



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A  
23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

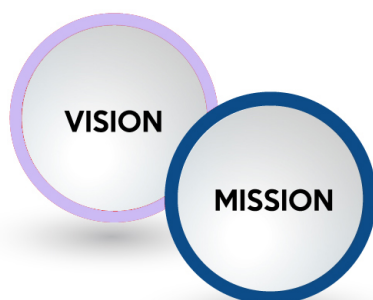
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### 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

*Ezekiel 33:7-9*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 94:1-2, 6-9*

*O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

## SECOND READING

*Romans 13:8-10*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love*

*your neighbour as yourself.* Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*2 Cor 5:19*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 18:15-20*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed

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# 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,  
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, Kathleen Tiltman,  
Joseph Barry Kearsley,  
Lyn McCabe, Emily McCarthy,  
Josephine Proctor,  
Chloe Randabel, Charlie Nicolson,  
Miriam Kaye, Bill & Anne Sloane,  
Ella Sajn, Brenna Schneideman.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Molly McGee, Ian Reid

## RECENTLY DECEASED

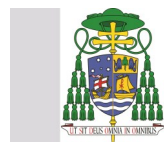
Ted Turner, Kevin Cousins,  
Adrian Langtry, Else Mary Egan,  
Robin Graham.

## THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



## A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP O'REGAN



Dear sisters and brothers,  
Grace and peace.  
I hope this note finds

you well. On several occasions I have mentioned that the document on Church Governance,

***The Light of the Southern Cross*** subtitled ***Promoting Co-Responsible Governance in the Catholic Church in Australia***, would be available soon.

I am happy to advise that the document is now available on The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website

<https://catholic.org.au/governance>

Here you will be able to download the document as well as a specially prepared Reading Guide, and see the Media Release.

**This document is out for consultation and I would invite you to carefully read it and offer any comments back to me.**

## ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP

The next meeting is on  
**Wednesday 9th September** at  
9.30am, morning tea to follow.



**ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB** will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 8th September at 1.30pm in the Annex. All welcome.

**MORNING TEA AFTER 11AM MASS** will resume again on 6th September. **Please bring your own cup as per Covid rules.**

**COLLECTIONS AT MASS** After a long discussion at PPC and PFC we have come up with a collection bag with a pole. Bishop Greg O'Kelly introduced this way a few months ago to comply with Covid-9 requirements. We hope this method is only a temporary one.  
Thank you for your co-operation.

**WINE RAFFLE** The Knights' wine raffle was won by a St Joan's parishioner who kindly donated it back. It is hoped there will be another wine raffle before Christmas.

## FATHERS' DAY 6TH SEPTEMBER



God of love,  
Today we ask your blessing  
on all who give their lives  
with a father's love.

Bless new fathers and wise grandfathers.  
Bless loving uncles and caring godfathers.  
Bless men who embrace fatherhood through adoption or foster parenting, remarriage or single parenthood.  
Bless men still waiting and hoping to become fathers.

Bless teachers and mentors who serve as father figures.

Bless priests and brothers who lead as loving parents.

Bless men who are separated from their children, by force or choice.

Bless families without fathers and all who love in abundance in their absence.

Bless fathers who have lost a child.

Bless families who have lost their father.

Bless all whose fathers were loving.

Bless all whose fathers failed to meet their children's need for love.

Bless all who celebrate today.

Bless all who struggle today.

In the name of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we pray. Amen.

## VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Thank you so much for your generous donations! So far \$2,986.10 has been given, which is much appreciated. A few more interesting figures from our Treasurer - to the year ending 30th June 2020, Vinnies helped our local companions with \$13,931.56 which included food, accommodation, bills, rent assistance, household goods and transport. The year ended with a surplus of \$153.01. Also, as you may be aware, all money donated to the Bushfire Appeal has been distributed. Your help allows Vinnies to continue helping those less fortunate. Thank you all again.



## NEW MEMBERS FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We welcome new members for the PPC:  
Rose Mulraney, Sue McCarthy, David Taggart, Janet Murray, Geoff Chalmers and Ted Hounslow. They join John Dunthorne, Paul Kennelly, Cheryl Williams, Meg Klecko, John Baker, Mark Leaney and Paul O'Brien.

## PARISH COLLECTION 29th & 30th August

1st (Presbytery) \$729.00  
2nd (Parish) \$1,067.00

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 12th Sept

F. Harris & M. Davis  
**19th & 26th Sept**  
R. Munro & T. Clayton

## VICTOR MEET & GREET September Saturdays

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin  
**September Sundays**  
H. Sampson & L. Sunman

## ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

## GOOLWA MEET & GREET September J. McInnes

## ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday.  
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

*O that today you would listen to  
His voice!  
Harden not your hearts.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the Rock who saves us.  
Let us come before Him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for He is our God and we  
the people who belong to His pasture,  
the flock that is led by His hand.

O that today you would listen to His voice  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put Me to the test;  
when they tried Me, though they saw  
My work.'



