



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
14TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

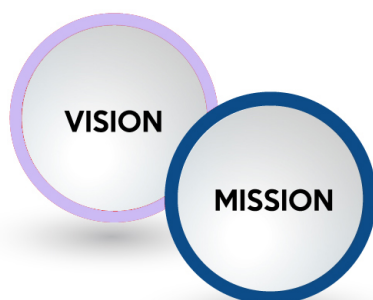
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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

Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

*I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:9,11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no

necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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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, Mary Davis, 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, Joseph Kennedy.

ANNIVERSARIES

Eric Powditch, Rita Sullivan, Craig Sampson.

RECONCILIATION PRAYER



Creator Spirit,
All creation
once declared Your
glory,

Your laws were honoured
and trusted,

Hear the cry of our land
and its people,
Just as You heard the
cry of Jesus,
Your Son, on the Cross.

**Help us to replace our
national shame
With true national pride by
restoring the
dignity of our First People
whose antiquity is
unsurpassed.**

May our faith and
trust in You increase.
Only then will our nation
grow strong and be
a worthy place for all who wish to
make their home in our land.

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IN MY BLOOD IT RUNS

Sunday 5 July 9.30pm
on ABC + iview.

***"The story of a young aboriginal
boy whose teachers had given up
all hope; a boy police were
attempting to lock up but who
ended up speaking to the
United Nations about justice
for all children."*** ABC

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: JULY

Our Families

We pray that today's families
may be accompanied with
love, respect and guidance.



LEARN FROM ME

**In this week's liturgy Jesus continues to
prepare His apostles for their ministry.
He gives them two instructions:
*Learn from Me for I am gentle and humble
in heart.***

**A follower of Jesus is not one for
standing at the front of the temple and
boasting about how good he is.**

And then Jesus says

***Take my yoke upon you ... my
yoke is easy and my burden is
light. If we can share our
burdens with Jesus we find that
He has already done the heavy work.***



ST JOHN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP

The next clean up of the grounds
at St. John's will occur on
Tuesday July 7th at 930 am.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Vincentians are back on board - next
meeting is **Wednesday 8th July at Goolwa**



after 9.30am Mass.

We look forward to getting
back together again.
New members are always
welcome.

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP

Maintenance restarts

Wednesday 8th July

at 9.30am, followed by
morning tea. There are two
basic carpentry jobs to be
done in the garden area.
We will still meet regardless
of the weather. Peter Sampson 8552 3989



ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

will hold its next meeting on
Saturday 11th July at 4.30pm in the Annex.

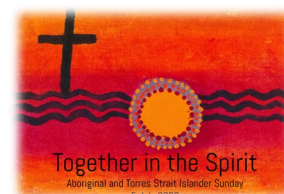
ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

will hold their next meeting on
Tuesday 14th July at 1.30pm in the Annex.
All welcome.

ANNIVERSARY

Your prayers are asked for
Craig Sampson who passed away on
15th July 2008.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY July 5th



**Together in the Spirit:
"Learn from Me for I am
gentle and humble in heart."**

Matt 11:29

There are over 130,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics in Australia and it is the youngest and fastest growing demographic in the Australian Church.

<http://natsicc.org.au/>

They are represented by The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) the peak advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops on issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics. The Council started in 1992. The Secretariat is based in Adelaide.

The NATSICC Logo depicts a willy willy, the wind force in the centre is a symbol of God's Spirit. The round concentric circles at the top symbolise God and Life, the base depicts men and women receiving the Holy Spirit.



Pope Saint John Paul II on his visit to Alice Springs 1986

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"It is a great joy for me to be here today and I want to tell you right away how much the Church esteems and loves you, and how much she wishes to assist you in your spiritual and material needs.....Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear. Do not think that your gifts are worth so little that you should no longer bother to maintain them. Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost."

A SPECIAL NATIONAL MASS for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday will be **celebrated by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan on July 5th** and will begin live streaming from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 11am. It can be viewed at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

I will praise Your name for ever, my King and my God.

I will give You glory, O God my King,
I will bless Your name for ever.
I will bless You day after day
and praise Your name for ever.

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.

All Your creatures shall thank You,
O Lord,
and Your friends shall repeat their
blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of
Your reign
and declare Your might, O God.

FEAST DAYS

THIS WEEK

SAINT MARIA GORETTI

6th July

(1890 – 1902)



SAINT AUGUSTINE

ZHAO RONG

9th July

(d.1815)

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese diocesan priest who was martyred with his 119 companions.

Welcome back to our Parish Treasurer, Merv Mallett, after his knee operation. Thank you to Margaret Meade and Marilyn Freeborn who looked after our parish finances while Merv recovered.

Thanksgiving envelopes: Congratulations to all who picked up their envelopes and to our PPC members who distributed them. We only posted out 3 boxes. This exercise saved the parish over \$400.

Join Thanksgiving Envelopes: If you wish to join with the current 110 parishioners in the Thanksgiving envelope programme please contact Merv Mallett on 0412 103 443 or email him at parish_treasure@bigpond.com.

