



# Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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



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## **PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

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### **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084, fax 8552 3439 or [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@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

(*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month - Family Mass*)

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

## **CHILD PROTECTION UNIT**

Sally Wellington (Manager)

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Jubilee Year  
of Mercy  
2015/16



## **FIRST READING**

### **Exodus 17:8-13**

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

### **Psalms 120:1-8**

*Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.*

## **SECOND READING**

### **2 Timothy 3:14-4:2**

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were,

and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

### **Heb 4:12**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.  
Alleluia!*

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## Bulletin Board

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Julie Bradley, Barbara Bond, Mark Kelly, Father John Langtry, Leo Langtry, Paul Cullen, Frank Refchange, Pat Proctor, Kevin Walz, Rosemary Powell, Patricia Sloan, Susan Anderson, Leo Ryan, Doris Donald, Kathleen Tiltman, Sue Butler, Pat Rodgers, Peter Turner, Gail Mennar, Judith Murphy.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Cecil Galpin.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Laura Dyer, Bill Wilson, L. Pearce.

### PARISH COLLECTION 1st & 2nd October

1st (Presbytery) \$1,298.00

2nd (Parish) \$1,275.50

### VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

**October 16th & 23rd**

J. & R. Randabel-Williamson

**October 30th & November 6th**

R. & I. Reid

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

**October 21st - 28th**

W. & J. Baker, V. Wyld.

**November 4th - 11th**

R. Reid & B. Murray

### VICTOR MEET & GREET

**October Saturdays**

L. & M. Peake, M. Farmer

**October Sundays**

L. & M. Fracek

### GOOLWA MORNING TEA ROSTER

**October** M. Wark, M. Davis,  
A. Turner, H. Taylor

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET

**October** P. Kennelly,  
B. Longworth

### ST. JOHN'S SINGING GROUP

Choir practice will be held at 3pm every Tuesday. For details contact Athalea 8555 2165

**THE HOLY FATHER'S 2016 PRAYER INTENTIONS - Journalist :** *that journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.*

### CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

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

### EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

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

### CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday evenings for 2016. Anyone is welcome. Please contact Anne Weygood for details 0429 653 844.

### FIRST COLLECTION RENEWAL

The first collection renewal aims to raise awareness of the importance of the First Collection and the need to increase our contribution. Thank you to those many generous parishioners

who support our priests and deacons through the First Collection. We offer support to our priests by our prayers and encouragement as well as ensuring their well-being.

### KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS MEETING

The next meeting will be held at St. Joan's on 20th October at 4.00 p.m.

The council meeting will begin at 3.15 p.m.

### MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

The annual Melbourne Cup Luncheon will be held at St. John's, Goolwa on Tuesday 1st November commencing at 12 noon. \$20.00 per head, BYO drinks. There will be sweets and of course **the famous ladies' fashion parade.**

There will be two T.V.

sets in the hall so that we can all see this wonderful race.

**Don't miss out on a great day of fun.**

For bookings phone :

Anne Turner 8555 2824,

Anne Fawkner 8552 6074

### THANK YOU FROM MONS. EGAR

*"Parishioners of the Southern Coast ,  
Let this be your worthy boast,  
That you have been a gracious host  
- kindness to the uttermost -  
Toward us who propose a toast !!"*

Frs. Brian Angus, Rob Eggar, Richard Morris, Roderick O'Brien, Peter Sheedy and John Swan.

( This follows the Priests retreat held in the Parish recently)

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Archbishop Philip Wilson will be at St. Joan's Church on Friday 28th October at 7.00pm to confirm 8 children.

**This is a very special occasion for the children.** Parishioners please support them by attending.

Refreshments afterwards Please bring a plate of finger food to share.



### PINK CANCER DAY AT GOOLWA

The St. John's Social club will be holding a **PINK MORNING TEA** on Sunday 23rd October after the 9.00 a.m. Mass to raise money for breast cancer.

We ask all parishioners to please bring a plate of food to share and support this cause. Thank you Anne Turner.

### SAMARITANS PURSE BOXES AT GOOLWA

This year unfortunately, we have been unable to organise the boxes. The St. John's Social Club at Goolwa will make a donation of \$500 instead.

### ST. JOHN'S MORNING TEA ROSTER

St. John's Social Club requests that all volunteers carefully check the roster and if necessary make arrangements for a substitute. We would like the ladies to do the first two weeks of the month and the men the third and the fourth weeks as was the original arrangement. On week five we would like to have two ladies and two men .

If you are on kitchen duties please ask for assistance when required. Our coffee after Mass has been popular for years, but it can't continue without helpers .





### PSALM FOR 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

***Our help is from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.***

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:  
from where shall come my help?

My help shall come from the Lord  
Who made heaven and earth.

May He never allow you to stumble!

Let Him sleep not, your guard.

No, He sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side He stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil,

He will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming  
both now and forever.

***Our help is from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.***

### "HIDDEN CHRISTIANS" OF JAPAN

"Our visit to Nagasaki revealed some interesting insights. Twenty six missionaries "The Twenty-Six Saints of Japan" were martyred here in 1597. Our church was dedicated to them and was built facing the martyrdom site.



