



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
18TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

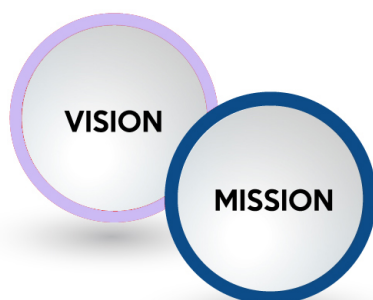
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-9, 15-18

The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing

that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' (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)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace,
Father John Langtry,
Adrian and Margaret Langtry,
Brian Smallacombe,
Bailey Smallacombe,
Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth,
Daniel Holliday, Mark & Lola Kelly,
Claire Hamish,
Joan Pillion, Angelo Fantasia,
Jane Lloyd, West Family,
Joseph Barry Kearsley,
Lyn McCabe, Kathleen Tiltman,
Emily McCarthy, Josephine Proctor, Andrew Sampson.
Charlie Nicolson, Bill & Anne Sloane

ANNIVERSARIES

Molly McGee

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sheila Hanna, Joseph Kennedy,.
Des Smith (father of Carol Sutherland).

PARISH COLLECTION

18th & 19th / 25th & 26th July

1st (Presbytery) \$ 2432.05
2nd (Parish) \$ 2602.05

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

1st August

W. & J. Baker

8th & 15th August

M. Von Holst, R. Kuske

VICTOR MEET & GREET

August Saturdays

M. Farmer, D. McLaughlin

August Sundays

A. Rose, M. Cunningham

ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am
each Friday

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

August K. & A. Fawcner

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday.
Call Claire Williams 042 008 199.

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: AUGUST

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



ST. JOHNS SOCIAL CLUB AND PASTORAL CARE GROUP

The first meeting since the virus spread will be held at the Church on Tuesday 11th August at 1 30pm . If you would like to become involved in this important group in the running of our Goolwa Catholic Community you will be most welcome.

ST. JOHNS GARDENING GROUP



The next clean up day is on **Tuesday 4th August at 9.30 am**. We had 10 or so last month so let's hope for another good roll up.

ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

Next meeting is on **Saturday 8th August at 4.30pm** in the Annex. Newcomers welcome.

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 12th August at 9.30am**, regardless of the weather. Morning tea afterwards will probably be of the "spaced out" variety. Half of our group are now over 80 years old, so any "new" blood would be very welcome. Peter Sampson 8552 3989.

UNITED NATION'S WORLD DAY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING. 30th July

"Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers, in their own countries and abroad. Almost every country in the world is affected by trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit or destination for victims." *United Nations*

We don't like to think that our country is involved but our own Sisters of Mercy search out trafficked women and children in Australia seeking to set them free.

Dear Lord, most of us reading this will never experience the kind of extreme poverty that millions of people live with every day. Help us to be understanding and compassionate toward their needs. Help us to love them in the way that You love them. Give us the will to make things better. World Vision

COVID-SAFE RULES

Activities and gatherings

from midnight Tuesday 28th July

Many rules stay the same

Hygiene

Sanitise your hands.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.

Density requirements

The total number of people at a place must not exceed 1 person per 2 square metres.

Physical distancing, or social distancing

principles also still apply.

Every person should attempt to stay at least 1.5 metres from other members of the public. However, this does not apply to people who live together, who are friends or family members, or people who regularly associate with each other. SA Government.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CLOSING DATE SUNDAY 14th AUGUST

Nominations are now open for membership of the Parish Pastoral Council. You may nominate someone with their permission or you may nominate yourself. Please put your nomination on the plate at Mass or hand it to Father Vinh.

COUNTERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Our parish is in need of counters.

If you can volunteer one day per month this would be greatly appreciated..

PLAQUE FOR ATHALEA

This will be blessed at the 9.00am Mass at Goolwa this weekend.

FATHER VINH'S BRISBANE HOLIDAY

Father will be away for two weeks. During this time Father Francis will celebrate all weekend Mass and some weekday Masses. We welcome Father Francis and thank him for looking after us while Father Vinh is away.

HAPPY HOLIDAY FATHER VINH!!!



Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

*The hand of the Lord feeds us,
He answers all our needs.*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all His creatures.

The eyes of all creatures look to You
and You give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all His ways
and loving in all His deeds.
He is close to all who call Him,
call on Him from their hearts.



VINNIES' WINTER APPEAL

We are all feeling the chill this winter ...
could you please spare a thought for our
friends in need!

The **Winter Appeal envelopes** are on the
pews this weekend for your much
appreciated donation.

Victor/Goolwa Conference

Donations can also be made at
www.vinnies.org.au/donate or by
calling 13 18 12.

