



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

32nd Week in Ordinary Time
Year A

A living, vibrant
faith community

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

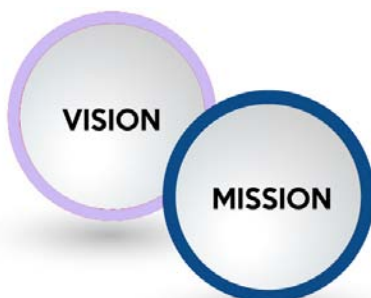
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-8

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom

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Bulletin Board

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER

INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve mankind.



EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH

LECTIO DIVINA is held each Sunday night at 5pm in the Annex.

ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

The next meeting will be on Saturday 14th November at 4.30pm in the Annex.

ST JOAN'S MORNING TEA AFTER 11AM

MASS Please bring your own cup as per Covid rules.

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL AND PASTORAL

CARE GROUP will serve morning tea after Mass on Sunday 8th November.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MUG.

Social distancing & hygiene are required. All are welcome!

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB MEETING is on

Tuesday 10th November at 1.30pm in the Annex, all welcome.

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP will

hold their next meeting on Wednesday 11th November at 10am, followed by a BBQ lunch at 11.30am, courtesy of Fr Vinh in his backyard. **BYO chair and drink.** This invitation is also extended to those members who have been unable to do the physical work over the last few months.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR RESIDENTS

EMANUEL CARE / VICTORIA HOUSE

In the next couple of weeks after weekend Masses, Maire Ryan at Goolwa and Margaret Chalmers at Victor Harbor will be handing out cards with suggestions for Christmas presents. A big thank you in anticipation. *Margaret Chalmers*

BIRTHDAYS

Wednesday 11th November

Margaret Langtry
Rosemary Austin

Happy birthday to you both !!



VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL –



You can help end poverty

Your gift can transform the lives of Australian parents and children who are struggling with the pain of hunger and poverty. Your assistance helps provide food assistance, housing support and financial help. The Vinnies Christmas Appeal will be taken up at all Masses 14-15 November 2020. Please give generously.

VOLUNTEER VACANCIES AT ST JOAN'S

Late November/early December the position of Maintenance co-ordinator will become vacant. To simplify the filling of this position it is proposed to split the current responsibilities into three separate functions i.e. three different positions.

1. Maintenance co-ordinator: To maintain the buildings, gardens and grounds, with the assistance of the team and trades people as needed.
2. Memorial Garden Caretaker: Preparation and closure of ashes interments, maintain the memorial garden area, liaise with the Parish Priest and Parish Managers.
3. Church and Presbytery council bins: put out on the street kerb every Monday for pick up on Tuesday, in accordance with the City Council collection programme.
4. The role of putting out the Council bins weekly has an additional task of ensuring the Church courtyard gardens are watered regularly using the manual timed irrigation system.

For further information contact Peter Sampson (retiring Maintenance co-ordinator) 0427 795 503

GOOLWA PARISH PASTORAL CARE GROUP

The Goolwa Pastoral Care Group is to be re-established to visit sick parishioners at home or in nursing homes with Holy Communion, to visit new parishioners and those wishing to come back to the Church. The Group will meet for one hour per month. If interested please contact Lynne Healey on 0408 838 606 or Fr Vinh.

MEET & GREET SATURDAY NIGHTS A new volunteer is required for the above. Thank you Dawn McLaughlin for your great contribution.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS (These names will be removed after one month. To keep names on this list please contact Parish Office)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace,
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 Sloan, Ella Sajin,
Brenna Schneideman, Peter Harris,
Rhiannon Healey.

ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin and Dorothy Higgins.

PARISH COLLECTION

31st October & 1st November

(Presbytery) \$863.00
2nd (Parish) \$1,034.25

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

7th November

W. & J. Baker

14th & 21st November

M. Von Holst, R. Kuske

MORNING TEA

8th November

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

15th & 22nd November

A. Williss & A. Higham

VICTOR MEET & GREET

November Saturdays

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin

November Sundays

R. Reid & H. Sampson

ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

November

A. Turner & J. McInnes

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2.00pm Wednesday.
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**My soul is thirsting for You,
O Lord my God**

O God, You are my God, for You I long;
for You my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for You
like dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on You in the sanctuary
to see Your strength and Your glory.
For Your love is better than life,
my lips will speak Your praise.

So I will bless You all my life,
in Your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
My mouth shall praise You with joy.

On my bed I remember You.
On You I muse through the night
for You have been my help;
in the shadow of Your wings I rejoice.



ST LEO THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR Feast Day Nov 10th

Today the Church celebrates
the memorial of St. Leo the
Great, pope and doctor,
during whose pontificate the
Council of Chalcedon (451)
defined that Christ is one
divine person with two natures, divine and
human, a core belief of our faith.



