



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
17TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

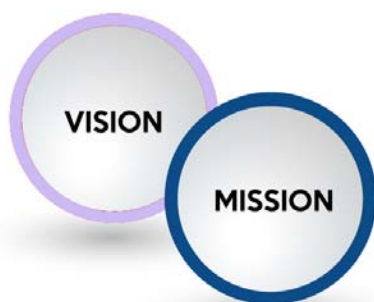
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything

to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. (Continued page 4)



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,
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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sheila Hanna

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER

INTENTIONS: JULY

Our Families

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



ARCHBISHOP O'REGAN'S COAT OF ARMS



On his appointment as Bishop of Sale, Archbishop O'Regan adopted a personal coat of arms which features a boat, an ancient image of the Church.

The yellow boat sails on a blue background and features the Chi Rho symbol on the sail. The symbol is one of the earliest Christograms made up of the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ.

Two blue dolphins at the top of the shield come from an O'Regan coat of arms and a green shamrock denotes his Irish heritage.

When appointed Archbishop of Adelaide, he incorporated the main image in the coat of arms of the Adelaide Archdiocese – a boat sailing beneath the Southern Cross constellation, representing the missionary voyages of St Francis Xavier, patron saint of the Cathedral.

Archbishop O'Regan's coat of arms also includes his motto, 'Ut Sit Deus Omnia in Omnibus', taken from 1 Corinthians 15:28, 'So that God may be All in All' .Southern Cross

DEATH OF SHEILA HANNA

Sheila passed away peacefully at Ross Robbie early on Wednesday 22nd July. Thanks so much for all your prayers and support. Funeral arrangements to be advised. *Fran Hanna*

THANK YOU FATHER FRANCIS from the Salisbury Parish for celebrating our Masses last weekend. We really appreciate your help in Father Vinh's absence.

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

18th & 19th July

1st (Presbytery)	\$ n/a
2nd (Parish)	\$ n/a

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

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 each Friday

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

July

J. McInnes

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

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

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next PPC meeting is at Victor on Wednesday 29th July at 7pm

BIRTHDAYS

Sally Brown 27th July

(Sally is convenor of the Filipino Choir)

Kay O'Shea 30th July

Birthday blessings to you both.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey Your word.

The law from Your mouth means
more to me
than silver and gold.

Let Your love be ready to console me
by Your promise to your servant.
Let Your love come to me and I shall live
for Your law is my delight.

That is why I love Your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by Your pre-
cepts:
I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of Your word gives light
and teaches the simple.



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 weekend for your much appre-
ciated 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 num-
ber of vulnerable people right across the
country during winter.'***

SAINT MARTHA

Feast Day 29th July

(1st C)

Jesus liked to stay at the
house of Martha, Mary
and Lazarus, his friends at
Bethany, when he was in
Judea. After Jesus'
Ascension into heaven,
Martha was seized by the
Jews, together with her



brother and sister, put on a ship without
sails or oars, and left helpless on the
open sea. But God guided the ship, and
they arrived safely at Marseilles.

This miracle, together with their preach-
ing, brought the people of Marseilles, to
believe in Christ. Martha, after having won
the love of the people of Marseilles by the
sanctity of her life and her wonderful
charity, withdrew in the company of
several virtuous women to a remote
place, where she lived for a long time,
greatly renowned for her piety. She fore-
told her death long before it occurred; and
at length, famous for miracles, she
passed to our Lord on the fourth of
August. Martha's body which lies at
Tarascon is held in great veneration.

Catholic Culture

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Feast Day 31st July

(d. 1556)



Ignatius, a Spaniard,
was born of a noble
family at Loyola, in
Cantabria. At first he
attended the court of
the Catholic king, and
later on embraced a

military career.

In 1521 a cannon ball fractured his left
leg. While he was convalescing, Ignatius
read about Christ and His saints and thus
turned wholly to God. He went to Mont-
serrat, hung up his arms before the altar
of the Blessed Virgin; and entered upon
his knighthood in the army of Christ. The
members of the Society of Jesus became
the shock troops of the Church in the bat-
tle against the spread of Protestantism in
Europe, as well as one of the greatest
foreign mission organizations that the
world has known. He composed the admi-
rable book of the *Spiritual Exercises*.
Ignatius died on July 31, 1556. *Catholic
Culture*

This 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



Next Week : 1st & 2nd August

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. E. O'Connell

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R1 A. Willis

R2 P. O'Brien

E.M M. Ferguson

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 P. Kennelly

R2 D. Hupatz

E.M. A. Turner

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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Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

EXPLORING THE WORD

Jesus continues to convey his teaching about the kingdom using the imagery of everyday life. Pearls were highly valued in the Near East and were regarded as a symbol of wisdom—thus the saying 'pearls of wisdom'. In the first two of these parables, the protagonists commit everything they own to acquiring what is beyond price. According to Jesus, the kingdom is worth the sacrifice of everything we value most to gain a place in it.

The parable of the dragnet tells us something more of the kingdom. There will be those who have not recognised its value and are unworthy of the kingdom. However, it is not for people to judge who is worthy and who is not. That belongs to God. Jesus is very concerned that his followers clearly understand his message and he questions them directly: 'Do you understand all this?' There must be no confusion over the meaning of the gospel!

Matthew stresses that believing in Christ does not mean a total rejection of Judaism. Indeed, both the old and the new have value. Jesus did not come to overturn the Law but to fulfil it and those who recognise this truth will honour both the old and the new.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In ancient times people often buried their treasures as they fled from enemies or invaders. Sometimes their owners may return to recover the treasure but often it remained buried for many years. Among priceless discoveries of treasure buried as the owners fled invaders are the Dead Sea Scrolls, hidden from the Roman Army in the late first century.
- A scribe in the ancient world was someone who could read and write and often held government positions. At the time of Jesus, the scribes were influential teachers of the Jewish faith, well versed in Scripture and the Law.
- The householder who brings out things both old and new may be a reference to people like Matthew himself, who, as well as receiving the teachings of Jesus and believing in him, also retain a profound respect for the Law and traditions of Judaism.
- The blazing furnace referred to here is the place of eternal punishment for the wicked known by the Hebrew terms Sheol or Gehenna. Hell is the English word used to translate these terms.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(27 July - 2 August)

- **Monday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35)
- **Tuesday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 29:** St Martha (1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27)
- **Thursday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53)
- **Friday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 1:** St Alphonsus Liguori (Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 2:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35m 37-39; Mt 14:13-21)

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).