

# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A  
12TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

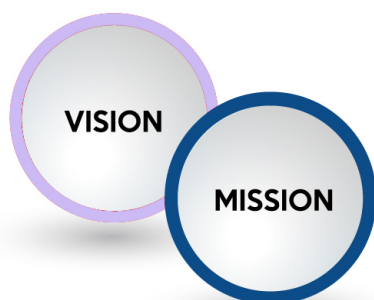
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### 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

*Jeremiah 20:10-13*

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,  
“Terror from every side!”

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!

All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, ‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!’

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35*

*Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

### SECOND READING

*Romans 5:12-15*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn15:26, 27*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!*

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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,  
Mary Davis, 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.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Stafford James, Roy Jones,  
Wendy Averay, Karen Barber,



## WORLD REFUGEE DAY JUNE 20TH

Merciful God, we pray for all  
whose desperation  
leads them to the sea,  
to undertake perilous voyages,  
often following dangerous  
land journeys,  
those escaping brutal wars,  
those fleeing religious persecution,  
those escaping climate disasters  
and economic ruin,  
those looking for hope in a  
hopeless situation.

May we look  
beyond our own  
fears and  
concerns.



May our hearts be opened, our  
leaders be challenged and our  
self interest be called out.

*Christian Aid*

We give thanks for the refugees  
who have settled among us and  
bring us so much good.

**We pray especially today for  
Father Vinh and others in our  
parish who have had to leave  
their homeland, that they may  
truly feel at home among us.**

## THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: JUNE

### The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those  
who suffer may find their  
way in life, allowing themselves to be  
touched by the Heart of Jesus.



## DO NOT BE AFRAID

Like Jeremiah in the first  
reading we are all called to  
be prophets, to stand up for  
Gospel values of love and  
compassion for others, for  
values of justice and truth in  
our society today. Jesus challenges us:  
*"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in  
the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim  
on the housetops."*



If we are true to our  
mission we won't  
always be popular,  
we might have to  
say and do things

that people we know will disagree with.  
Many who do stand up for Christian values in  
our world today are persecuted, even killed.  
And we are afraid, afraid of what people will  
think of us, afraid that we will be asked to  
move out of our comfort zone.

Jesus understands our fear and gives us in  
the Gospel today a message of peace and  
strength We listen to those most encourag-  
ing words: *"Are not two sparrows sold for a  
small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the  
ground without your Father's knowledge.  
Even all the hairs of your head are counted.  
So do not be afraid; you are worth more  
than many sparrows."* Matthew 10.

## ST JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Greetings to all

St John's parishioners  
from the Social Club.

**There will be no  
meeting of the club  
in the coming**

**weeks/months and it seems unlikely that  
we will hold any social events in that time  
also.**



We hope that you are keeping safe and well  
and we look forward to further easing of the  
restrictions when we shall see each other at  
Mass. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP RESTART

After three months' shutdown, we will restart  
on Wednesday 8th July  
2020 at 9.30am,  
regardless of the weather.  
Morning tea afterwards  
will probably be of the  
"spaced out" variety.



Despite the shutdown, the Church grounds  
have been kept tidy; the letter drop box  
outside the office replaced with a security  
style letter box; two exterior floodlights  
replaced; power point under Annex verandah  
replaced and original dull ceiling lights in  
Annex toilets replaced with new L.E.D. lights  
at no cost. Half of our group are now over  
80 years old, so any "new" blood would be  
very welcome. Peter Sampson 8552 3989

## THE WINNER

### OF THE KSC WINE RAFFLE

was Eugene Bourne, from our  
Goolwa community. Many thanks  
to all who supported the popular  
raffle, as well as to Mike and Marina  
O'Halloran who organised all the tickets.



