Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

ALL SAINTS DAY - 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

Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks-giving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:1-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R)

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R)

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that

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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, Sandy Lee,
Tony Mawdsley, Gemma Woodhead,
Janet Murray, Claire Galpin,
Rosene Edwards, Vicki Cross, Mary Jacobson, Tanya Francis, Garry Hill,
Les Hill, Geoff Chalmers, Eric Temme,
Kevin and Cath Howard,
Richard Gubbins, Di Shearer
Baby Alfreya, Delia Lewis,
Patricia Haynes, Gerard Siciliano.
Rob Randabel-Williamson,
Meredith Cunningham.

ANNIVERSARIES
Margaret Hope, Ron Harris

RECENTLY DECEASED
Lourdes Carle, Giovanni Mignanelli.

PARISH COLLECTION
October 17th & 18th
1st (Archdiocesan Priests) $ 1313.40
2nd (Parish Expenses) $ 975.90

VICTOR MORNING TEA
November 1st
L. Sunman & J. Davidge
November 8th
E. Dabinett & K. Pedrosa

VICTOR MEET & GREET
November Saturdays
E. O'Connell
November Sundays
R. Reid & K. Pedrosa

GOOLWA MEET & GREET
November
J. Dunthorne
MORNING TEA
November
V. Scriva, C. Rivers,
P. Stone, T. Riding

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 NOVEMBER
For the proper use of wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

WELCOME FATHER FRANCIS.
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST WITH US.
YOU ARE MOST WELCOME.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

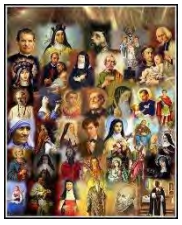
Two weeks ago we received the **fifth and final Declaration of our Diocesan Synod**. But the Synod journey doesn't end here — now comes the exciting part: **how do we bring its vision to life in our own parish? What could this mean for us?**



What might we do differently? Where is the Spirit leading us?

To help explore these questions, the PPC has instituted a
SYNOD WORKING GROUP OF PARISH VOLUNTEERS.
Meeting once a month, the group will gradually work through the five Declarations, explore practical ideas and bring suggestions back to the PPC for prayerful discernment.
ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BE PART OF THIS CONVERSATION?
If you would like to help shape the future of our parish, please speak to **John Dunthorne in Goolwa 0437 515 144 or Fran Hanna in Victor 0415 124 010.**

ALL SAINTS' DAY 1ST NOVEMBER



Saints are not perfect people, but ordinary human beings who open their hearts to God. They are filled with love for God and others, trust in God's grace despite their weaknesses and try to say "yes" to God in their daily lives. Holiness is not just for a chosen few; it is a calling for all of us. We can become saints through simple acts of kindness, forgiveness, generosity and care for others, allowing God's love to shine through us in our everyday lives.

ALL SOULS' DAY 2ND NOVEMBER – MASS AT VICTOR 10.00AM



Dear God, 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.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP
Congratulations to our parishioner Brian Liddy who received a Lifetime Membership of the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor recently. Brian Liddy has served Rotary and the community of Victor Harbor and has been a faithful member of our parish over forty years. Congratulations Brian.

ST JOAN'S  **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Christmas is fast approaching and to start the festive season
St Joan's Social Club is holding their
Magnificent Christmas Dinner in the Annex
Friday night 27th November at 6.00pm for 6.30pm start.



Come along and enjoy a wonderful night, make up a table or we will seat you. The cost is the same as last year... **$20.00 per head** for turkey, ham off the bone and salads followed by pudding and custard or fruit salad and ice-cream. There will be a Christmas Basket raffle and lucky door prizes. BYO drinks and your own glass.

Call or txt Pat on 0410 593 617 or Colleen on 0405 634 744.
Numbers and money by Sunday 15th November.



2026 VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food items to place in the Christmas boxes in both churches until
Sunday 6th December (Goolwa),
Sunday 13th December (Victor Harbor).
Your generosity was much appreciated by 93 families last year. Thank you!

