

Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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Fr Charles Gauci (involved in another ministry in 2017)

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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PARISH MANAGER

Mr Kevin Rucioch (mob 0499 005 714)

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084, fax 8552 3439 or catholicyhg@bigpond.com) (All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening)

PARISH TREASURER Mrs Margaret Meade

MASS CENTRES AND TIMES ST JOAN OF ARC

30 Seaview Road, Victor Harbor MASS TIMES
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
RECONCILIATION
Saturday 11.00am - 11.30am
Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

10-14 Gardiner Street, Goolwa MASS TIMES Sunday 9.00am (Ist Sunday of the month - Family Mass) RECONCILIATION Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159 Child Safe contacts - Kevin Rucioch (0499 005 714) or Ian Reid (8552 4329)



FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 64:10-14

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is

waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Julie Bradley, Barbara Bond,
Father John Langtry, Rosemary
Powell, Patricia Sloan, Susan
Anderson, Peter Turner,
Mary & Bob Davis, Donald Telford,
Rosemary Scholefield,
Angelo Falco, Vicki Sullivan,
Valerie Londrigan, David Wark,
Br Michael Fitzgerald,
Shirley & Ray Harrison,
Daniel Holliday, Tania Capogreco,
Maggie Smith, Mark Kelly's
grandson, Hugo, Anna Schubert,
Pat Nelson, Bob Healey.

ANNIVESARIES

Craig Sampson, Rita Sullivan, Eric Powditch, Bryan Constable, Eunice & John Taylor.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bob Piper, Harry Hoder, Maria Beltrame, Claire O'Driscoll, Doris Calleja, Jim McPherson.

PARISH COLLECTION 8th & 9th July

1st (Presbytery) \$701.00 2nd (Parish) \$1,208.70 Special Collection \$463.10

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

July 16th

E. & A. Temme

July 23rd & 30th

L. Sunman, P. Chigwidden

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER July 21st

R. Reid, B. Murray

VICTOR MEET & GREET July Saturdays

L. & M. Peake & M. Farmer

July Sundays

R. & J. Randabel-Williamson

ST. JOAN'S CHOIR: Practice time is 10.30 am each Friday in the Church

GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER

July M. Freeborn, A. Fawkner, L. Elliott, Irene T.

GOOLWA MEET & GREET July

M. Davis, J. McInnes

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR:

Practice Tuesdays 3.00pm . Contact: Athalea 8555 2165



THE HOLY FATHER'S 2017 PRAYER INTENTIONS: JULY – Lapsed Christians.

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayers and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of Christian life..

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

Deepen your understanding of the Sunday Gospel at 7.00pm - 8.00pm in the Annex, Victor Harbor. All Welcome.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Groups meet fortnightly on Thursday nights (mixed). 7.00pm-9.00pm and Wednesday (women) 1.30pm-3.30pm. Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson for more information. 0402 341 071.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday evenings for 2017. Anyone is welcome. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844

CATERING FOR FUNERALS

A sub committee of St. Joan's Social Club will manage the catering for funerals in future. We are looking for volunteers from the parish, who are able to help on the day of a funeral, to set out food before and clear up after the funeral.

Margaret and Len Peake have now retired from funeral catering. If you are able to help on the day of the funeral, please contact members of the sub committee. Anita Williss 8552 8751, Colleen Pearsons 8552 2654, Bunny Munday 8552 3906, Pat Clingan 0410 593 617. If we have sufficient numbers, volunteers need not attend every funeral.

AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST CLIMATE PETITION TO FEDERAL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

You are encouraged today to sign this petition which is at the entrance of both churches, until the end of July.

MARITIME BOUNDARY PETITION

There is a petition at both entrances of St. Joan's Church requesting the Government to finalise as soon as possible a fair and permanent maritime boundary between Australia and Timor-Leste.

SCHEDULE FOR MEETINGS

All people wishing to use the Church facilities for meetings etc., please ensure that the booking is recorded in the book at Goolwa or on the notice board in the Annex at Victor Harbor.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

On 3rd July members and their wives held a loaves and fishes night at McCracken retirement centre. The food was excellent, and many thanks to lan



Reid who did a splendid job organising the event. Ian was given great support from his wife Robin and other parishioners who live in the centre, as well as John and Wendy Baker. Coming KSC events:

- * Our next wine raffle will be held leading up to Father's Day
- * The annual luncheon will be held at the Middleton Tavern on Thursday 21st September. Our guest speaker will be Brian Ferrari. More details soon.

The next meeting of the Knights will be held at St. John's Church at Goolwa at 4pm on 20th July.

NAME TAGS

You are encouraged to wear name tags at Church so that we can recognise and relate to each other. The Parish Pastoral Council also recommends that we have a "Visitor" name tag which will help us to welcome visitors.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK

A special collection will be taken up next weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea.

The Apostleship of the Sea is the Catholic



Church's Missionary work to the Seafarers whether they be on merchant, passenger, war or fishing vessels. While the Church has always been interested in Seafarers since Christ first gathered his fishermendisciples around him, the modern movement began

in the 1890s with several isolated and independent beginnings. The purpose of the Apostleship of the Sea is to care for the Spiritual, Social, and Material welfare of all Seafarers without distinction of colour, race or creed. This year's theme is "In the midst of the storm", highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the ocean.

Bulletin Board



PSALM FOR 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

And thus You provide for the earth; You drench its furrows, You level it, soften it with showers, You bless its growth.

