



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

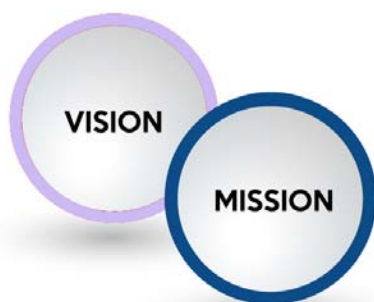
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 39: 2, 4, 7-10

*Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God.

You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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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,
Margaret Langtry,
Brian Smallacombe,
Bailey Smallacombe,
Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth,
Daniel Holliday, Mark & Lola Kelly,
Angelo Fantasia, Jane Lloyd,
West Family, Kathleen Tiltman,
Joseph Barry Kearsley,
Lyn McCabe, Emily McCarthy,
Josephine Proctor, Lance Evans,
Chloe Randabel, Charlie Nicolson,
Miriam Kaye, Bill Sloan, Ella Sajn,
Brenna Schneideman, Peter Harris,
Rhiannon Healey, Bette Higgins,
Shane Johnson, Barry Wilks,
Paula Collinson, Rosalie Buck.

PARISH COLLECTION 9th & 10th December

(Presbytery) \$ 985.00
2nd (Parish) \$ 1,480.15

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 22nd & 29th January

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons
5th & 12th February
G. Woodhead & W. & J. Baker

MORNING TEA

No morning tea until further notice

VICTOR MEET & GREET

January Saturdays
M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin
January Sundays
W. & J. Baker

ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

January
A. Turner

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021 PRAYER INTENTIONS: JANUARY



Intention for Evangelization -

Human fraternity. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL WITH LECTIO DIVINA is held each Sunday night at 5pm in the Annex.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.30pm. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Mondays 2.00-4.00pm. Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel Williamson 0402 341 071

KSC BBQ will be held after 9.00am Mass in Goolwa throughout January if volunteers are available and the weather is not too warm.



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Recently in our Prayers of the Faithful we have heard mention of the **Year of St Joseph** and we just want to remind you of what that is about in case you missed our article last time. It is 150 years since St Joseph was proclaimed Patron of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius IX and Pope Francis has proclaimed **2021 as the year of St Joseph, with particular emphasis on Joseph as the hidden worker.**

"Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them." Pope Francis



COVID-SAFE SIGNING IN

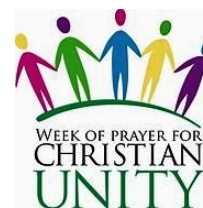
At Victor and Goolwa there will no longer be someone to sign you in before Mass.

So please **use your QR app and put a QR on the list of names so that you are counted or sign in your name on the sheet.**

The Covid Marshal will be there to help.

Thank you to all the Covid Recorders in Victor and Goolwa who have helped and are helping to keep us on track with our numbers.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th – 25th January



In Victor and Goolwa we are privileged to live and work with members of other Christian communities. We have the powerful example of St John's parishioners

who share their church with the Lutheran community. St John's also sends a representative to the Goolwa Inter-Church meetings and participates in many activities arranged through this group.

Both parish communities join with other Christian groups in celebrating the World Day of Prayer in March each year. Father Vinh is part of a group of local pastors. Many of us meet Christians in the groups we belong to. We have learnt over the years that there is much more that brings us together than keeps us apart.

And so we pray:

God our Father, you reveal to us your love through Christ

and through our brothers and sisters. Open our hearts so that we can welcome each other with our differences and live in forgiveness.

Grant us to live united in one body, so that the gift that is each person comes to light.

May all of us together be a reflection of the living Christ.

World Council of Churches

KSC 45 CLUB

The Knights of the Southern Cross thank all who participated in the 45 Club throughout 2020. Your involvement has enabled the Knights to provide much needed assistance to the various organisations to which we contribute. **We now invite you to participate in the 2021 Series of the 45 Club the first draw of which will be on January 30.** Please be sure not to miss the opportunity to contribute. Ring Robert on 0409 945 019 or contact any member of the Knights.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B.

*Here I am Lord;
I come to do Your will.*

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and He stooped down to me;
He heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do Your will.
My God, I delight in Your law
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
You know it, O Lord.



SAINT AGNES

(c.304)

Feast Day 22nd January



St. Agnes is among the most famous martyrs of Rome. At the height of the Diocletian persecution, Agnes, at twelve, freely chose to die for

Christ. When commanded to offer incense to false gods, she raised her hand to Christ and made the Sign of the Cross. Agnes herself hastened to the place of torture. Pain had no terror for her—although the fetters slipped from her small hands while even the pagan bystanders were moved to tears.

