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH



When asked "How can we know the will of God?", her answer was simple: *"Watch and see what happens."*

She also said *"Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it."*

And also *"Prayer is the best gift you can give to anyone you love."*

THIS WEEK: August 29th & 30th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC - Host Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 A. Fawcner

- Chalice 2: E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 F. Hanna

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 P. O'Brien

- Chalice 2 K. White

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva

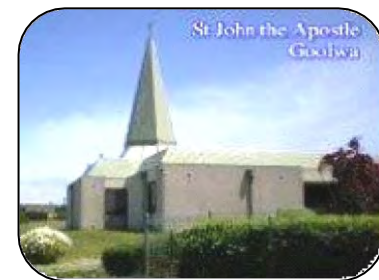
R.1 E. Bourne

R.2 J. Small

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 S. Muller

- Chalice 2 V. Scriva



NEXT WEEK: September 5th & 6th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 C Sutherland

EMHC - Host E. O'Shaughnessy

- Chalice 1 E. O'Connell

- Chalice 2: Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 K. White

- Chalice 2 P. Clingan

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R.1 R. Lee

R.2 M. Busby

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 A. Turner

- Chalice 2 V. Scriva

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NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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will get back to you asap)
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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **PARISH MANAGER**

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• **PARISH ENCOUNTER**

Please forward items for the news-letter to
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(All items for the newsletter by Wed)

• **PARISH TREASURER**

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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.

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(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
(0460 033 529)



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be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

**A FAITH THAT GETS UP
AND GETS GOING**

(Matthew 16: 21-27)

Then Jesus went to town on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?"

Jesus' words are anything but comfortable: "Take up your cross and follow me." This is not an invitation to admire Jesus from a distance. It is a call to live differently. Jesus challenges us to move beyond a faith that is simply about what we believe and towards a faith that can be seen in the choices we make, the people we welcome and the way we treat those around us.

For families and parish communities, this challenge is deeply relevant. We live in a time when people can be quick to judge, divide or walk away when things become difficult. Following Jesus means choosing another way. It means making room for those who feel

excluded, listening before judging, forgiving when relationships become messy and having the courage to stand up for what is right.

Taking up our cross does not mean looking for suffering. It means being willing to give something of ourselves for the sake of love. It might be making time for someone who is struggling, choosing to serve rather than be served, or speaking up when silence would be easier.

Jesus asks us what kind of life we want to build. A life centred only on comfort and ourselves can leave us wanting more. A life given generously in love can transform families and communities. Following Jesus is not about carrying a perfect faith. It is about carrying a courageous one.

Questions for Reflection

- Where is Jesus inviting me to move beyond comfort and choose courage in the way I live my faith?
- What might I need to let go of so that I have more space for love, generosity and service?
- If someone experienced Jesus through the way my family or parish community lived, what would they discover?

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
(31 August - 6 September)

- **Monday, 31:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30)
- **Tuesday, 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37)
- **Wednesday, 2:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44)
- **Thursday, 3:** St Gregory the Great (1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-13)
- **Friday, 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39)
- **Saturday, 5:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 22 (1 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:1-5)
- **Sunday 6:** 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20)

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.