You crown the year with Your goodness. Abundance flows in Your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, they sing



ST. MARY MAGDALENE 'APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES' Feast Day 22nd July

Faithful to the wish of Pope Francis, a



new decree has changed the liturgical celebration honouring St. Mary Magdalene from a memorial to a feast, putting her on par with the apostles.

The reason, according to Archbishop Arthur Roche, is that she "has the honour to be the first witness of the Lord's resurrection. She is the witness to the risen Christ and announces the message of the Lord's resurrection just like the rest of the Apostles." (*Excerpt: CNA*)

THE CHURCH GARDEN

First plant two rows of PEAS: Prayer and Perseverance;

Then plant two rows of LETTUCE: Let us be faithful, and Let us follow Christ;

Then plant two rows of TURNIPS: Turn up for Church and Turn up with a smile

ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI Feast Day 21st July 1559 – 1619

When he was just 16, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in Venice and received the name of Lawrence.

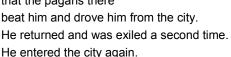


He completed his studies of philosophy and theology at the University of Padua and was ordained a priest at 23.

His constant devotion to Scripture, coupled with great sensitivity to the needs of people, present a lifestyle which appeals to Christians today. Lawrence had a balance in his life that blended self-discipline with a keen appreciation for the needs of those whom he was called to serve. (Excerpt: Franciscan Media)

ST. APOLLINARIS (c.79) Feast Day 20th July

According to tradition,
Saint Peter sent
Apollinaris to Ravenna,
Italy, as its first Bishop.
His preaching of the Good
News was so successful
that the pagans there



After being cruelly tortured, he was put on a ship heading to Greece. Pagans there caused him to be expelled to Italy, where he went to Ravenna for a fourth time.

He died from wounds received during a savage heating at Classis, a suburb of

savage beating at Classis, a suburb of Ravenna. A beautiful basilica honouring him was built there in the sixth century.

A PRAYER FOR ALL AGES

God of all creation, you are timeless and beyond all ages.

We who are growing old pray that we may be patient with our ageing limbs and difficulties in everyday tasks we once did much more easily.

We who are not yet old pray for patience and kindness to-wards those who do not move as quickly as we would sometimes like. (Excerpt: Australian Bishops' Conference)

SPECIAL INTENTIONS LIST

Recently names have been added to this list without the permission of the person concerned. Please do not ask for names to be added without asking the person if they want to be included on the list.

MASS ROSTER

This Week: July 15th & 16th

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: B. Munday

R.1 M. FarmerR.2 C. SutherlandE.M. R. Kuske, P. Harris

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: E. Temme

R. 1 R. Reid **R.2** P. O'Brien

E.M. P. Clingan, A. Weygood, I. Reid, M. Cunningham, K. Rucioch

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R.1 L. LongworthR.2 B. Longworth

E.M. A. Turner, D. West, C. Williams,

P. Burns, M. Davis.



Next Week: July 22nd & 23rd

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Ryan **R.2** V. Wyld

E.M. R. Powell, P. Harris

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: K. Howard

R. 1 T. HounslowR.2 M. Ferguson

E.M. M. Cunningham, K. Rucioch, M. Lloyd, P.O'Brien, V. Salmon

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R.1 R. Lee **R.2** C. May

E.M. L. Elliott, D. Elliott, K. Fawkner, M. Glazewski, L. Healey.

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES ALDINGA

Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple cnr Quinliven and How Roads Saturday 5.30pm Tuesday 9.15am

GOOLWA

St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St Sunday 9.00am Wednesday 9.30am

KINGSCOTE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, cnr Todd and Giles Streets Sunday 9.30am

NOARLUNGA

St Luke, the Evangelist,
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am

1st, 3rd Sundays 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Tuesday 1st week 9.00am and 9.45am
(later Mass followed by Tuesday Chats)
Wednesday 7.30pm
Thursday 9.00am (St John's School)
Friday 10.00am

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am 2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am 1st Friday 6.00pm

PARNDANA

2nd, 4th Sunday 4.00pm

PENNESHAW

St Columba, North Terrace (shared with Anglicans) 1st Sunday 2.00pm

SEAFORD

Seaford Ecumenical Mission, Grand Bvd Sunday 10.45am Wednesday 9.00am

VICTOR HARBOR

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday (other than 1st) 9.00am
1st Friday 11.30am

WILLUNGA

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8.30am 2nd, 4th Sundays 10.30am Wednesday 9.00am Thursday 9.00am Friday 9.00am (Continued from page 1)

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who vields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'



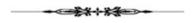
EXPLORING THE WORD

This parable would have had a great appeal to the rural population living on the fertile land around the Sea of Galilee. There, the gentle undulating hills are green and verdant. This is a sharp contrast to the desert wilderness of the southern part of the province of Judea around Jerusalem.

Jesus explains the meaning of the parable of the sower. The different soils represent different human responses to hearing the word of God. The message is that, despite some failures, the sower's work ultimately succeeds. Not everyone is open to receiving the word and acting on it but there is encouragement for those who allow the word to take root and bear fruit.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A parable is a simple human story with a profound meaning.
- Parables were a familiar way of teaching in the time of Jesus and some images had set meanings.
 For example, a vineyard, sons or servants represented Israel, while a master, king or father represented God.
- Chapter 13 of Matthew's Gospel contains numerous parables describing the kingdom of heaven.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS (17 - 23 July)

- *Monday, 17:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 -11:1)
- *Tuesday, 18:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24)
- *Wednesday, 19:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27)
- *Thursday, 20:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30)
- *Friday, 21:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Ex 11:10 12:14; Mt 12:1-8)
- *Saturday, 22:* St Mary Magdalene (Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)
- *Sunday 23:* 16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43)