



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
21ST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

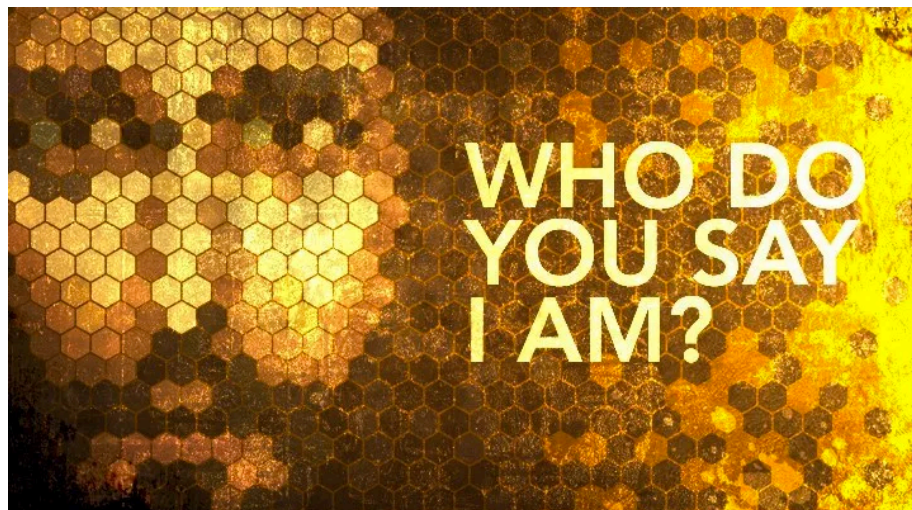
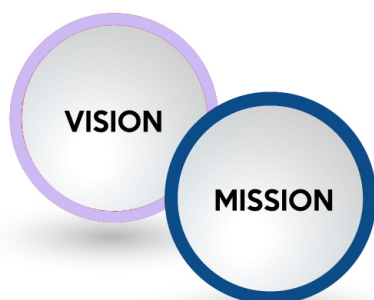
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.

I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him

anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church, the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.

And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven;

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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, Chloe Randabel
Charlie Nicolson, Miriam Kaye
Bill & Anne Sloane, Ella Sajn.

ANNIVERSARIES

Molly McGee, Ian Reid

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ted Turner, Joseph Kennedy,
Des Smith (father of Carol
Sutherland), Kevin Cousins

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. Social distancing & hygiene required. Rosters available soon.



SEASON OF CREATION

One of the features of our **September**

Season of Creation

Celebration is a produce table at each Church constructed by John Baker and Mark Leaney, seen here. As well as produce we are asked to bring along something representing



the theme of the week, blossom, flowers, herbs or native plants and animals.

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!



ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING



The next meeting is on

Thursday 27th August at

Victor after the 9.00am Mass.

New members welcome.

COVID-SAFE MARSHALS

Covid-safe Marshals will be required at all Masses and social functions from 21st August. Various parishioners have been asked and agreed to perform these tasks.

A Parish Manager will be present at each Mass this weekend to explain the changes required to be compliant with the SA Gov. rules.

GOOLWA SOCIAL AND PASTORAL CARE GROUP

Our group met on Tues 11th August

Only 4 attended which was very disappointing. It was decided with so much uncertainty over this terrible virus that all future social events will be on hold, but we are still hoping to have a social get-together of some sort before Christmas. We will attempt to assist the Knights if they go ahead with their Bunnings BBQ.

We are not a club of any sort and we will keep that name out of future notices. We have two functions. One is holding social events for fellowship between parishioners as well raising money for the up-keep of St John's. We also look after the daily running of our community, especially those who may be in poor health. Please consider joining our group.

SPECIAL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING GOOLWA NEW MEMBERS

Would all those who have been nominated or are volunteering to be part of the Parish Pastoral Council please attend the next meeting on **WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST AT 7PM IN GOOLWA.**

Please let Father Vinh or Ray Klecko know of your intention.

We ask your prayers for wisdom and courage as our nominees and volunteers take time to discern what God is asking of them.

BIRTHDAYS

Cathy May 24th August

Bill Woodhead 25th August

Vito Tamanikaibay 28th August

Grace Seah 28th August

Many birthday blessings to you all

THANK YOU FROM FR VINH

Thank you for your prayers and support while I took my holiday. I am pleased to let you know that the Parish ran well during my absence. Fr. Francis felt very welcome and he said that the Parish is vibrant and active. So thank you to everyone in the Parish who played their part. My special thanks to Brian and Jan Fitzgerald who looked after me well – I gained two kilos !! Their generosity is much appreciated. My health has improved significantly.

