



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

17th 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

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his

purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. *(Continued page 4)*



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, Paula Collinson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Ron Harris, 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,

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bob Willis, Fr. Kevin O'Loughlin

PARISH COLLECTION

22nd & 23rd July

1st (Presbytery) \$932.85
2nd (Parish) \$1,029.60

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

4th August

W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

11th & 18th August

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

30th July

W. & J. Baker

6th August

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR MEET & GREET

July Saturdays

M. Farmer & C. Huppertz

August Saturdays M. Farmer & H. Anderson

July Sundays

R. Reid & M. Cunningham

August Sundays

R. Reid & J. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

July

J. McInnes

August M. O'Halloran

Morning Tea July

V. Scriva, C. Rivers, S. Lee

August T. Curtis, E. Bourne

B. Helion

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

For a Eucharistic Life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



"HELP FOR HOMELESS" 2nd FORUM

Yes, we are holding a 'follow-up' Forum as promised.

Wednesday 2nd August at 2pm
Gospel Centre, George Main Road,
Victor Harbor.

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH



Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will again be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment.

If you have an '0' wedding anniversary or a '5' one this year please ring, text or email Fran Hanna on 0415 124 010 fran.hanna@bigpond.com

BOB WILLIS' FUNERAL

Fran Hanna was able to link up with Peter and Helen Sampson in Adelaide and drive up to Tarlee for Bob's 1.30 funeral last Monday.



Paul Willis and the family appreciated our attendance and all the messages written in our cards as well as those conveyed by word of mouth. We went for refreshments to the Tarlee hotel after the burial and shared Bob's stories. A highlight of the funeral was a coffin covered with images of trains!

We are sure Bob is now singing with the heavenly choir and has been appointed Station Master at Paradise Station!!!!

If you would like to see the funeral it is recorded on: <https://midnorthfunerals.com.au/index.php/robert-vincent-willis/>

The August Southern Cross is in our porches this weekend.

CONFIRMATION - our applicants

Our Parish Confirmation for five children will be celebrated by Archbishop Patrick on Wednesday 9th August, at 7pm at St Joan's.



Please keep them in your prayers as they are preparing for their celebration and you are urged to come along if at all possible. Show them that we care and want them to be part of our community. They will then receive their First Communion on the following Sunday.

Samantha Jade Roge

Family: Robert Roge, Ouyen Roge, Dexter (the cat).

Interests: Art & Craft, School, Cats.

Charli Roberts

Family: Mum, Dad, Sister, Niece, Grandma, Auntie, Uncle, Cousin.

Interests: Trampoline, Netball, Gymnastics, Horse-riding.

Holly Roberts

Family: Mum, Dad, Grandma, Sisters and Niece.

Interests: Playing netball, spending time with my friends, riding my horse and bike.

Jordan David Daniell

Family: Dad, Mum, my two brothers Zachary and Adam.

Interests: I love animals and have many different pets. I enjoy doing fun things with my family like swimming, bowling riding bikes and going away! I play soccer and badminton. I cook a good barbecue also.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

1st – 6th August 2023

will take place in Lisbon, Portugal.

The Theme of WYD is "Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39).

On Saturday 5th August 2023, the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) are hosting a local WYD celebration in Adelaide.



Our local celebration is an opportunity for young people from our Archdiocese to celebrate in solidarity with young people from all over the world, to gather as one community to recognise the gift of young people to our Diocesan Family and to encourage the participation of young people in the life, faith and mission of the Church. **We pray for its success!**

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A.
Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to
me
than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.



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*. Ignatius died on July 31, 1556. *Catholic Culture*

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Thanks to all those who helped to make last Friday's event such a happy one. A lot of work was done in preparation:

decorations, pre-cooking vegetables, booking Father Christmas (who sounded

suspiciously like Steve Hall), cooking of a Christmas cake (Wendy Baker), setting up tables, preparing a Christmas quiz. Those who attended voted it one of our best parties. We had a special group at the party spanning three generations: Therese Wilsdon and her daughter Susan and granddaughter Stacey! Thanks to everyone who came along and especially those who travelled over from Goolwa.