Eugene is a third time winner and  
generously gave a number of bottles to  
others at the Goolwa 9am Mass last Sunday.  
I was one who was fortunate to be given one  
of those bottles, and living close to the church  
was walking home with a missal in one hand  
and a bottle of wine in the other.  
I was hoping none of the neighbours would  
be out, but I was nearly home when a man  
came around the corner walking his dog. He  
looked at me and asked if we were giving out  
bottles of wine at Church this morning. I  
explained what happened and he asked what  
our priest thought of all this. I told him he was  
very happy about it. He was given  
two bottles! *Paul Kennelly*

## COMMUNION AT HOME

*When I can't get to church ...*



*Bringing the church home*

We are now able once  
more to take  
Communion to parish-  
ioners at home  
if they are happy to  
have a visit. If you  
know of anyone in the

parish who is not able to attend Mass at pre-  
sent but who would like Communion at home  
please contact Father Vinh: 0429 098 802 or  
ring the Parish Office: 8552 1084.





## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr.A

*Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

It is for You that I suffer taunts  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my  
brothers  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for Your house  
and taunts against You fall on me.

This is my prayer to You,  
my prayer for Your favour.  
In Your great love, answer me, O God,  
with Your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for Your love is kind;  
in Your compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy;  
and does not spurn His servants in their  
chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give Him  
praise, the sea and all its living creatures.



## The Nativity of St John the Baptist

24th June



John the Baptist, called  
the Precursor or  
Forerunner of the Lord,  
was born in a town of  
Judaea, about six months

before the birth of the Saviour. Jesus  
called John the greatest of all those who  
had preceded him. (Luke 7:28). The rite  
of baptism, practised by John signified  
repentance and a desire to be spiritually  
cleansed in order to receive the Christ.  
Jesus chose to be baptised by John in  
order to identify Himself with our human  
lot.

John attracted countless people to the  
banks of the Jordan, and some thought  
he might be the Messiah. But he  
constantly deferred to Jesus, even to  
sending away some of his followers to  
become the first disciples of Jesus.  
John's brief ministry was terminated by  
his well-known murder at Herod's hands.  
When Jesus' disciples heard the news of  
John's tragic death, they came and laid  
the body reverently in a tomb. Jesus, with  
some of his disciples, retired "to a desert  
place apart," to mourn.

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## CHANGE IN MASS NUMBERS

We are now able to have 75 people at  
Mass in Goolwa and 75 in Victor by  
including the Annex and the foyer.

***Our special thanks to John Baker for  
calculating our 4 square metre spaces  
and organising our rapidly expanding  
sign-in sheets and with Wendy's help  
welcoming us to our Masses.***

**MASS** times are as usual.

Please record your name on  
sign-in sheet provided.

Because of the larger numbers it would  
help if you could **put your name down for  
weekend masses during the week.**

Also could you please **come a bit earlier**  
than usual.

It is still very important that we  
continue our Covid-Safe practices.  
Sanitise your hands on arrival.  
Maintain social distancing.  
Please move steadily outside after Mass  
so as not to block foyers and doors.

## From Archbishop Patrick:

*"We are advising people who are unwell  
or at risk to stay home. We remind people  
that the dispensation from attending  
Sunday Mass continues."*

## ST THOMAS MORE & ST JOHN FISHER Feast Day 22nd June

His belief that no lay ruler has jurisdiction  
over Christ's Church  
cost Thomas More  
his life. Nor would he  
acknowledge Henry  
as supreme head of



the Church in England, breaking with  
Rome and setting aside the Pope.

In 1521 John Fisher, by then a bishop,  
was asked to study Henry VIII's marriage  
problem. He incurred Henry's anger by  
defending the validity of the king's  
marriage with Catherine and later by  
rejecting Henry's claim to be the supreme  
head of the Church of England.

