

# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A  
26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

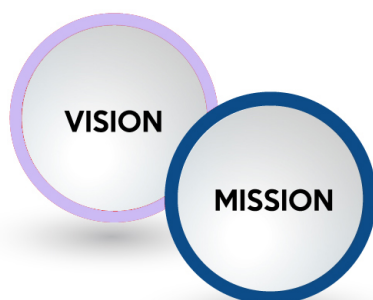
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### 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

*Ezekiel 18:25-28*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 24:4-9*

*Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 2:1-11*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to

be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 10:27*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 21:28-32*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your

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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,  
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,  
Chloe Randabel, Charlie Nicolson,  
Miriam Kaye, Bill Sloan, Ella Sajj,  
Brenna Schneideman.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Ann Sloan, Mary Siciliano, Robert Gunson .

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

### Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



## MORNING TEA AFTER 11AM MASS

Please bring your own cup as per Covid rules.

## 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

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our next meeting is at Victor on Wednesday 30th October at 7pm.

## 2021 COLUMBAN CALENDAR



If you wish to purchase a 2021 calendar please put your name on the list at the entrance to the Church. Cost is \$9.00

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT ST JOHN'S

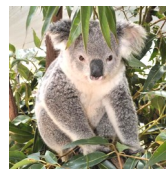
The Knights are going to hold a sausage sizzle after Mass on Sunday October 4. We will run these B B Q s on the first Sunday of the month until Christmas and then, if supported, we will increase over the holiday period of January.



Knight's head chef Tony will be cooking up a storm, assisted by Robert Lee. The cost for a snag, onion, bread and sauce will be just \$2. It will run as soon as Mass concludes, and we will be packed up and cleaned up not to hold up the Lutheran service in any way. You won't have to stay, just grab your snag and head off if you need to get away. We look forward to your support.

## SEASON OF CREATION

### Week 4 Native flowers and animals



*"There is a growing sensitivity to the environment and the need to protect nature, along with a growing concern, both genuine and distressing, for what is happening to our planet... Our goal is not to amass information or to satisfy curiosity, but rather to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it."* Pope Francis in Laudato Si



Catholic Charities

Please return envelopes this weekend. There will also be a third collection. Thank you for your generosity.

## COVID-19 RECORDERS

We are looking for helpers to take names for Covid-19 compliance as people enter church before all Masses. We wish to make a roster so that the task is shared for those able to assist. Phone John 0419 046 147 or Wendy 0438 525 477

## HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL COLLECTION

### October 3rd/4th 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Holy Father declared that this year the Peter's Pence collection, which traditionally takes place around the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29, would be transferred throughout the world to the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, October 4. The Peter's Pence provides Pope Francis with the funds for his worldwide charitable works.

## WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

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 to the needs of those who have nothing, risk everything and depend on the kindness of strangers. May our hearts be opened, our leaders be courageous and our self-interest be challenged, in Jesus' name. Amen

## PARISH COLLECTION 19th & 20th September

1st (Presbytery) \$930.35  
2nd (Parish) \$1,011.75

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

**26th Sept**  
R. Munro & T. Clayton

**3rd & 10th October**  
P. Mezzino, E. O'Shaughnessy

**VICTOR MEET & GREET**  
**October Saturdays**  
M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin  
**October Sundays**  
W. Baker. & J. Schultz

**ST JOAN'S CHOIR:**  
Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

**GOOLWA MEET & GREET**  
**October**

P. Kennelly & B Longworth

**ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP**  
Practice time 2.00pm Wednesday.





## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

**Remember Your mercies, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know Your ways.  
Lord, teach me Your paths.  
Make me walk in Your truth,  
and teach me:  
for You are God my saviour.

Remember Your mercy, Lord,  
and the love You have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In Your love remember me,  
because of Your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path  
He teaches His way to the poor.



## SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS



**Feast Day 29th September**

The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated

in the tradition of the Church. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey. *Catholic Culture*

## VALE ROBERT GUNSON

Robert died last Monday in Adelaide. His funeral will be held at St Ignatius Parish, Norwood on Tuesday 29 September at 2.00pm. May he rest in peace.

## SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

**Feast Day 1st October  
(1873 – 1897)**

An obscure cloistered Carmelite nun, St Therese has had universal appeal since her death from consumption at the age of 24. She was brought up in a model Christian home. While still a child she felt the attraction of the cloister, and at fifteen obtained permission to enter the Carmel of Lisieux. For the next nine years she lived a very ordinary religious life, with no miracles, exploits or austerities recorded of her. Popularly known as "the Little Flower" she had a great love of the Church, a zeal for the conversion of souls and prayed especially for priests. St Therese has never ceased to fulfill her promise: "I will pass my heaven in doing good on earth." Pope John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church in 1997. *Catholic Culture*



## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

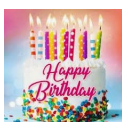
**(1576-1660)  
Feast Day September 27th**



St. Vincent de Paul was born in Gascony, France, and died in Paris. He studied theology at Toulouse and was ordained a priest in 1600. He was captured

by Moorish pirates and sold into slavery in Africa, but freed in 1607 when he converted his owner.

On his return to France he became successively parish priest, grand almoner of the galley slaves, and spiritual director of the Visitation nuns. He founded the Congregation of the Priests of the Mission or Lazarists (now known as Vincentians) to preach especially to country people. With the help of Louise de Marillac he established the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity to care for young girls, for the needy, sick, and foundlings. He died in 1660 at St. Lazarus's, the centre of his Congregation. Leo XIII proclaimed him special patron of charitable institutions. *Catholic Culture*



## BIRTHDAYS

Keith Fawkner  
27th September  
Best wishes Keith!!

## This Week : 26th & 27th September

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** B. Bullen  
**R.2** J. Randabel-Williamson

**E.M.** J. Jeffery

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator:** F. Hanna

**R1.** J. Tregeagle  
**R2** T. Hounslow

**E.M** A. Weygood

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R1** J. McMahon  
**R2** M. O'Halloran

**E.M.** M. Ryan



## Next Week : 3rd & 4th October

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** S. Duong  
**R.2** L. Blacket

**E.M.** E. O'Shaughnessy

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R1.** A. Williss  
**R2** P. O'Brien

**E.M** M. Von Holst

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**

**Commentator:** D. Huppertz

**R1** H. Harris  
**R2** L. Healey

**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.

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

### • PARISH PRIEST

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### • PARISH MANAGERS

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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](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com)  
(*All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening*)

### • PARISH TREASURER

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opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will? 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The 'chief priests and elders' are the leaders of the Jewish religious community. They were the ones with training and were learned in the Scriptures. They should have known and recognised what is from God but they are like the son who says 'yes' and fails to carry out God's will.
- Prostitutes and tax collectors are often bracketed together because both were considered 'sinners': prostitutes for their sexual behaviour and tax collectors because they cooperated with the Roman authorities and cheated their own people.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

A great deal has happened since last week's gospel reading in the lectionary. Jesus is now in Jerusalem. He has entered the city (Mt 21:1-11) and has taken possession of the Temple, driving out those who corrupt his Father's house (Mt 21:12-17). The crisis point of Jesus' ministry has arrived and he will enter into conflict with the established religious authorities.

The point of this text is that it is not the 'conventionally religious', who mouth all the right words and go through the rituals, who will enter the kingdom. Instead it is the ones who, by their actions, carry out God's will and so will become the sons and

daughters of God. John the Baptist, like Jesus himself, not only preached righteousness, he lived it. Jesus describes him as 'a pattern of true righteousness' (Mt 21:32) and it was the broken people, the tax collectors and prostitutes, who accepted what he had to bring. They believed in him, repented and experienced a change of heart and life.

## LIVING THE WORD

- Words are one thing, but deeds are another. In the long run it is deeds which count more. 'Actions speak louder than words'. More importantly, this little story tells us that change is possible, even after a negative decision. We have the ability to have second thoughts and respond generously; we can decide to do the right thing. At times, it is those who are not expected to do the right thing that surprise us!
- Who are the people in your life who inspire you because of the consistency of their vision and action?
- Sometimes it is the simple people who inspire us the most. How might you emulate their approach? Are there ways you can be an inspiration for others? Are there ways you can publicly witness to saying 'yes' or acting for justice this week?

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS (28 September - 4 October)

- **Monday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50)
- **Tuesday, 29:** Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)
- **Wednesday, 30:** St Jerome (Job 9:1-13, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62)
- **Thursday, 1:** St Therese of the Child Jesus (Job 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Friday, 2:** The Holy Guardian Angels (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10)
- **Saturday, 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24)
- **Sunday 4:** 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43)

## 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).