



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

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

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

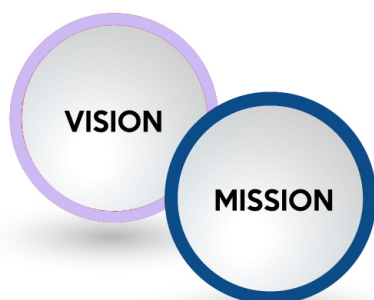
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### 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

*Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8*

*O God, let all the nations praise you!*

### SECOND READING

*Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy

mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 4:23*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 15:21-28*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'

But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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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, Ian Reid

## RECENTLY DECEASED

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

## PARISH COLLECTION 8th & 9th August

1st (Presbytery)	\$811.00
2nd (Parish)	\$1,266.10

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

### 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 JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB** will serve hot  
soup after Mass on Sunday 30th August .

All are welcome to come. **PLEASE BRING  
YOUR OWN MUG.** Crusty bread will be  
supplied. Please phone or text Pat Clingan  
on 0410 593 617 by 26th August.

**ALSO** morning tea will resume again at  
St Joan's from Sunday 6th September after  
11am Mass. Rosters available soon.



## SEASON OF CREATION

The theme of the September Season of  
Creation is the **Jubilee of the Earth.**  
Jubilee means "a ram's horn". It was blown  
to mark the start of a time of **universal  
redemption.** The year of Jubilee involved  
release from indebtedness, when injustices  
of the past fifty years were to be restored. It  
was also **a time for rest for the land.** A  
jubilee is a also a celebration. We will  
celebrate our earth in September under the  
four themes **of Blossom, Flower, Herbs and  
Native Flowers and Animals.**

## APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS

The Diocesan Appeal for Vocations is an  
annual 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 this weekend.**

## WINE RAFFLE

We. are about to open a new  
wine raffle this weekend. **The  
price is \$10 a ticket with the  
prize a dozen quality bottles  
of red wine.** These raffles are very popular  
in the parish, and we hope to have another  
successful one to help us raise funds in this  
difficult climate. For those in Victor one  
member of our group will come over to the  
Vigil 6pm Mass shortly to sell tickets, or you  
may ring Paul on 0402 852 825 or Mike on  
0416 102 678, when payment arrangements  
can be made. Good Luck!



## LATEST ADVICE

### COVID-SAFE MARSHALLS

"Covid-safe Marshalls" will be required in **vari-  
ous locations including places of worship** to  
ensure social distancing. South Australia's exist-  
ing density requirements of one person per two  
square metres will remain in place. The move  
has been "determined as **an effective measure  
to ensure people's compliance with physical  
distancing and hygiene requirements**", police  
commissioner Grant Stevens said in a press  
conference. He also warned that people would  
be "**held to account for non-compliance**". SA  
Govt

**Various parishioners will be designated as a  
Covid Safe MARSHALL over the next week.  
Please give them your full co-operation.**

## KSC REPORT August 2020

Our prayers and thoughts are with  
Robert Lee and Bill Longworth as  
they recover from surgery and a  
bout in hospital.



Our membership numbers are dropping alarm-  
ingly in our local branch. If you as a Catholic  
man wish to work with other men to share your  
faith, and become involved in fundraising to  
donate to the good of our area please ring Paul  
on 0402 852 825 to find out more of The Knights  
of the Southern Cross and perhaps join our great  
order. We have a very proud history in the work-  
ings of our church in South Australia and it was  
from our ranks Southern Cross Care was  
formed.

**On hold:** Due to Covid19 our BBQ at  
Bunnings, our Annual Luncheon, as well as our  
Members' Night with spouses at McCracken are  
all on hold.

The latest issue of *Knight Life* magazine to  
deceased members will be placed in your church  
foyer shortly.

Anniversaries August: Vic Davoren,  
Geoff Oates, and former parish priest  
Fr. Peter Ward. May they rest in peace.

The next meeting of our branch will be held on  
**Wed. August 19 at the Goolwa church at 4  
PM.** Please note new day.

## THANK YOU

to those who have volunteered to help with the  
counting. All positions have now been filled.

# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A**  
**O God, let all the nations praise You!**

O God, be gracious and bless us  
 and let Your face shed its light upon us.  
 So will Your ways be known upon earth  
 and all nations learn Your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult  
 for You rule the world with justice.  
 With fairness You rule the peoples  
 You guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;  
 let all the peoples praise You.  
 May God still give us His blessing  
 till the ends of the earth revere Him



## THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY AUGUST 15th

The Church celebrates the  
 Feast Day of the Assump-  
 tion of Our Lady when  
 according to our faith, the  
 Holy Mother, *"having com-  
 pleted her course of her earthly life, was  
 assumed body and soul into heavenly  
 glory"*.



The Assumption signals the end of  
 Mary's earthly life and marks her return to  
 heaven to be reunited with Jesus. It gives  
 us hope that we too will be united with  
 Him after our death.

Although defined as an article of faith by  
 Pope Pius XII just over half a century  
 ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into  
 heaven has been accepted from back to  
 the earliest of Christian times.

For many, the most telling verification of  
 the Assumption can be found not only in  
 learned theological studies or definitive  
 doctrinal statements, but in the experi-  
 ence of Mary's many apparitions which  
 the Church has declared worthy of belief.  
 Where these apparitions have appeared  
 have become beloved Holy shrines visit-  
 ed by millions each year and include the  
 Shrines of Our Lady at Guadalupe,  
 Lourdes and Fatima. *Catholic Weekly*

## MAINTENANCE WORK AT ST JOAN'S

**ELECTRICAL:** Four security lights and  
 an annex cloister downlight replaced, the  
 porch hanging lights and toilet lights  
 upgraded, an exterior power point  
 replaced and vacuum cleaners serviced.