GOOLWA INTERCHURCH NEWS FROM MEETING 29TH OCTOBER

1) CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH. This lunch
is for all who may be alone on Christmas
Day will be held again this year at the
Anglican Hall from noon. You can register
your name at the Anglican op shop or ring
Dawn on 0438 642 164. A promo for the
day is now placed on the church notice
board.

2) A SPECIAL CAROLS NIGHT will be
held on Sunday 20th December at
7.00pm for all the churches in Goolwa.
We will combine with the Lutheran com-
mittee, and soon will meet with them to
perhaps arrange a tea from 6.00 pm be-
fore the service. Watch out for details in
future Encounter issues.

NAIDOC WEEK NOV 8-15



National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observation Committee Week.

Aboriginal Blessing

May our footsteps, on these ancient lands,
remind us of creation and connectedness, in
our search for truth.

May the Gum Tree, from its roots to its
branches,
remind us to dig deep and reach high, in our
action for justice.

May the Eagle, who soars in the sky,
remind us of the power in our call for love.

May the Holy Three,
remind us of community.

So with grace, mercy, and peace, go in
truth, justice, love and hope.

Brooke Prentis, an Aboriginal woman
CEO of **Common Grace** an Australian non-
denominational movement
of Christians concerned about issues of
justice.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA Feast Day 9th November

The Lateran Basilica is the
oldest and highest ranking
of the four major basilicas in
Rome. The Basilica of St.
John Lateran is the cathe-
dral of the diocese of Rome, **the official
ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father**, the
Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as
so many mistakenly believe. The Basilica is
also called the Church of Holy Saviour or
the Church of St. John Baptist. **In ancient
Rome this was the church where every-
one was baptised. It is the oldest church
in the West** built in the time of Constan-
tine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester
in 324. This feast became a universal cele-
bration in honour of the arch-basilica, **the
ecclesiastical mother church, called "the
mother and mistress of all churches of
Rome and the world"** as a sign of love
for and union with the See of Peter.



GRANITE ISLAND WALK AND LUNCH

Sunday 15th November at 12.30pm. Meet at
the Causeway Café and enjoy a walk and
lunch on the Island. Phone Jutta Millar on
0407 692 452 if you are interested.

This Week : 7th & 8th November.

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 C. Sutherland
R.2 J. Randabel-Williamson
E.M. M. Farmer
C.R. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R1. L. Sunman
R2 P. Chigwidden
E.M M. Cunningham
C.R. J. Randabel-Williamson &
L. Sunman

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: K. Fawcner

R1 C. May
R2 H. Harris
E.M. C. Williams



Next Week : 14th & 15th November.

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Farmer
R.2 B. Bullen
E.M. E. O'Connell
C.R. J. Murray

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R1. R. Klecko
R2 T. Hounslow
E.M A. Weygood
C.R. P. Chigwidden & M. Taylor

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 L. Healey
R2 K. O'Shea
E.M. M. Ryan

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.

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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Web: www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• PARISH MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• 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

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
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was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- A solemn procession from the house of the bride's father to the house of the bridegroom was an important part of the Jewish wedding ceremony. These bridesmaids are a 'guard of honour' to greet the groom on his return with his bride. Sometimes problems with the marriage contract or the unhurried exchange of gifts between families lead to long delays in their return.
- Jesus referred to himself as a bridegroom (Mk 2:19-20) and the Church is sometimes referred to as the bride of Christ.

EXPLORING THE WORD

As the public ministry of Jesus draws to a close, Matthew introduces the themes of delay and the need to be ready for the second coming of Christ. Matthew's community were living in the 'in-between' times. Christ's victory over death through his resurrection had begun a new phase in history but it was not yet complete. Completion would only come with his return in glory. We again hear the familiar imagery of the messianic banquet or wedding

feast to which all are invited. But only those who live with an attitude of openness and readiness will come into the great hall. Today's parable speaks strongly of the need to live in the present with an eye to the future. We cannot live only for the 'now' with no thought for our ultimate goal, nor can we ignore the sufferings and responsibilities of the present and set our hearts only on heaven.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- The lamp oil represents those resources we have to meet the challenge of being ready: our actions, our faith, our service to others, our prayer, how much we have loved. It is not that the sensible virgins are being selfish; it is simply that this kind of oil—the way we live our lives—cannot be exchanged. We have to rely on our own resources to be ready.
- Think about the priorities in your own life. What are the activities that take up your time and energy? Are they the kinds of activities that prepare you to meet the bridegroom?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(09 - 15 November)

- **Monday, 09:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9,12; Jn 2:13-22)
- **Tuesday, 10:** St Leo the Great (Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10)
- **Wednesday, 11:** St Martin of Tours (Titus 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 12:** St Josaphat (Philemon 7-20; Lk 17:20-25)
- **Friday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 32 (2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37)
- **Saturday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8)
- **Sunday 19:** 33rd Sunday, Ordinary Time (Prov 31:10-13, 19-20m 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6l; Mt 25:14-30)

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).