



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
13TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

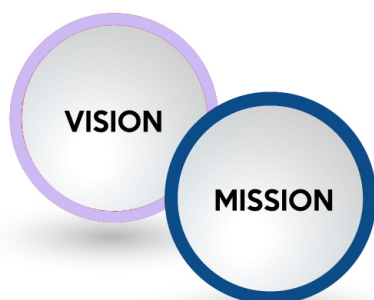
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-3, 16-19

*For ever I will sing
the goodness of the Lord.*

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised

we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not

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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,
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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Eric Powditch, Rita Sullivan

RECENTLY DECEASED

Wendy Averay, Karen Barber,
Ann Marie Smith.

PRAYER FOR A TIME OF PANDEMIC

May those of us who are merely inconvenienced
remember those
whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.

May those of us who have the
luxury of working from home
remember those
who must choose between
preserving their health or
paying their rent.

May those of us who have
the flexibility to care for our
children when their schools close
remember those who have
no options.

May those of us who have to
cancel our trips
remember those that have
no safe place to go.

May those of us whose savings
are decreasing
remember those who have
no savings at all.

If fear grips our country,
let us choose love.
During this time
when we cannot physically
wrap our arms around each other,
let us yet find ways
to be the loving

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.



HOSPITALITY

One theme of this week's readings is hospitality. In the first reading we see the generosity of the woman of Shunem who welcomed the prophet Elisha into her home.



She asked for nothing but to be of service. The prophet rewarded her with a boy child to care for her in her old age.

We recall how Elijah a few weeks ago asked for a small loaf of bread from a poor widow who had only a "handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug". She too gave without asking any reward but "the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry."

And in the Gospel Jesus calls us to give hospitality to the least of his followers: And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple of mine, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

**Lord teach me to be generous,
to give and not to count the cost.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SPEAKS OUT

Keeping people out of poverty:

The St Vincent de Paul Society's National Council has called on the Federal Government to maintain JobSeeker and JobKeeper until an expert group has been established to provide advice on payment rates that keep people out of poverty. Either the current JobSeeker rate should be retained (an additional \$560 per fortnight) or the payment should match existing aged and disability pensions (an additional \$370 per fortnight) but people should not be forced back to the old Newstart rates *CathNews*



NEW TITLES FOR MARY



Pope Francis has given the Virgin Mary three new titles that will be added to the Church's traditional "Litany of Mary. The new titles are

"Mother of Mercy", "Mother of Hope" and "Comfort of Migrants".

In a letter dated June 20th, Guinean Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Cardinal Sarah said *"the Church which walks along the pathways of history as a pilgrim towards the heavenly Jerusalem and enjoys inseparable communion with Christ her Spouse and Saviour, entrusts herself to Mary who believed in the word of the Lord"*.



"We know from the Gospel that the disciples of Jesus had in fact learned from the very beginning to praise her as 'blessed amongst women' and to count on her maternal intercession," he said, insisting that the numerous titles given to Mary throughout history are a *"privileged and sure way to an encounter with Christ."* *Crux News*

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. Half of our group are now over 80 years old, so any "new" blood would be very welcome.
Peter Sampson 8552 3989



COMMUNION AT HOME

When I can't get to church ...



Bringing the church home

We are now able once more to take Communion to parishioners 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 present but who would like Communion at home please contact Father Vinh: 0429 098 802 or ring the Parish Office: 8552 1084.

ANNIVERSARY

Your prayers are asked for Eric Powditch whose anniversary occurred on June 28th. Eric, a parishioner of St. Joan's, died in 2013.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

13th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

*Forever I will sing
the goodness of the Lord*

I will sing for ever of Your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth
will proclaim Your truth.
Of this I am sure, that Your love
lasts for ever,
that Your truth is firmly established
as the heavens.

Happy the people who acclaim such a
King,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of Your
face,
who find their joy every day in Your
name,
who make Your justice the source of their
bliss.

For it is You, O Lord, who are the glory of
their strength;
it is by Your favour that our might is
exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of
Israel.



SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Feast Day 29th June (d. c.67)



The two great Apostles,
Peter and Paul, are the
solid rock on which the
Church is built. They are
at the origin of her faith

and remain forever her protectors and
guides. Born in Bethsaida on the Sea of
Galilee, **Peter's** original name was
Simon. Christ gave him the name Cephas
("the Rock") or Peter when they first met.