## BIRTH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

8th September



The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning. Next to the birth of Jesus, *Franciscan Media*

## A DAY OF REFLECTION

Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> at Victor in the Annex 10.00-12.00 and 1.00 –3.00pm



You may choose to attend morning and/or afternoon. Come along and reflect on your experience of Covid-19

with other parishioners. *What has been difficult? How have we coped? What have we learned? Where has God been in our lives? Where to now?*

All welcome. Bring along your friends. Please supply your own lunch and cup.

**Please let Fran know if you are thinking of coming: 0415 124 010.**  
**Thank you.**

SEASON OF CREATION: BLOSSOM

Thanks to all who have contributed to our Blossom weekend.



## NEXT WEEKEND

12th/13th SEPT.

**Our theme is Flowers.**

Please bring along any flowers you may have to decorate our produce tables along with any home-grown produce you would like to share. *"St Francis communed with all creation, even preaching to the flowers, inviting them "to praise the Lord, just as if they were endowed with reason".* Laudato Si

## SAINT PETER CLAVER

Feast Day 9th September

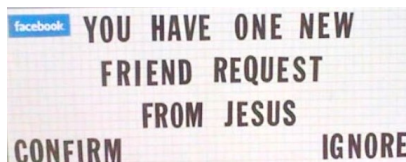
(1580 – 1654)

Born in Catalonia, Spain he left for Colombia in 1610, to dedicate himself to helping black slaves. Peter was ordained a Jesuit priest in Cartagena, principal slave market for the New World. Thousands of captured African blacks were crammed chained into the holds of ships designed for 100-200, but holding 600-800 humans. A third died in the sea journey. In Cartagena survivors were herded into warehouses and auctioned. Peter ministered to these people, meeting each slave ship as it arrived. For *"We must speak to them with our hands, before we try to speak to them with our lips"*. Nearly 300,000 received baptism. *Catholic Culture*



## HOLY PLACES APPEAL

A collection for the Holy Land. This collection normally held on Good Friday was rescheduled this year by Pope Francis due to the closure of churches because of Covid-19 restrictions. The new date is next weekend 12-13 September. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church including Health and Education throughout the Holy Land.



## This Week : 5th & 6th September

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator** J. Ryan

**R.1** J. Jeffrey

**R.2** M. Farmer

**E.M.** E. O'Shaughnessy

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator:** F. Hanna

**R1** J. Tregeagle

**R2** P. Chigwidden

**E.M** P. Clingan

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**

**Commentator:** M. O'Halloran

**R1** Marie Riddle

**R2** M. Riddle

**E.M.** A. Turner



## Next Week : 12th & 13th September

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** C. Sutherland

**R.2** B. Bullen

**E.M.** E. O'Connell

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R1** M. Von Holst

**R2** T. Hounslow

**E.M** A. Rose

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**

**Commentator:** A. Fawcner

**R1** J. McInnes

**R2** G. Byrne

**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](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com)  
(All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening)

### • PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)  
Email: [Parish\\_treasure@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_treasure@bigpond.com)

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in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

## DID YOU KNOW?

- In the ancient world, the testimony of two witnesses was needed for any charge to be upheld in a civil or religious court. We see many examples of this practice in the gospels; for example, John 9:18.
- Formal exclusion from the Church is called excommunication. Today it is rarely used but over history, many people, even saints, have been excommunicated. Galileo was excommunicated during the Renaissance for his views on science—later proved to be correct. This excommunication was rescinded only in recent years. Even Australia's own St Mary MacKillop was once excommunicated!

## SHARING THE TRADITION

There has been an 'up and down' history in the Church in the way it has dealt with conflict and the need to balance the exercise of its legitimate authority with the need to announce God's forgiveness to the world. There have been low points like the Inquisition of the Middle Ages and high points like the papal apologies of the Jubilee Year. In recent years, the scandal of sexual abuse by members of the clergy and religious has caused the Church to re-examine appropriate processes for dealing with such wrong doing by its members. Recent statements from Pope Francis have highlighted this.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

The gospel readings for this week and next week come from a section of Matthew which deals with ways the community might regulate its

behaviour. Clearly there were some in the group who were behaving in ways which brought the community into disrepute and were contrary to the teaching of Jesus. The question was one of how the community should confront such issues of human sinfulness and help each other in the spirit of love which Jesus professed. Matthew recalls the words of Jesus to suggest a way forward in this dilemma.

This text comes immediately after the parable of the lost sheep where the shepherd expends all possible effort to find the lost one and bring it back to the fold. For Matthew, the main point of that parable is the joy which the master expresses when the lost one returns.

That point is emphasised in this text when Matthew again suggests that all possible effort must be expended on correcting those in the community who err before taking the final step of exclusion from the group. Even then, all is not lost, and Matthew reminds his community that they should pray together and their prayers will be heard.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS (07 - 13 September)

- **Monday, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11)
- **Tuesday, 08:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Micah 5:1-4; Mat 1:1-16, 18-23)
- **Wednesday, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38)
- **Friday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 9:16-29, 22-27; Lk 6:39-42)
- **Saturday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49)
- **Sunday 13:** 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35)

## 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).