St. Jerome wrote: "All nations, especially their Christian communities, praise in word and writing the life of St. Agnes. She triumphed over her tender age as well as over the merciless tyrant. To the crown of spotless innocence she added the glory of martyrdom." St Augustine wrote " 'Agnes' means 'lamb' in Latin, but in Greek it denotes 'the pure one' "

Catholic Culture

SAINTS FABIAN & SEBASTIAN

(d.250 and d. c.288)



St. Fabian and St. Sebastian have always been venerated together. St. Fabian was Pope from 236 to 250 AD. He promoted the consolidation and development of the Church.

He divided Rome into seven diaconates for the purpose of extending aid to the poor. He was one of the first victims of the persecution of Decius, who considered him as a rival and personal enemy.

St. Sebastian, a native of Milan, was an officer in Diocletian's imperial guard. He became a Christian and suffered martyrdom upon orders of the emperor around 288. He is the patron of athletes.

Catholic Culture

CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS BRIEFING FOR VOLUNTEERS

As you may be aware, all volunteers in our Archdiocese are mandated notifiers under the South Australian Child Protection Legislation. To ensure we hear the voices of children and have the necessary skills to identify and respond appropriately, we invite any volunteers who have not yet participated in Child Safe Environments training or an equivalent course to attend a 90 minute Volunteer Briefing session facilitated by the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit.

A Volunteer Briefing will be held in our Parish on: Thursday 11th February - 11.00am - 12.30pm St. Joan's Annex

If you have attended a Child Safe Environments or RAN training within the past 3 years you do not need to attend a Volunteer Briefing.

Please note: *the content of the session is not suitable for children and young people (under 18 years old) to attend so please make alternative care arrangements for your children before attending a Volunteer Briefing.*

Please contact the Child Protection Unit to book this session, either via email at childprotecion@adelaide.catholic.org.au

or by phone on 8210 8159

Thank you for agreeing to help us provide care and safety for our children and young people.

This Week : 16th & 17th January

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 J. Ryan

E.M. J. Jeffrey

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R1. J. Tregeagle

R2 A. Rose

E.M P. Clingan

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 M. O'Halloran

R2 R. Lee

E.M. M. Ryan



Next Week : 23rd & 24th January

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 M. Farmer

E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R1. A. Williss

R2 T. Hounslow

E.M M. Taylor

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1 V. Scriva

R2 E. Bourne

E.M. T. Siciliano

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

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Updated 14 December)

- Attendees at Mass must maintain social distancing of 1:2 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- 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 - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrance
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are encouraged not to attend.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084; in an emergency - 0429 098 802)
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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 (All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 1:41, 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Part of the celebration of the Passover festival was the ritual sacrifice of many lambs so that the Jews could eat the Passover meal. In the story of Exodus, the blood of the lamb was shed so that it could be daubed on doorposts and thus enable the people to escape the angel of death. John recognises that Jesus will be the one to give his life for the sake of all.
- 'Messiah' is a Hebrew word which means 'anointed one'. 'Christ' is the Greek word meaning the same thing.
- A disciple is a person who follows a particular teacher and shares his or her views.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The movement in today's text is interesting. The Baptist and his disciples are standing still while Jesus is passing. John gives witness to Jesus as the Lamb of God, a term not normally used of a person. The disciples exhibit an interest in this man based on John's witness about him. They move away from John and towards Jesus. It is a movement of faith, although at this point they do not really understand who Jesus is. Jesus asks them a momentous question: 'What do you want?' It was normal for a teacher to gather students around him, so these two want to know where he lives so that they might come to hear his teachings. Instead they are invited, not just to listen to the teachings, but to share the life of Jesus.

Having entered into this, they recognise that Jesus is more than a teacher and give witness to him themselves: 'We have found the Messiah'. They draw others to Jesus, including Simon Peter, who is to become especially important as the story unfolds.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 24 January)

- **Monday, 18:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 2 (Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 2 (Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28)
- **Wednesday, 20:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 2 (Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6)
- **Thursday, 21:** St Agnes (1 Sam 18:6-9, 1-7; Mk 3:7-12)
- **Friday, 22:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 2 (Heb 8:6-13, Mk 3:13-19)
- **Saturday, 23:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 2 (Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21)
- **Sunday 24:** THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20)

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).