PARISH COLLECTION 15th & 16th August

1st (Presbytery) \$771.15
2nd (Parish) \$1,119.40

Collection for Vocations \$456.75

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 22nd & 29th August

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons
5th & 12th Sept
F. Harris

VICTOR MEET & GREET August Saturdays

M. Farmer, D. McLaughlin

August Sundays

A. Rose, M. Cunningham

ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

GOOLWA MEET & GREET August K. & A. Fawcner

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday.
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A

**Lord, Your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

I thank You, Lord, with all my heart,
You have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless You.
I will adore before Your holy temple.

I thank You for Your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of You.
On the day I called, You answered;
You increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet He looks on the lowly
and the haughty He knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of Your hands.



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Passion - 29th August (c.5 – c.30)



The Church, having celebrated the birthday of St. John the Baptist on June 24, today honours the anniversary of his martyrdom.

Besides our Lord and our Lady, St. John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are thus celebrated.

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple lifestyle was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centred on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. With God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation. *Catholic Culture and Franciscan Media*



SEEING THE HAND OF GOD EVERYWHERE

Archbishop O'Regan



My dear sisters and brothers, it is just over two months now since I was installed as Archbishop and I am still in the process of learning about the Archdiocese. Among

the various opportunities to start getting around the Archdiocese, I was able to take a three-day tour of the South East and to visit our parishes there. There is a serenity about Penola and a clear love for not only what God had begun there but how God continues to be at work, be that in the parish community of St Joseph's, the visitors centre or in our Mary MacKillop Memorial School. I was delighted to hear that although curtailed somewhat due to COVID-19, the visitors centre is set to reopen soon.

I continued on to Mount Gambier for a brief visit which included a tour of Tenison Woods Catholic College, the Blue Lake and Mass at St Paul's Church. Then back to Naracoorte and Bordertown before heading home through Keith. Thank you to the clergy and people for your warm welcome. *Southern Cross*

COMING SOON:

A Day of Reflection In This Time of pandemic.

How have we coped? What have we learned? Where has God been in our lives? Where to now?

Friday 11th September at Victor in the Annex from 10am-3pm or you may choose to come morning or afternoon.

All welcome. Bring along your friends. Please supply your own lunch and cup. For further information or to let us know you are coming please contact Fran Hanna: 0415 124 010.

"END COVID FOR ALL" CAMPAIGN

Caritas says the worst impact of COVID-19 will be experienced in countries which were already facing poor sanitation and limited access to health care. The "EndCOVIDForAll" campaign is asking Australians to sign a pledge to show support for communities who are vulnerable to the impacts of COVID-19. The pledge will be provided to the Commonwealth Government to demonstrate the support that the Australian community has for our nation to do more to help neighbouring countries. To sign the pledge go to www.caritas.org.au/end-covid-for-all

This 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



Next Week : 29nd & 30th August

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Randabel-Williamson
R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R1 A. Williss
R2 T. Hounslow

E.M. R. Kuske

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R1 J. Ryan
R2 L. Healey

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)

• PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
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whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

EXPLORING THE WORD

At this point in the gospel, Jesus and his chosen have travelled and lived together for some time. He invites them to explore what they understand of his identity. Even in his question there is explicit hint of his identity, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' The people offer a variety of opinions: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. But it is Peter who adds to the title Son of Man by recognising Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

This same Peter whose faith faltered when he was buffeted by the wind and waves (see Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time) has now shown that he is open to God and recognises Jesus for who he is. But this is not the end of Peter's story. There are ups and downs in his response, as there are in our own. As long as we remain open to the gift of faith, we are offered forgiveness when we fail to treasure what God has given to us.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Caesarea Philippi is north of the region of Galilee. It was given to Herod the Great by Augustus Caesar and Herod built a white stone temple there and dedicated it to his patron. After Herod's death it passed into the hands of his son, Philip, who built his capital here – thus the name, Caesarea Philippi.
- The great stone temple built by Herod was at a natural spring which is the source of the Jordan River. The temple was dedicated to the Roman god of nature, Pan. The cave of Pan is housed in a high natural edifice of rock and it was here that Jesus reputedly told Peter, that he, too, would be a rock

on which the Church is built – not dedicated to a pagan god but to the one true God.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The Pope is the Bishop of Rome, a city traditionally associated with evangelisation by Peter. This gospel text is the one which is traditionally used as the basis for the Church's teaching on the primacy of the Pope in guiding and unifying the Church but he is assisted in this task by all the bishops. There have been 266 Popes from Peter to the present pontiff, Francis. The Pope's voice is an especially privileged one in the Church. This does not mean that everything the Pope says or does is without error. What he teaches must be taken with seriousness because of the office he holds. There are only rare occasions when the Pope speaks solemnly and with full authority on any particular matter. At other times he is expressing the teachings of the Church and offering an 'authoritative' guide to the faithful.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (23 - 30 August)

- **Monday, 24:** St Bartholomew (Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (2 Thess 2:1-3, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32)
- **Thursday, 27:** St Monica (1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51)
- **Friday, 28:** St Augustine (1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13)
- **Saturday, 29:** The Passion of St John the Baptist (Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29)
- **Sunday 30:** 21st 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).