



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
16TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

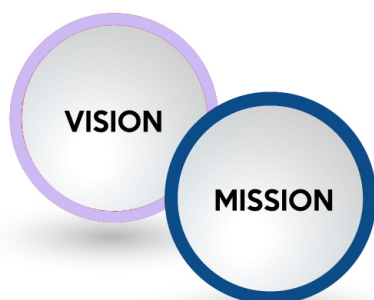
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. (Continued page 4)



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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,
Joseph Barry Kearsley,
Lyn McCabe, Kathleen Tiltman,
Emily McCarthy, Josephine Proctor, Andrew Sampson.
Charlie Nicolson, Joseph Kennedy.
Bill & Anne Sloane

ANNIVERSARIES

Eric Powditch, Rita Sullivan,
Craig Sampson.

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER

INTENTIONS: JULY

Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



MY DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST



I really would like to thank you for your welcome, especially in these most unusual times.

As the days are getting longer and the light is increasing, I pray that in the coming years that we shall have together, the Good God will be the scatterer of light among us, especially into the deep corners; that the Lord Jesus Christ will be the light bearer for us and with us and that the warmth of the Holy Spirit will constantly encourage us.

I began my ministry on the feast of Mary Help of Christians, may she who bore the light bearer allow us and assist us to do the same for our world. God is good, good indeed! *Southern Cross*

Our welcome gift to the Archbishop includes a card with pictures of both our Churches, together with our Vision and Mission prayer. There is also a copy of our Centenary Calendar and a copy of our History Booklet which includes the story of both our parishes.

A copy of the card is on our notice boards.



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.

"Membership of the Pastoral Council should be open to all parishioners, respecting the reality that each person is unique and has the potential to make a specific contribution. It is the community being served that has the primary task of choosing the members of the Council."

Handbook for Pastoral Councils
Brisbane Archdiocese

KSC NEWS

All members of Knights of the Southern Cross mourn the passing of Kevin O'Connell who recently died in Adelaide. Kevin was a life member of our order, and after many years of service retired some years ago. He attended our meetings on odd occasions just to keep up with what was happening. Due to his wife's poor health they both moved back to Adelaide about 5 years ago. He was an absolute gentleman, and we know he will now be enjoying the perfect peace of the Lord.



NEWS FROM ST JOHN'S

A plaque to honour the services of the late organist of St. John's, Athalea Stewart, will be blessed by Fr. Vinh on Sunday August 2 at the 9am Mass.

Athalea gave 40 years of service to the Church and so many times also assisted at funerals or special Masses. In the old Church in Cadell Street when there were two Masses said in the one morning (often in very hot weather) Athalea always played at both services without any hesitation. She worked hard to form our current choir and they have done her proud with their efforts at our Sunday Mass. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

A PRAYER TO COMBAT THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

We pray especially for those in lockdown in Victoria.

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.



We place before You
the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.
Stabilise our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.

PARISH COLLECTION

11th & 12th July

1st (Presbytery) \$828.70
2nd (Parish) \$1,268.40

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

18th July
G. Woodhead, H. Sampson

25th July & 1st August
W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET

July Saturdays
M. Farmer, D. McLaughlin

July Sundays

H. Sampson, R. Reid

ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

July
J. McInnes

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday.
Call Claire Williams 042 008 199.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Lord, You are good and forgiving.

O Lord, You are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

All the nations shall come to adore You
and glorify Your name, O Lord:
for You are great and do marvellous
deeds,
You who alone are God.

But You, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

Feast Day 25th July (d.
c.43)

St. James, known as the
Greater, in order to distin-
guish him from the other
Apostle St. James, our
Lord's cousin, was St.
John's brother. He is not to be confused
with James the Lesser or with the author
of the *Letter of James* and the leader of
the Jerusalem community. With Peter and
John he was one of the witnesses of the
Transfiguration, as later he was also of
the agony in the garden.

