



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

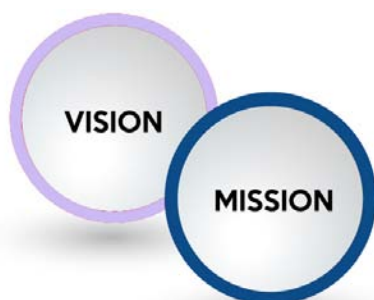
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### 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

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 94:1-2, 6-9**

*If today you hear his voice  
harden not your hearts.*

## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

I would like to see you free from all

worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Mt 4:16**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A people in darkness have seen a  
great light: a radiant dawn shines  
on those lost in death. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

**Mark 1:21-28**

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, (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, Margaret Langtry, Brian Smallacombe, Bailey Smallacombe, Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth, Daniel Holliday, Mark & Lola Kelly, Angelo Fantasia, Jane Lloyd, West Family, Kathleen Tiltman, Joseph Barry Kearsley, Lyn McCabe, Emily McCarthy, Josephine Proctor, Lance Evans, Chloe Randabel, Charlie Nicolson, Miriam Kaye, Bill Sloan, Ella Sajn, Brenna Schneideman, Peter Harris, Rhiannon Healey, Bette Higgins, Shane Johnson, Barry Wilks, Paula Collinson, Rosalie Buck.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Fr. Jim Honner

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Archbishop Philip Wilson, Margaret Ray.

## PARISH COLLECTION 23rd & 24th January

(Presbytery) \$925.20  
2nd (Parish) \$1,336.95

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

5th & 12th February

G. Woodhead & W. & J. Baker

## MORNING TEA

Recommences on Sunday 7th February after 11am Mass

P. Chigwidden, L. Sunman

## VICTOR MEET & GREET

February Saturdays

M. Farmer & R. Kuske

February Sundays

L. Sunman & J. Schultz

## GOOLWA MEET & GREET

February

J. McInnes

## ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2.00pm Wednesday.  
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.

## THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021

### PRAYER INTENTIONS: JANUARY

#### Intention for Evangelisation -

**Human fraternity.** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



## KSC NEWS

We wish to thank all who have supported our weekly January BBQ. A bit too hot last week to have it but the weather looks more promising this week. Also Robert Lee is organising our first 45 club draw for the year and we would appreciate your support.

## GOOLWA INTER CHURCH GROUP

We are looking for members to attend these meetings which are held on a quarterly basis, The Easter Sunday Dawn service, the Christmas Pageant and school chaplaincy are matters organised by this group.

Each year one church in the area hosts the meetings. This year will be the Lutheran Community to host these meetings and next year it will be our turn so we need more to get involved during the year.

See Paul or phone 0402 852 825

## CONGRATULATIONS PAT !!!

Pat Chigwidden has been awarded a Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia for service to local government and to the community of Victor Harbor. Well done!



## GOOLWA DIARY COM- ING WEEKS

Feb 2nd : Garden day and clean up from 9.30 am.

Feb 7th : K S C BBQ day. Changed from Feb 14th

Feb 9th : Social club meeting 1.30 pm.

Feb 14th : Morning tea after Mass. Bring your own cup or paper cups supplied.

## DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD APPEAL

A special collection will be taken up on the weekend of 6th/7th February in support of the work undertaken by Birthline, Right to Life in South Australia, Matercare Australia and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc.

## COVID-SAFE SIGNING IN

At Victor and Goolwa there will no longer be someone to sign you in before Mass.

So please **use your QR app and put a QR on the list of names so that you are counted or sign in your name on the sheet.**

The Covid Marshal will be there to help.

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## COMORO PARISH OF DILI, TIMOR LESTE

Our Parish of Goolwa/Victor Harbor is seeking to develop a Sister relationship with the Comoro parish of Dili, Timor Leste. We have received an enthusiastic response from Fr. Joao Maria Roque Guterres, Parish Priest who is keen to develop a connection whereby we learn from each other.

We invite any parishioner who is interested to become a Member of a Working Party to submit their name to any of the following:

Rose Mulraney; John Dunthorne; Ted Hounslow or Mark Leaney.

## URGENT: ABORTION BILL UPDATE

The 'Abortion to Birth Bill' will be debated in House of Assembly on Tuesday February 2nd 2021, with a vote expected that week.

It is **URGENT** that parishioners contact their local MP by telephone/letter, plus also Premier Marshall, expressing strong opposition to this Bill.

## WALK FOR LIFE

[Walk for Life](#) will be held on Saturday February 6th at Pennington Gardens (Opposite St Peter's Cathedral) walking to Parliament House from 10am – 12noon.

Thousands of South Australians are expected to demonstrate their opposition to abortion. For more information visit [www.loveadelaide.org.au](http://www.loveadelaide.org.au)

## MORNING TEA WILL RECOMMENCE AT ST JOAN'S ON SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CUP OR ONE WILL BE SUPPLIED. ALL WELCOME**

## ONLINE RETREATS

"Hello, I am an oblate of the Benedictine Abbey in Jamberoo. N.S.W. (Kathryn . M. Proctor).

There are oblates and friends of the Sisters at the Abbey in this Archdiocese and they knew the late Archbishop Philip Wilson very well, he was their friend.

