



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A
ALL SAINT'S DAY

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

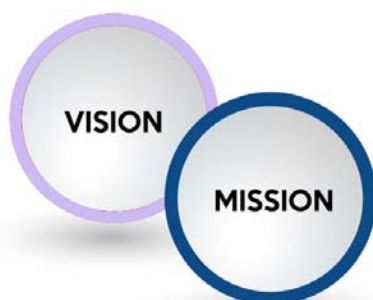
Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

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

Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these

people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:1-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

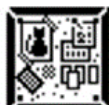
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

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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,
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 Sajin,
Brenna Schneideman, Peter Harris,
Rhiannon Healey.

ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin and Dorothy Higgins,

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER

INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve mankind.



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

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL AND PASTORAL CARE GROUP will serve morning tea after Mass on Sunday 8th November.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MUG.

Social distancing & hygiene are required. All are welcome!

GOOLWA GARDEN AND GROUNDS GROUP

The next working bee is on Tuesday 3rd Nov.



from 9.30 am. One day the warm weather may come, and if you think the heat is too much for you please have a day off, and stay at home.

To all who have done such a mighty job to make our grounds look so tidy, a big thank you!

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB MEETING is on Tuesday 10th November at 1.30pm in the Annex, all welcome.

ST JOHN'S MAINTENANCE

GROUP will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 11th November at 9.30am. Morning tea to follow. New members welcome.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL –



Please help make Christmas special for those in need in our local community

We can help by bringing donations of non-perishable food to place in the Christmas boxes provided in the Annex and porches at both churches from this weekend. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER VACANCIES AT ST JOAN'S

Late November/early December the position of Maintenance co-ordinator will become vacant. To simplify the filling of this position it is proposed to split the current responsibilities into three separate functions i.e. three different positions.

1. Maintenance co-ordinator: To maintain the buildings, gardens and grounds, with the assistance of the team and trades people as needed.
2. Memorial Garden Caretaker: Preparation and closure of ashes interments, maintain the memorial garden area, liaise with the Parish Priest and Parish Managers.
3. Church and Presbytery council bins: put out on the street kerb every Monday for pick up on Tuesday, in accordance with the City Council collection programme.

For further information contact **Peter Sampson** (retiring Maintenance co-ordinator) 0427 795 503

GOOLWA PARISH PASTORAL CARE GROUP

The Goolwa Pastoral Care Group is to be re-established to visit sick parishioners at home or in nursing home with Holy Communion, to visit new parishioners and those wishing to come back to the Church. The Group will meet for 1 hour per month. If interested please contact Lynne Healey on 0408 838 606 or Fr Vinh.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

Bishop Patrick has launched the Priests' Retirement Foundation. The pamphlet is on your seat today. Bishop Patrick says "After a lifetime of service and sacrifice, no priest should face retirement with financial uncertainty" Please consider supporting this new initiative. Your donation is tax deductible. You may also wish to consider this when making your will.

ALL SOULS' MASS TIMES MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

Victor Harbor - 9.00am. Goolwa - 10.30am

PARISH COLLECTION 24th & 25th October

(Presbytery) \$647.75
2nd (Parish) \$1,293.65

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

31 October & 7th November

W. & J. Baker

14th & 21st November

M. Von Holst, R. Kuske

MORNING TEA

1st & 8th November

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

15th & 22nd November

A. Williss & A. Higham

VICTOR MEET & GREET

November Saturdays

M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin

November Sundays

R. Reid & H. Sampson

ST JOAN'S CHOIR:

Practice time is 10.30am each Friday

GOOLWA MEET & GREET November

A. Turner & J. McInnes

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

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



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR.A
(ALL SAINTS)**

Lord, this is the people that longs to see Your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is He who set it on the seas;
on the waters He made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in His holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek Him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.



ALL SAINTS

Feast Day 1st November



The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All

lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read today, while it shows their happiness, shows, too, the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us whither they have gone. *Catholic Culture*

BIRTHDAYS

Dorothy West 2nd November.

Happy birthday Dorothy!



NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Grant, O Lord, that my own heart may be touched, as Yours is, at the passing of all souls into eternal life. In great confidence, I pray for all my friends and loved



ones who are no longer here on this journey of faith. When I am sad at the death of those who were close to me, may my sadness be firmly supported by my faith that life is merely changed not ended, that those I love are still with me though unseen. May You, Lord Jesus Christ, welcome me and all those for whom I pray, into eternal life at the moment pleasing to you.

SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

**Feast Day 3rd November
(1579 – 1639)**



St. Martin de Porres was born at Lima, Peru, the illegitimate son of a Spanish gentleman. His mother was a freed-slave from Panama. At 15, he

became a lay brother at the Dominican Friary at Lima and spent his whole life there — as a barber, farm-labourer, and infirmarian, among other things. He was canonized on May 6, 1962.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

**Feast Day 4th November
(1538-1584)**

St Charles was a member of a noble family and a nephew of Pope Pius IV. He was made a Cardinal at 23 and assisted the Pope in administering the affairs of the Holy See and in governing the Church.



Soon thereafter he was made Archbishop of Milan. His endeavours on behalf of the 19th Ecumenical Council of Trent (1545-1564) were especially meritorious and fruitful. He helped to direct and guide it and bring it to a successful conclusion.

We pray for Bishop Charles Gauci whose feast day is this day.

This Week : 31st Oct & 1st Nov.

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 M. Farmer

E.M. E. O'Connell

C.R. M. Tuckey

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R1. A. Willis

R2 T. Hounslow

E.M M. Ferguson

C.R. R. Reid, H. Sampson

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: J. McInnes

R1 G. Byrne

R2 J. McMahon

E.M. A. Turner



Next Week : 7th & 8th November.

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 C. Sutherland

R.2 J. Randabel-Williamson

E.M. M. Farmer

C.R.

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R1. L. Sunman

R2 P. Chigwidden

E.M M. Cunningham

C.R.

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: K. Fawcner

R1 C. May

R2 H. Harris

E.M. C. Williams

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 TEAM CONTACTS

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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
(*All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening*)

• PARISH TREASURER

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GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as “blessed” or “happy” are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. What does Jesus mean when he uses the word “blessed?” This word is sometimes translated as “happy” or “fortunate” or “favored.” In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This

might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day is a surprisingly old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honoured.

Why November 1?

The current date of November 1 was instituted by Pope Gregory III (731-741), when he consecrated a chapel to all the martyrs in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. Gregory ordered his priests to celebrate the Feast of All Saints annually. This celebration was originally confined to the diocese of Rome, but Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the feast to the entire Church and ordered it to be celebrated on November 1.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(02 - 08 November)

- **Monday, 02:** All Souls' Day (Readings from Masses for the Dead)
- **Tuesday, 03:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24)
- **Wednesday, 04:** St Charles Borromeo (Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33)
- **Thursday, 05:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 3:3-8; Lk 15:1-10)
- **Friday, 06:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8)
- **Saturday, 07:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15)
- **Sunday 08:** 32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13)

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).