



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A  
19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

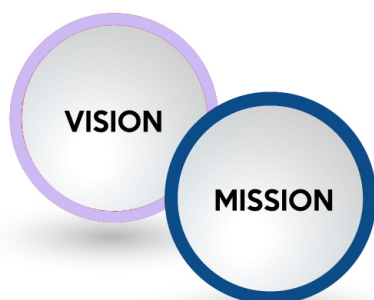
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### 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

**1 Kings 19:9, 11-13**

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 84:9-14**

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.*

## SECOND READING

**Romans 9:1-5**

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from

Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Ps 129:5**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 14:22-33**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'

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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,  
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, Kathleen Tiltman,  
Joseph Barry Kearsley,  
Lyn McCabe, 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

### 1st & 2nd August

1st (Presbytery) \$830.00  
2nd (Parish) \$860.40

Apostleship of the Sea \$358.05

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

### 8th & 15th August

M. Von Holst, R. Kuske

### 22nd & 29th August

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

### VICTOR MEET & GREET August Saturdays

M. Farmer, D. McLaughlin

### August Sundays

A. Rose, M. Cunningham

### ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am

## 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 JOHN'S 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 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.

**ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB** will hold their  
next meeting on **Tuesday 11th August at  
1.30pm in the Annex.** All welcome

## VINNIES' WINTER APPEAL

You can still put your envelopes on the plate  
or **Donations can also be made at**  
[www.vinnies.org.au/donate](http://www.vinnies.org.au/donate)  
or by calling 13 18 12.

## ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Our next meeting is Wednesday 12th August  
at Goolwa after 9.30am Mass. New mem-  
bers welcome, phone Wendy 0438 525 477  
for any enquiries



## SEASON OF CREATION

Believe it or not  
Spring is in the  
air, blossoms  
are appearing, there are shoots of new life in  
our gardens, the days are getting longer, it is  
slowly getting warmer. **You are invited to  
take part in a world-wide CELEBRATION  
OF CREATION over the four Sundays of  
September.** Each Sunday you will be  
asked to bring along something from nature  
to fit the theme of the week and if you can,  
share some home-made produce. More  
information to follow.

## 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.

Contact Pat Clingan 0410 593 617

## APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS

The Diocesan Appeal for Vocations is an annu-  
al appeal collection, which supplies some of  
the cost of the expenses for our seminarians,  
our future priests, in their studies, training, and  
formation for the priesthood. **A collection will  
be taken up at Masses next weekend**

## CARE WITH THE ANNEX

We have been asked to take more care  
when using the Annex and locking up.

There are **instruction notices** which are often  
overlooked. Please be careful to read and  
follow them.

**A checklist** will be pasted at each door so  
please note it carefully if you are the last per-  
son there. Each group who uses the Annex is  
asked to nominate one person  
who will be responsible.





## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

**Lord, show us Your mercy and love, and grant us Your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear Him and His glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before Him and peace shall follow His steps.



## SAINT CLARE

Feast Day 11th August

(b. c.1194 – d.1253)



St. Clare of Assisi was the first woman to practice the life of entire poverty as taught by St. Francis. Placed by him at the head of a few

companions in the small convent of San Damiano, she governed her community for forty-two years, thus founding at the gates of Assisi the Order of Poor Clare's. Their Rule included austerities hitherto unknown in monasteries of women. She directed the nunnery with zeal, her own life serving as a constant sermon for her sisters to emulate. Of Pope Innocent IV she requested that she and her community live in absolute poverty. She was a perfect follower of St. Francis of Assisi.

Heroic in her suffering illness for twenty seven years, she was canonised in 1255, two years after her death.

*Catholic Culture*



## PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus, You have chosen Your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim Your word and to act in Your name.

For so great a gift to Your Church, we give You praise and thanksgiving.

We ask You to fill them with the fire of Your love, that their ministry may reveal Your presence in the Church.

Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that Your power shine out through their weakness.

In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of Your dying and rising.

Send them Your Spirit, to put Your word on their lips and Your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the broken-hearted.

*Vincentian Order*

## NATIONAL VOCATIONS

### AWARENESS WEEK

4th -11th August

As Catholics, we believe that God has a plan for our lives. He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to consecrated life or to live as generous single people.

During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live your own vocation more deeply. We also pray for more and generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

***We all have a vocation. God calls each one of us to holiness. Being called to holiness means being called to love God and others.***

Someone's specific vocation is the particular path or the unique specific way that he or she is called to follow Christ, to be more like him, but with their own personality, and characteristics, their gifts, talents, weaknesses and circumstances.

***Following God's call is not about becoming someone that we are not, but about become more fully the one He created us to be. How am I called to love others, making God's love present in the world?*** Vocations Centre Sydney

## This 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



## Next Week : 15th & 16th August

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** L. Blacket

**R.2** M. Farmer

**E.M.** S. Duong

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator:** P. O'Brien

**R1** R. Klecko

**R2** T. Hounslow

**E.M** L. Sunman

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**

**Commentator:** K. Fawkner

**R1** A. Fawkner

**R2** G. Byrne

**E.M.** M. Glazewski

## 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](http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au)

## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

### • PARISH PRIEST

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### • PARISH MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)  
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
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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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It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

## EXPLORING THE WORD

A little noticed phrase in this text adds significantly to the way we understand this story. Jesus told the disciples to cross to the other side of the lake. In doing this they were heading away from the Jewish region and into gentile territory. The boat is a symbol of the Church and as such, we can detect in this text a reflection of the situation of Matthew's community who have been forced out of the synagogue and away from traditional Judaism. More and more, it is gentiles who are coming to belief in Jesus. This is causing fear and concern for some in the community.

Matthew gives a prominent place to Peter whose actions do not make sense except as a combination of impulsive love and faith weakened by doubt. While his full attention is on Jesus, Peter is fine, but as soon as he allows what is going on around him to distract him from Jesus, he begins to sink.

This text offers a parable of the Church besieged and being tossed about. Peter's response is to be bold and step out into the unknown, yet he is vulnerable. The great comfort is in the risen Lord stretching out his hand to restore morale. This manifestation of the power of Christ is greeted by that great acclamation of faith: Truly you are the Son of God.

## SHARING THE TRADITION

The special role which Peter played in the core group of twelve disciples is well accepted. He is listed first among them, is often their spokesperson and he is clearly prominent in the original Jerusalem community. Tradition holds

that Peter went to Rome and led the Christian community there. The Church accepts that the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, is the successor of Peter. What is important is the way Peter is portrayed: as a fisherman, fishing for souls (Lk 5:10); as the shepherd of the sheep of Christ (Jn 21:15-17); as an elder who addresses elders (1 Pt 5:1); as a receiver of special revelation (Acts 1:9-16); as one who can correct doctrinal misunderstanding (2 Pt 3:15-16); and as the rock on which the Church is built (Mt 16:18). Pope Francis is the 266th successor of Peter.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- For the Hebrew people, the waters of the sea are a symbol of the chaos from which creation sprang. Never having been a seafaring people, they were fearful of the watery deep.
- Even today, storms can blow up on the Sea of Galilee very quickly and make it dangerous for boats out on the lake.
- In art, the Church is often represented as a boat. A boat carries its passengers through threatening waters but is not exempt from the turbulence of storms. The Church can bear us through the storms of life but it does not exempt us from the stresses and struggles.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(10 - 16 August)

- **Monday, 10:** St Lawrence (2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26)
- **Tuesday, 11:** St Clare (Ezek 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20)
- **Thursday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1)
- **Friday, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Ezek 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Saturday, 15:** The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Sunday 16:** 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28)

## 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).