The Abbey Sisters are offering the on-line Retreats in 2021, as Covid has stopped people personally visiting the Abbey for now. You can find the Retreat titles and explanations at:

[Online Retreats – Jamberoo Abbey](#)



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B

*If today you hear His voice  
harden not your hearts.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before Him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us kneel and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for He is our God and we  
the people who belong to His pasture,  
the flock that is led by His hand.

O that today you would listen to His  
voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put Me to the test;  
when they tried Me, though they saw My  
work.'



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Feast Day 2nd February



Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and

is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas." The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.

*Catholic Culture*

## SAINT AGATHA

Feast Day 5th February  
(c.230 – 251)



Almost nothing is historically certain about this saint except that she was martyred in Sicily during the persecution of Emperor Decius in 251. Legend has it that Agatha was arrested as a Christian, tortured, and sent to a house of prostitution to be mistreated. She was preserved from being violated, and was later put to death. She is claimed as the patroness of both Palermo and Catania. The year after her death, the stilling of an eruption of Mt. Etna was attributed to her intercession. As a result, apparently, people continued to ask her prayers for protection against fire. *Franciscan Media*

## CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS BRIEFING FOR VOLUNTEERS

As you may be aware, all volunteers in our Archdiocese are mandated notifiers under the South Australian Child Protection Legislation. To ensure we hear the voices of children and have the necessary skills to identify and respond appropriately, we invite all parishioners in ministry to attend a 90 minute Volunteer Briefing session facilitated by the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit. This applies to ALL volunteers eg. Maintenance, catering, readers, Eucharistic ministers, altar roster, etc.

**A Volunteer Briefing will be held in our Parish on: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February - 11.00am - 12.30pm St. Joan's Annex. Lunch provided.**

**Please contact the Child Protection Unit to book this session, either via email at [childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or by phone on 8210 8159.**

Thank you for agreeing to help us provide care and safety for our children and young people.

## FUNERAL FOR ARCHBISHOP PHILIP WILSON

This will take place on Wednesday, 3rd February 2021 at 11:00am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Adelaide and is invitation only. The Mass will be live streamed and available to all. A link will be provided on the Archdiocese of Adelaide website: <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/>

## This Week : 30th & 31st January

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** C. Sutherland

**R.2** J. Randabel-Williamson

**E.M.** M. Farmer

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator:** F. Hanna

**R.1** L. Sunman

**R.2** P. Chigwidden

**E.M** M. Cunningham

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**

**Commentator:** J. McInnes

**R1** G. Byrne

**R2** J. McMahon

**E.M.** A. Turner



## Next Week : 6th & 7th February

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** M. Farmer

**R.2** B. Bullen

**E.M.** J. Jeffrey

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator:** P. O'Brien

**R1** J. Randabel-Williamson

**R2** A. Weygood

**E.M** P. Clingan

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**

**Commentator:** Marie Riddle

**R1** M. Mulvihill

**R2** H. Harris

**E.M.** L. Healey

## 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

## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current for 23/24 January)

- Attendees at Mass must maintain social distancing of 1:2 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- 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 - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrance
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are encouraged not to attend.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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### • PARISH MANAGERS

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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 by Wednesday evening)

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unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

This is the first of the miracles of Jesus recounted in Mark's Gospel and it is a significant introduction to the person of Jesus and the power he possesses. Only a few verses earlier, at his baptism, Jesus had been revealed as the beloved Son of God. In this short text, Mark contrasts Jesus and the authority of his teaching with that of the scribes. Jesus teaches in such a way that he makes a deep impression on his hearers. Clearly, this is because his authority and his wisdom come from God. Whilst his human audience may still be unclear as to the true identity of Jesus, this is not the case with his 'other-worldly' audience: the unclean spirits know exactly who Jesus is—the Holy One of God—and they recognise his authority and obey his command. They know that the power of the Almighty is greater than the power of the evil one.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- In the ancient world many forms of mental illness were attributed to being possessed by 'evil spirits'.
- In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is often presented in confrontational

situations with evil spirits, with the Jewish authorities and even with his own disciples when they fail to understand who he is and what his mission entails.

- This text shows that where absolute good is, evil cannot remain.

## SHARING THE TRADITION

In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the catechetical process is often begun or concluded with a 'Prayer of Exorcism'. Our understanding of what is meant by this term may be clouded by 'Hollywood' representations of casting out demonic possessors. The Rite itself suggests that the prayers of exorcism 'draw the attention of the catechumens to the real nature of Christian life, the struggle between flesh and spirit, the importance of self-denial for reaching the blessedness of God's Kingdom, and the unending need for God's help'. The question of how a good and gracious God can allow the existence of evil in the world is one which has been debated for centuries.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(29 January - 4 February)

- **Monday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (2 Sam 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20)
- **Tuesday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43)
- **Wednesday, 31:** St John Bosco (2 Sam 24:1, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6)
- **Thursday, 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (1 Kg 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13)
- **Friday, 2:** The Presentation of the Lord (Malachi 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40)
- **Saturday, 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (1 Kg 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34)
- **Sunday 4:** FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39)

## 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).