The New Testament shows Peter as the
leader of the apostles, chosen by Jesus
to have a special relationship with him.
With James and John he was privileged
to witness the Transfiguration, the raising
of a dead child to life, and the agony in
Gethsemane. His name is first on every
list of apostles. Peter later laboured in
Rome as an apostle; he was the city's
first bishop. According to tradition he was
also the first bishop of Antioch. He died in

Rome as a martyr, bound
to a cross. *Catholic
Culture & Franciscan
Media*

Paul, known as Saul
before his conversion,
was born at Tarsus. He was reared a
strict Pharisee and had Roman citizen-
ship. Bitterly opposed to the Christian
community in Jerusalem, he was one of
the first at the stoning of Stephen. Intent
on killing Jesus' disciples, Saul was on
the road to Damascus when the grace of
God effected his conversion. After his
baptism and first attempts at preaching,
Paul withdrew into the desert (c. 34-37
A.D.), to prepare for his future mission.
During this retreat Christ appeared to him
personally.



After several missionary journeys he
returned to Jerusalem where he was
imprisoned for two years at Caesarea. He
appealed to Caesar who sent him by sea
to Rome (60 A.D.). Shipwrecked on
Malta, he arrived at Rome in 61. After
release, he devoted his last years to more
missionary work. In Rome in 66 AD he
was imprisoned, and beheaded a year
later. The fourteen letters of St Paul are
his precious legacy.

MASS NUMBERS

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

Last weekend we had 60 parishioners
attend Sunday Mass at Goolwa and
29 parishioners for Saturday night and
56 for Sunday morning at Victor.

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.

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:

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 Catholic
Archdiocese of Adelaide Website for
details. Masses are also saved on
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCG8JH2Ixf3Bf4rHrFO_vVw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG8JH2Ixf3Bf4rHrFO_vVw)

Darwin with Bishop Charles:

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

WEBSITE ADDITION

The full version of our *Parish Visitation
Report* is now on our website. Click on
<http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au/>
and go to Visitation Report. Our
thanks once more to Gael Maloney

BIRTHDAYS

Paul Kennelly June 29th

Bev Murray July 3rd

Birthday blessings to you both!



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.

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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• PARISH MANAGERS

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

• 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)
Email: Parish_treasure@bigpond.com

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worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

‘Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

‘Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

‘If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’

EXPLORING THE WORD

To follow Jesus means putting other important relationships second. It means taking up the cross and perhaps facing the same fate that Jesus met – persecution, suffering, death – but remaining faithful leads to eternal life. In ancient times, a person's agent was seen to be the person themselves and here, Jesus is giving great dignity to the apostolate of following him by saying it derives from the Father himself through Jesus.

In the Scriptures, a prophet is a person who speaks for God. To be a prophet, one must have a very clear understanding of what God wants and the task is to transmit that message to the people. There are many instances of the people rejecting the message of the prophets. Some scholars translate ‘holy man’ as ‘just man’ or someone who does the will of God. To recognise and welcome the truth is to be a disciple. The cost of discipleship may be high but the rewards are great.

SHARING THE TRADITION

For the first three centuries of the Christian era, to be initiated by Baptism into the new, spiritual family of Christ was to risk one's life. Christianity was a minority religion in a predominantly pagan world. At various stages, persecutions were carried out against Christians. To remain faithful at such times was very difficult and those who chose Christ were strong indeed. After the Emperor

Constantine was converted early in the fourth century, Christianity became the state religion of the Roman Empire. People flocked to be converted, not always for the right reasons. Numbers grew rapidly and the Church spread and blossomed. With the gains in number, however, came the possibility of a loss in quality of conviction. Were people really as committed to following Jesus as those earlier, persecuted Christians had been?

The modern western world is a very secularised place, where God has been replaced in some people's hearts by other gods – the quest for profit, individualism, consumerism. Pope John Paul II referred to these things as a ‘new idolatry’. Numbers of practicing Catholics are reducing in many Western countries and we may become a minority again. Today many Christians face persecution of a different kind.

DID YOU KNOW?

- At the time Matthew's Gospel was being written, Jewish families were being literally split by those who were making the decision to move away from traditional Jewish beliefs and follow Christ.
- Even though family relationships are vitally important, ‘the first vocation of a Christian is to follow Christ’.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(29 June - 5 July)

- **Monday, 29:** Sts Peter and Paul (Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19)
- **Tuesday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 13 (Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27)
- **Wednesday, 01:** Weekday, Ord Time 13 (Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34)
- **Thursday, 02:** Weekday, Ord Time 13 (Amos 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8)
- **Friday, 03:** St Thomas (Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29)
- **Saturday, 04:** Weekday, Ord Time 13 (Amos 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17)
- **Sunday 05:** 14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30)

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).