National Council CEO, Toby O'Connor
said *"Falling donations because of the
COVID pandemic, coupled with a spike in
demand for services, make tough times
even tougher for many people.*

'Donations now are vital to ensure our
good works can continue to make an
impact on the lives of the increasing
number of vulnerable people right across
the country during winter."



SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS

Feast Day 8th August

(1842 – 1909)

As a young woman Mary MacKillop
was drawn to
religious life but



could not find an order that met her
needs. In 1860, she met

Father Julian Woods, who became her
spiritual director. Together they founded a
new community of women—the Sisters of
St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, also
known as the Josephite Sisters.

Mary and her Sisters offered social
services that few, if any, government
agencies in Australia could. They served
Protestants and Catholics alike. They
worked among the aborigines, taught in
schools and orphanages and served
unmarried mothers. Mary's motto was
*"Never see any evil without trying to
remedy it."*

She suffered many difficulties, both
financial and clerical, including at one
point ex-communication (later rescinded),
but in the end, Rome proved to be Mary's
best source of support. After a long wait,
official approval of the congregation—and
how it was to be governed—came from
Pope Leo XIII.

Mary died at the age of 67. Pope John
Paul II beatified her in 1995. When she
was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI in
2010, she became Australia's first saint.

Franciscan Media

THANK YOU

Many thanks to you all for your care and
support of me and the family on the
occasion of Sheila's death and funeral.
I have never experienced more strongly
the power of a caring faith community.
Fran Hanna

BIRTHDAYS

John McMahon 3rd August

Di McMahon 6th August

Patricia Haynes 6th August

Bill Longworth 7th August

This Week : 1st & 2nd August

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R1 A. Willis

R2 P. O'Brien

E.M M. Ferguson

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 P. Kennelly

R2 D. Huppatt

E.M. A. Turner



Next Week : 8th & 9th August

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 J. Randabel-Williamson

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R1 P. Chigwidden

R2 J. Tregeagle

E.M P. O'Brien

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R1 R. Lee

R2 H. Harris

E.M. C. Williams

MASS TIMES

- **Victor Harbor** - Weekends - Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 11.00am. Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am
- **Goolwa** - Weekend - Sunday 9.00am. Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

- Attendance for mass is dependent on the 1 in 2 sq.m rule restriction.
- This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or catholicvhg@bigpond.com
(All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening)

• PARISH TREASURER

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But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Jesus' actions in the gospel mirror the actions of the Eucharist. He takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it to the people.
- The multiplication miracle is recounted in all four gospels.
- John the Baptist was ordered to be killed by Herod Antipas, who ruled, under the Romans, over the northern province of Galilee. Herod Antipas was the son of Herod the Great, who was King at the time of Jesus' birth. Antipas' career was dominated by his relationship with Herodius, whom he married even though she was his niece and married to his half-brother when they met, and even though he was compelled to divorce his own wife in order to marry her. John was publicly very critical of this marriage, so Antipas had him arrested and later executed. It was Antipas who was the 'King Herod' at the time of Jesus' death.
- Jesus probably spent some time as a disciple of John the Baptist.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The death of the Baptist has left Jesus saddened, and he withdraws to be alone with the disciples. But even his personal sorrow is overwhelmed by compassion for the people who had followed him, and he cures their sick. The crowd stays with him, even into the evening.

When the disciples ask Jesus to send them away to eat, Jesus' response is a challenge to the disciples: feed them

yourselves. He is training them to take the initiative, to be confident leaders of the community after he has gone. Jesus employs the ritual of the daily Jewish meal in blessing, breaking and giving, but this ritual now points to the actions of the Last Supper. All are fed; all are satisfied. There are overtones of the messianic banquet, a common image in the Hebrew Scriptures describing the reign of God; there is an abundance. The crowd represents all of Israel gathered by Jesus, and the twelve baskets of remainders represent the twelve tribes of Israel gathered by the twelve disciples.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Overwhelmingly, the image of this text is the abundance of the feast that is offered to us by Jesus. This echoes a traditional image of the coming of the Messiah found in the Jewish Scriptures—the messianic feast.

They all ate as much as they wanted and still there was plenty remaining. In Jesus, we can be thoroughly satisfied. He is the source of all we need.

Another image in this text is the need to withdraw to a quiet place to pray and meditate, to nourish our souls as well as our bodies.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(3 August - 09 August)

- **Mon, 03:** St Dominic (Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36)
- **Tues, 04:** St John Vianney (Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 15:1-2, 10-14)
- **Wed, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28)
- **Thur, 06:** The Transfiguration of the Lord (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Mt 17:1-9)
- **Fri, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Nahum 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28)
- **Sat, 08:** St Mary of the Cross (1Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34)
- **Sun 09:** 19th Sunday in Ord Time (1Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22 - 33)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).