James was apparently the first of the
apostles to be martyred.
He was beheaded in Jerusalem on the
orders of Herod Agrippa. *Catholic Culture
and Franciscan Media*



VINNIES' WINTER APPEAL

We are all feeling the chill this winter ...
could you please spare a
thought for our friends in
need!



The **Winter Appeal**

envelopes are on the pews this week-
end for your much appreciated donation.

Victor/Goolwa Conference

Donations can also be made at
www.vinnies.org.au/donate or by
calling 13 18 12.

National Council CEO, Toby O'Connor
said "*Falling donations because of the
COVID pandemic, coupled with a spike in
demand for services, make tough times
even tougher for many people. 'Donations
now are vital to ensure our good works
can continue to make an impact on the
lives of the increasing number of
vulnerable people right across the country
during winter.'*"

WELCOME FATHER FRANCIS

We welcome and thank Fr. Francis from
Salisbury Parish who is celebrating our
weekend Masses this week while Fr. Vinh
is away for a few days.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Thank you to Carol Sutherland and
Fran Hanna for leading the Liturgy of the
Word with Communion on Tuesday at
Victor, and Joe Ryan and Lyn Healey at
Goolwa on Wednesday. *Fr Vinh*

This Week : 18th & 19th July

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R1 P. Chigwidden

R2 J. Randabel-Williamson

E.M K. Howard

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R1 J. McMahon

R2 K. Fawkner

E.M. K. O'Shea

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



Feast Day 22nd July

Mary was from Magdala, a
small fishing town on the
Sea of Galilee. Known as a
"great sinner," she was a
woman of the streets who
heard Jesus speak of the mercy and for-
giveness of God and changed her life
completely.

Mary was the first recorded witness to the
resurrection of Jesus, His most ardent
and loving follower. She stood with Mary
at the foot of the Cross on that brutal
Good Friday afternoon and had been by
Mary's side during these difficult hours.
On Easter morning, she went with the
other women to the tomb and it was
there, in the garden near the tomb, that
Jesus appeared to her. Her witness to the
Resurrection moved Peter and John to go
and see for themselves: "I have seen the
Lord and these things he said to me."
Jesus chose her to bring the news to
them and she simply told them what had
happened.

BIRTHDAYS

Steve Muller
17th July
Birthday
blessings Steve.



Next Week : 25th & 26th July

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R1 J. Tregeagle

R2 L. Sunman

E.M P. Clingan

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R1 G. Byrne

R2 Michael Riddle

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

- 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
(*All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening*)

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It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since
the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the dandel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the dandel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the dandel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

EXPLORING THE WORD

The contrast between the good and bad seed reflects a reality within Matthew's community. This text highlights the difficulty of being a Church called to spread the good news while there are some within its ranks who scandalise others by their bad behaviour or decadent way of life.

This parable counsels patience. The answer to the dilemma is to let both the righteous and the lawless members

of the community, grow together until the harvest time and then let God be the judge.

Ultimately, this parable assures its hearers that God will not allow evil to destroy what is good.

In the longer version of this gospel, the short parables of the kingdom compare it to a mustard seed and to the yeast in dough. Both are small and insignificant but both develop almost imperceptibly and once begun, there is no stopping them.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Dandel is an annual grass commonly found in grain fields as a weed. When it first shoots it looks very much like wheat.
- There are echoes in this gospel of the final judgment when the good will be separated from the bad, the sheep from the goats, the weeds from the harvest.
- The Jewish faith has a profound respect for the name of God and the holy name is never pronounced or even written in full. The Gospel of Matthew is the most Jewish of the Gospels and characteristically always refers to the kingdom of heaven rather than the kingdom of God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(20 - 27 July)

- **Monday, 20:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 16 (Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 16 (Micah 7:14-15, 18-30; Mt 12:46-50)
- **Wednesday, 22:** St Mary Magdalene (Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)
- **Thursday, 23:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 16 (Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17)
- **Friday, 24:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 16 (Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23)
- **Saturday, 25:** St James (2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28)
- **Sunday 26:** 17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (1Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52)

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).