GOOLWA GARDEN DAY

TUES. 1ST AUGUST 930AM TIL 1130AM

Tony has asked us at Mass for more help in the clean up of our grounds at Goolwa. If you think you can help please come along and make it easier for other volunteers.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS NEXT BBQ SUNDAY

August 6th after 9.00am Mass at Goolwa. The July BBQ raised \$62.20 . Thanks to all for your support.

OUR FATHERS' DAY WINE RAFFLE OPENING AT BOTH MASS CENTRES SHORTLY.

COMORO VISIT

Mark and John have returned from their successful visit to Comoro. We hope to hear in time an account of their journey.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP

"A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter: if you have found one you have found a treasure. There is nothing so precious as a faithful friend." Sirach 6:14

Jesus to his disciples and to us:

"Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father has told me."

John 15:15. **To find a friend be a friend.**

July 30, 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

THIS WEEK 29th & 30th July

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 C. Huppertz

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 A. Willis

R. 2 R. Klecko

EMHC A. Rose

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 R. Lee

R. 2 Michael Riddle

EMHC A. Turner



NEXT WEEK 5th & 6th AUGUST

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Mulvihill

R.2 J. Ryan

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R. 1 L. Healey

R. 2 H. Harris

EMHC S. Muller



**PRAY FOR THE
PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

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NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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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*)

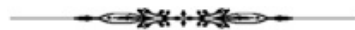
• **PARISH TREASURER**

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• **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)



**COMPLIANCE WITH
COVID-19 REGULATIONS**

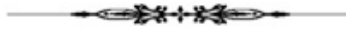
(*Current from 27/07/23*)

- 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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This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’



KINGDOM STORIES

(*Matthew 13: 44 - 52*)

The last few weeks we’ve been treated with kingdom stories. Some are casual, like the woman kneading dough or the sower going out to plant a field. Some are loaded with suppressed excitement: the merchant finding the pearl, or the discovery of treasure in an unmarked field. What kind of kingdom can be glimpsed from a net cast lightly into the sea, emerging with the day’s catch AND a year’s worth of junk?

What’s clear is that the kingdom of God isn’t a simple idea. It’s not the usual religious jaunt from a life of good works to a heavenly reward. The kingdom is known through fidelity to small tasks yet holds enormous surprises and can lead to high spiritual gambles. We may be willing to put a pinch or piety into the dough and watch the bread rise. But not all of us will sell everything, even to purchase the brightest pearl on earth. Gamble, with our nest egg?

In fact, every kingdom story has its own risk factor. Not every loaf will rise, not every field sown will produce a yield. The dragnet if human experience pulls up what’s useful to spiritual growth and more garbage to haul around. We’re choosing, in every minute, how much we will sacrifice, how much to risk.

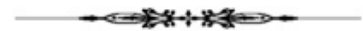
A WORD FROM THE WISE

Jesus continued, “God’s kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field for years and then accidentally found by a trespasser. The finder is ecstatic – what a find! – and proceeds to sell everything he owns to raise money and buy that field”. (Matthew 13: 44)

As a journalist gathered notes for a story on Monsignor Jack Egan, renowned priest, she would feel his eyes searching her face. Egan was 80 at the time and had already become a legend among Catholic activists as a man who spoke truth to power and fought racial discrimination and social injustice with the faith and ferocity of an Old Testament prophet. His virtues were many, but the one he displayed that day – an understanding heart – surprised his young admirer.

Egan had asked her some searing questions about what she said was doing with her life. She knew her accomplishments and concerns were minor and compared with the great things this courageous man had achieved. With Egan’s prompting, she finally admitted to being stymied by a broken heart over a lost love. She then quickly dismissed her problem as petty and insignificant compared with the suffering of people around the world.

“Young lady,” Egan said, “don’t ever diminish the pain you feel. Your pain is as real as anyone else’s and equally worthy of healing”. She considers the wisdom shared that day as her pearl of great price. *GPBS eNews*



THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(*31 July - 6 August*)

- **Monday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35)
- **Tuesday, 1:** St Alphonsus Liguori (Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 2:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 17 (Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46)
- **Thursday, 3:** St Dominic (Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53)
- **Friday, 4:** St John Vianney (Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 5:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 17 (Lev 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 6:** The Transfiguration of the Lord (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9)

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.