Vinnies Christmas Cards
Cards are on sale after Mass from this weekend.

Columban Calendars
Calendars are on sale after Mass from this weekend.

45 CLUB winning number this week was 37 with David Short the winner.

BBQ at Goolwa this Sunday after Mass.



GOOLWA GARDEN DAY
next Tuesday 3rd November
9.30 – 11.30.
All Welcome.

HELLO TO ALL PARISHIONERS - FROM THE COMORO WORKING GROUP
At our recent meeting we welcomed a new member, Meg Busby from Goolwa. We are still actively seeking another representative from Goolwa. The Financial Team is working on a formal budget.

We have also approved financial assistance for:
- Emergency Funding in 4 parcels of $350 for Cailaco Community through the Salesian Sisters
- Continuation of the successful fencing project at Fuiloro Agricultural School $5,000
- Rehabilitation funds towards Dragon Fruit garden project at Fuiloro $1000.

NEXT WEEK: Oct. 31st & Nov. 1st
Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm
Commentator T. White
R.1 M. Mulvihill
R.2 L. Blacket
EMHC - Host Fr Francis
- Chalice 1 E. O'Connell
- Chalice 2 C. Sutherland

Sunday 11am
Commentator: F. Hanna
R. 1 K. Dudley
R. 2 G. Ryan
EMHC - Host: Fr Francis
- Chalice 1 P. Clingan
- Chalice 2 A. Rose

Goolwa Sunday 9am
Commentator**:** Marie Riddle
R.1 L. Hayward
R.2 Michael Riddle
EMHC - Host: Fr. Francis
- Chalice 1 S. Muller
- Chalice 2 Marie Riddle



NEXT WEEK: November 7th & 8th
Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm
Commentator L. Blacket
R.1 C. Huppatz
R.2 C. Allen
EMHC - Host Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 T. White
- Chalice 2 E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am
Commentator: R. Klecko
R. 1 M. Libutan
R. 2 W. Baker
EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 K. Dudley
- Chalice 2 P. Clingan

Goolwa Sunday 9am
Commentator**:** P. Kennelly
R.1 M. Busby
R.2 V. Scriva
EMHC - Host: Fr. Vinh
- Chalice 1 M. Freeborn
- Chalice 2 A. Turner

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- PARISH PRIEST

Fr Vinh O[illegible]
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In an emergency contact:
Fr Julius (0455 878 907
juliusphilip122@yahoo.com)

- PARISH MANAGER

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
(Monday & Thursday:10am - 12noon)
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 Wed)*

- PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

- **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.

- Andy Nicholls (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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when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:28
Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day is a surprisingly old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honoured.

Why November 1?

The current date of November 1 was instituted by Pope Gregory III (731-741), when he consecrated a chapel to all the martyrs in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. Gregory ordered his priests to celebrate the Feast of All Saints annually. This celebration was originally confined to the diocese of Rome, but Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the feast to the entire Church and ordered it to be celebrated on November 1.

A Reflection for Today

All Saints' Day is a quiet reminder that we do not walk alone, surrounded by an unseen cloud of ordinary and extraordinary witnesses who lived out God's love before us.

The Unnamed Faithful: We celebrate not only the famous names carved into church history, but the quiet, everyday saints—grandparents, teachers, and neighbours—who let light filter through their flaws just like a stained-glass window.

Grace Over Perfection: Sainthood is not about a flawless life; it is about handing your weaknesses, mistakes, and small acts of kindness over to God's larger story.

An Unbroken Bond: Death does not sever love. On this day, the boundary between heaven and earth grows thin, inviting us to find comfort and courage in the communion of faith.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(02 - 08 November)

- ***Monday, 02:*** All Souls' Day (Readings from Masses for the Dead)
- ***Tuesday, 03:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24)
- ***Wednesday, 04:*** St Charles Borromeo (Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33)
- ***Thursday, 05:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 3:3-8; Lk 15:1-10)
- ***Friday, 06:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8)
- ***Saturday, 07:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15)
- ***Sunday 08:*** 32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13)

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.