POINTS FROM PPC MEETING

24th JUNE

Turnover of PPC

members:

After a term of three years Ray Klecko, Meredith Cunningham, Fran Hanna and possibly Mark Leaney gave notice of their resignation. Balance between the two parishes is a priority, so 3 more nominations are needed from Goolwa by end of August.

Environment: Mark is looking for helpers to promote ecumenical environmental movement *Season of Creation* in September.

Fr Vinh's Report Covid 19 just happened but it has brought us together, was Fr Vinh's summation of recent months, with parishioners asking for a Day of Reflection to discern what the pandemic has meant to us.

Parish Manager's Report

Inspection of the Catholic cemetery in Pt Elliot was undertaken on Tuesday 23rd June to record location of as many graves as possible and survey bluestone foundation of the former church built on the site. This was done with the help of a professional in ground radar detection, Andrew Frost.

Solid financial support for the parish has continued during the Covid 19 lockdown.

MASS NUMBERS

From Monday 29th June 2020, maximum density requirements with the new **1 person per 2 sqm** will apply for our churches.

- Continue to make hand sanitiser available
- Encourage those who are unwell to stay at home
- Avoid physical greetings, hugs, kisses and handshakes

Archbishop O'Regan

MASS times are as usual.

Please record your name on sign-in sheet provided.

BIRTHDAYS

Anne Temme

Sun 5th July

Trudy Case

Tues 7th July

Michael McBride

Wed 8th July

Rosemarie Kuske

Fri 10th July

Birthday blessings to you all!



This Week : 4th & 5th July

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 J. Jeffery

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

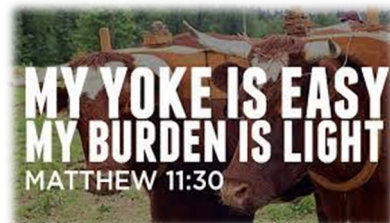
VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : F. Hanna

R.1. J. Tregeagle

R.2 W. Baker

E.M M. Von Holst



Next Week : 11th & 12th July

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : R. Klecko

R.1. T. Hounslow

R.2 P. O'Brien

E.M M. Cunningham

**DOES ANYONE KNOW
WHICH PAGE OF THE
BIBLE EXPLAINS HOW TO
TURN WATER INTO WINE?
ASKING FOR A FRIEND.**

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)

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EXPLORING THE WORD

Matthew's community must have been deeply troubled by the fact that the 'learned and clever' religious leaders of the day did not accept the message of Jesus. Surely they, of all people, should have been in a position to recognise the truth. But in this passage, Matthew explains that it is not from a position of knowledge or power that one recognises the truth; rather it is from an attitude of openness and simplicity.

Jesus' intimate address of *Abba* (*Father*) is used five times. This intimate relationship is characterised by God's entrusting all things to the Son, and the Son in turn revealing them to those who have faith. Jesus is the perfect teacher, describing himself as gentle and humble in heart.

There is an interesting contrast here between the burden of following the restrictive laws of the Pharisees and the 'easy burden' of faith in Christ. The rules and laws of the Pharisees often added to the burden experienced by people of the day, while Jesus tried to lift the burden from people.

SHARING THE TRADITION

Throughout the history of the Church there have been examples of people who have taken up the 'burden' of faith and experienced it as a double edged sword of both great joy and blessing as well as an awesome responsibility leading to hardship and persecution. Australia's Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) is one example.

Born in Fitzroy in 1842, Mary was fifteen when she felt called to be a nun. Unable to find a religious order which suited her call, Mary began her own – the Sisters of St Joseph – in 1867, dedicated to the education of the poor, particularly, the rural poor. Her independence and determination to live under her own rule and not that of the Bishop, lead her into conflict with Church authorities. At the centre of the difficulty was Mary's insistence that her sisters live absolute poverty and rely on God to provide for their needs. This meant begging which the Bishops thought unseemly. Mary was

excommunicated in 1871 only to be re-instated in 1872, although opposition by some continued. Despite the setbacks and disappointments, the Josephite order continued to expand both in membership and ministry. Her struggle was worth the effort and Mary was Canonised a saint in Rome in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The prayer of blessing which Jesus makes in this gospel is known as a *berakah*. It is the basis of Jewish prayers of praise and thanksgiving. In our liturgy we use the *berakah* form just before the Eucharistic Prayer: *Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer ... to which we all respond: Blessed be God forever.*
- A yoke is a piece of agricultural equipment that went around the neck of an ox. It is attached to a plough or a cart that the ox drags along. This method is still used in many parts of the world. The yoke takes the burden of the load which the oxen must pull. It is heavy work.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (06 - 12 July)

- **Monday, 10:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 14 (Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26)
- **Tuesday, 11:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 14 (Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 14 (Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7)
- **Thursday, 13:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 14 (Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9; Mt 10:7-15)
- **Friday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 14 (Hosea 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23)
- **Saturday, 15:** St Benedict (Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33)
- **Sunday 16:** 15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-3)

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).