**GENERAL:** Storm drains cleaned,  
 garden tap replaced, key safes mounted  
 on two sheds, lectern repaired, two wattle  
 trees removed, presbytery fence repaired,  
 porch notice boards refurbished, BBQ  
 shed cleaned out, car park safety barrier  
 built, office "letter drop" box replaced. All  
 the above tasks were labour free with free  
 materials in some cases. A contractor  
 was only used once for the removal of two  
 gum trees. An active maintenance group  
 is a saving on church funds. However, as  
 our number of regular members is  
 dwindling, extra help is needed, skilled or  
 otherwise.

Peter Sampson Phone 8552 3989.

## SAINT PIUS X, POPE Feast Day 21st August (1835 – 1914)

Joseph Sarto was born in  
 humble circumstances in a  
 small Venetian village. He  
 was successively curate,  
 parish priest, bishop of  
 Mantua, Patriarch of  
 Venice, and was elected  
 Pope on August 4, 1903, taking the name  
 of Pius X. As chief pastor of the Church  
 he displayed untiring self-sacrifice and  
 great energy. **He realised to the full the  
 value of the liturgy as the prayer of the  
 Church. He spared no effort to  
 propagate the practice of early,  
 frequent and daily communion.** Within  
 a few days of the outbreak of WW1 he fell  
 ill with bronchitis, to which he succumbed  
 on 20th August. He was canonised on  
 May 29, 1954, the first Pope canonised  
 since St. Pius V in 1672. *Catholic Culture*



## BIRTHDAYS



**Jan Henderson 17th  
 August**

**Sue Butler 22nd  
 August**

**Birthday Blessings to  
 you both!**

*"I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve  
 this year, not to see the New Year in but  
 to make sure this one leaves!"*

## This 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



## Next Week : 22nd & 23rd August

### VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** B. Bullen

**R.2** L. Blacket

**E.M.** M. Farmer

### VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R1** J. Tregeagle

**R2** L. Sunman

**E.M** A. Rose

### GOOLWA Sunday 9am

**Commentator:** J. McInnes

**R1** J. Ryan

**R2** K. O'Shea

**E.M.** Marie Ryan

## SPECIAL MASS FOR THE ASSUMPTION

**Father Francis has agreed to say a  
 special Mass on Saturday 15th August  
 at 10am at Victor.**



## 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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Telephone: 8552 1084 (*Please leave a message if the Office is unattended - we will get back to you asap*)  
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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

### • PARISH PRIEST

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### • PARISH MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)  
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
Email: [Parish\\_manager@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_manager@bigpond.com)

### • 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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## DID YOU KNOW?

- The cities of Tyre and Sidon were the leading towns of ancient Phoenicia. Both cities were on the Mediterranean coast of what is now modern Lebanon. The Phoenicians were descendants of the even more ancient Canaanites who populated the area earlier.
- Israel despised the Canaanites. It loathed the Canaanite religion with its pagan gods and fertility cults and found many of their practices abominable.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

In this gospel, we find another example of the common device used by Matthew to denote the movement of Christianity from a Jewish to a Gentile setting. Jesus has left the Jewish region around the Sea of Galilee and travelled north-west to the Gentile territory of what was ancient Phoenicia in Syria.

Jesus' fame has obviously spread even here, but the focus of the passage is not the cure but the dialogue. The woman knows full well that Jesus is Jewish as she hails him as 'Son of David'. His silence in the face of her plea is explained in the next verse—he did not want to exceed his divine mission, which he saw as gathering all Israel into the kingdom. Jesus' response is harsh, but the woman is quick to seize on his imagery and twist it to her advantage, but with humility. She forces Jesus to confront a truth—God's salvation is available to all. He responds generously with both his praise and his healing power.

## SHARING THE TRADITION

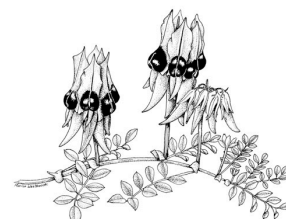
In the centuries after the Emperor Constantine accepted Christianity and it ultimately became the State religion and he moved his capital from Rome to Constantinople, different cultural expressions of the same faith emerged. In the western half of the empire, Rome initially dominated religious practices and was gradually replaced by the Celtic Church after the fall of Rome. In the eastern half of the Roman Empire, Constantinople dominated and many eastern or Byzantine cultural expressions entered worship.

Different ways of worshipping developed. This situation still exists today within the Church. The Roman Rite is familiar to us and other Rites of the Catholic Church include the Maronite, Melkite and Ukrainian Rite. These groups are completely loyal to the Pope and the magisterium (teaching authority) of the Church. Such Rites are different from the Orthodox traditions which do not recognise the Pope as leader of the Church and sometimes hold slightly different beliefs from the Catholic traditions. The Orthodox traditions broke away from the Church at various times in the early centuries, usually over issues of doctrinal formulation, in much the same way as the Protestant traditions broke away or formed independently.

Since the Second Vatican Council, enormous moves forward have been made in entering into dialogue with other Christian churches and other faiths. Ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue was a goal which is very close to heart Pope Francis, and was also for his predecessors.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS (17 - 23 August)

- **Monday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 20:** St Bernard (Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14)
- **Friday, 21:** St Pius X (Ezek 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ezek 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Sunday 23:** 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)



## 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).