Refusing to take the oath that legitimised  
Henry's situation both were initially  
sentenced to life imprisonment but were  
finally condemned and executed for  
treason. **Given their courageous stance  
for their beliefs against the highest  
power of the land, few saints are more  
relevant to our time.**

Franciscan Media

## ASSISTANCE DURING

### THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

We are conscious that there may be times when  
members of our parish community will need  
help in this time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The following people have offered to be points  
of contact for anyone who needs help:

**Father Vinh 0429 098 892**

**Parish House: 8552 1084**

### GOOLWA:

Anne Turner **0459 648 004**

Joe and Maire Ryan **0401 671 476**

Paul Kennelly **0402 852 825**

### VICTOR:

Pat Clingan **0410 593 617**

John and Wendy Baker **0419 046 147**

Fran Hanna **0415 124 010**

### MIDDLETON, PT ELLIOT:

Ray Klecko **0438 364 870**

## ONLINE RESOURCES

**Father Vinh's homilies**

<http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au/>

### St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

As Masses resume in small groups,  
daily live streaming has ceased - only  
**11am Sunday Mass** will continue to be live  
streamed. Go to Website for details.

Masses are also saved on

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCG8JH2lxvf3Bf4rHrFO\\_vVw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG8JH2lxvf3Bf4rHrFO_vVw)

**Darwin with Bishop Charles:**

<http://www.darwin.catholic.org.au/>

**Taizé live on Facebook and on a  
video download at - [Taize.fr](http://Taize.fr)**

## BIRTHDAYS

**Sharon Duong June 24th**

**Marie Riddle June 25th**

**Ray Klecko June 27th**

**Birthday blessings to you all.**



Moses' first and last day as a lifeguard.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

*From Monday 1 June*

*Restricted 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 permitted for up to 75 attendees (whilst maintaining the 4 square metre rule)
- This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- Except for families and household groups, people should be at least 1.5 metres apart.
- 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

32 Seaview Road (PO Box 464)  
VICTOR HARBOR SA 5211  
Telephone: 8552 1084 (*Please leave a message if the Office is unattended - we will get back to you asap*)  
Email: [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com)  
Web: [www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au](http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au)

### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

#### • PARISH PRIEST

Fr Vinh-Quang Tran (8552 1084;  
in an emergency - 0429 098 802)  
Email: [Vinh2511@bigpond.com](mailto:Vinh2511@bigpond.com)

#### • 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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## GOSPEL

**Matthew 10:26-33**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Sparrows were sold in market places as inexpensive food for the poor and were a symbol of something of minimal value.
- Members of the church who have died rather than renounce their faith are called martyrs. The word martyr literally means 'witness'. Throughout history, many have given their lives for the faith, and in our own time, people are still martyred because they will not swerve from their commitment to Christ.
- By the time Matthew wrote his gospel, the church was already undergoing persecution in some areas, and Christian faith was being sorely tested.

### EXPLORING THE WORD

The people of Matthew's community were being persecuted for their faith. They were mostly Jews who had

come to accept Jesus as the awaited Messiah. But not all Jews accepted this, and they did not want the Christians to worship with them in the synagogues, so the Jewish Christians were expelled. Matthew's Christian community was feeling very vulnerable and trying to find a new way of living their faith outside the traditional Jewish practices. In this passage, Matthew comforts them and assures them that they need not fear physical harm, for God knows every hair of their heads and will protect them. Those who are strong in their faith and refuse to recant will be honoured before God. If God extends his care to the sparrows, the cheapest life available, how much more will he extend his care to his faithful people?

### SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Jesus' words in this text are words of encouragement for the confused and fearful Christians of that time and all times. He speaks of a time when his teachings will be shouted from the rooftops and clear to all. Jesus reassures believers that their faith will be rewarded. They are precious to him and to the Father.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22 - 23 June)

- **Monday, 22:** Sts John Fisher and Thomas More (2Kg 17:5-8, 13-15, 18; Mt 7:1-5)
- **Tuesday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 12 (2Kg 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-36; Mt 7:6, 12-14)
- **Wednesday, 24:** The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (Is 49:6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80)
- **Thursday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 12 (2Kg 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29)
- **Friday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 12 (2Kg 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4)
- **Saturday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 12 (Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17)
- **Sunday 28:** 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (2Kg 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42)

### 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).