It is the oldest remaining Christian church in all of Asia and is beautifully kept. Christianity was banned in Japan from 1614 - 1873. The Christians were forced to accept Buddhism, but kept their faith despite being separated from the Church, performing baptisms and declaring their faith by having Mary appear in statues as a Buddhist deity and carving crosses on the back of Buddhist statues.

After the consecration of the Oura Church in 1865 a group of Japanese approached the amazed missionaries stating, "We are of the same heart as you". They had been underground for 250 years !! This group financed the importation of the "Our Lady of Japan" statue at the church entrance.

Francis Xavier was a missionary here and Christianity flourished such that Nagasaki is now 20% Christian compared to 2% in Japan overall. Another surprise was to learn that St. Maximilian Kolbe of Auschwitz fame was also a missionary in Nagasaki. Pope John Paul 2nd visited in 1981 to a welcoming crowd of 47,000 !!

The Oura church was severely damaged by the World War 2 A-Bomb and was restored in 1952. A Japanese guide said that they no longer hate the Americans but do hate "that war" and indeed all wars. A good example of forgiveness. (Helen & Peter Sampson.)

### WORLD MISSION DAY APPEAL

**Sunday 23rd. October**

World Mission Day is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God's people.

**The collection for this very worthy cause will be taken up next weekend.**

**This Week : 15th & 16th October**

**VICTOR HARBOR 6pm**

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** R. Walsh

**R. 2** M. Farmer

**E.M.** P. Harris, D. McLaughlin

**VICTOR HARBOR 11am**

**Commentator:** K. Rucioch

**R.1** M. Ferguson

**R.2** P. Chigwidden

**E.M.** V. Zanoocco-Salmon, K. Howard, I. Reid, R. Reid, P.O'Brien.

**GOOLWA 9.00am**

**Commentator:** A. Fawkner

**R.1** R. Lee

**R.2** J. Ryan

**E.M.** K. Fawkner, M. Glazewski, L. Healey, D. Huppertz, B. Longworth.



### ST LUKE, EVANGELIST

**Feast Day 18<sup>th</sup> October**

St. Luke, the inspired author of the third Gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles, was a native of Antioch (a town formerly in Syria, but now in Turkey.) He was a physician, and one of the early converts from paganism.

He accompanied St. Paul on a considerable part of his missionary journey. He was also his companion while in prison at Rome on two different occasions.

Luke's account of these events, contained in the Acts, is firsthand history.

St Luke died at the age of 84

### ST JOHN PAUL II

**Feast Day 22<sup>nd</sup>. October**

**Born May 18, 1920, died April 2, 2005**

#### QUOTES FROM ST JOHN PAUL II

*"It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."*

*"Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence."*

**Next Week : 22nd & 23rd October**

**VICTOR HARBOR 6pm**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** J. Randabel-Williamson

**R. 2** M. Farmer

**E.M.** P. Harris, R. Kuske

**VICTOR HARBOR 11am**

**Commentator:** M. Ferguson

**R.1** W. Baker

**R.2** F. Hanna

**E.M.** M. Cunningham, K. Rucioch, M. Lloyd, J. Baker, M. Von Holst.

**GOOLWA 9.00am**

**Commentator:** M. Freeborn

**R.1** Marie Riddle

**R.2** Michael Riddle

**E.M.** C. May, J. McInnes, S. Muller, J. McMahon, K. Milne.

## REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

### ALDINGA

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple  
cnr Quinliven and Howe 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

4th Sunday (Youth Mass) 6.00pm

### NOARLUNGA

*St Luke, the Evangelist,  
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve*

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

1st Sunday 11.00am (Spanish Mass)

2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)

Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm

Monday 9.00am

Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th week) 9.00am

Tuesday (1st, 3rd week) 9.45am

Wednesday 7.00am, 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

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

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## GOSPEL

### Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."' "

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. *(The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.)* This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. *(Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.)* While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point.

God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable.

The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be

found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

*Loyola Press website*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- In ancient Israel, according to the Law, justice should have been available to all who sought it, not only to the rich or powerful. Judges were appointed and they sat 'at the city gate' making themselves available to any who needed a judgement. The prophets often criticised the corruption that was sometimes associated with this office. Judgement would go in favour of those who could pay a bribe!
- Under Jewish Law, there was a special requirement to look after the widow and the orphan who did not have a man to speak for them.
- Luke's Gospel was written at a time when believers were suffering for their faith. They too may have been wondering if God heard their prayers.

## SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The persistence of the widow is at the heart of this gospel passage. Despite her lack of status, she constantly raises her voice in pleading for what she needs and finally her need is met. So too will God hear the cry of those who call on him. Sometimes, however, God may not answer our prayer in the way we want!

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(17 - 23 October)*

- **Monday, 17:** St Ignatius of Antioch (Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21)
- **Tuesday 18:** St Luke (2 Tim 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9)
- **Wednesday 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48)
- **Thursday 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53)
- **Friday 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59)
- **Saturday 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9)
- **Sunday 23:** 30th Sunday in Ord Time (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14)