

Welcome to Catholic Community of Victor Harbor and Goolwa

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



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH PRIEST

Fr Charles Gauci (involved in another ministry in 2017)

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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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 11.00am - 11.30an 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

Ecclesiasticus 27:30 -28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree;

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Julie Bradley, Barbara Bond,
Father John Langtry, Rosemary
Powell, 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, Bob Healey,
Duncan Kaye, Jennifer Luistro,
Helen Haylock, John Wallace

ANNIVERSARIES

Zofia Golansky, May and Dick Dennehy, Geoff Oates, Peg Page, Simon Slagter, Bridget McMahon,

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jack Irvine,

Thomas Cronin. Corrie McConville .

PARISH COLLECTION 9th & 10th September

1st (Presbytery) \$953.00 2nd (Parish) \$1,458.00

VICTOR MORNING TEA ROSTER

September 17th & 24th M. Cunningham, A. Wright October 1st & 8th J. & W. Baker

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER September 22nd & 29th

P. Mezzino & E. O'Shaughnessy
October 6th & 13th

W. & J. Baker, T. Lewis

VICTOR MEET & GREET September Saturdays

M. & L. Peake, M. Farmer

September Sundays

M. Fracek & F. Harris

October Saturdays

M. & L. Peake, M. Farmer October Sundays

A. Wright, D. Taylor

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

September

D. Lee, Anke, G. Seah,

October

M. Davis, A. Turner, H. Taylor

GOOLWA MEET & GREET September

S. Burns & D. West

October

P. Kennelly, B. Longworth



THE HOLY FATHER'S 2017 PRAYER INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER - PARISHES

That our parishes animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

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

KSC 45 CLUB

The first draw of the next series is on 17th September and names are being taken now. Please see Robert Lee or lan Reid to be in it. Your generosity helps several needy recipients.

DATE SAVERS

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

September 21st at Middleton Tavern 12noon



for 12.30pm. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Guest speaker is Brian Ferrari. Bookings Kevin Rucioch or John Baker at Victor or Paul Kennelly and Robert Lee at Goolwa.

Phone bookings:

Paul Kennelly on 0402 852 825.

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB ANNUAL QUIZ

Sunday 8th October at 2 p.m. at St John's Goolwa. Bookings with Anne Fawkner 8552 6074 or 0435 085 040.

Cost \$10.00 pp includes raffle tickets.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

Tuesday 7th November 12 noon for 12.30 start at St. John's Goolwa. Cost is \$25.00 for a 2 course lunch and raffle tickets.



We shall be having "Fashions in the Field" more details to follow. You can book a table or individual seats, please call Anne Fawkner on 8552 6074 or 0435 085 040.

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE 25th September – 23rd October 2017

Sometimes Jesus would spend an entire night in retreat: "In those days he departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12).

And this is also told: "The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."



Like the Apostles we are invited to take time out for reflection about life and its many challenges, to allow God's word to sink more deeply into our inner self to nourish and restore us. This weekend is the deadline for your application. Find the brochure and application form at the back of the church. For more details speak to Fran Hanna 0415 124 010 or Bill Longworth 8555 5174.

FRIDAY NIGHT TEA 29TH SEPTEMBER



This will be a fundraiser for Caritas, Women for the World. Money raised from Women for the World will go to fund Caritas' work in 29 countries globally. Women have an important and in-

creasingly influential role in society, yet 55% of the world's poor are women. We would like to have a 'casserole night' instead of a BBQ. The members of the social club will supply casseroles and if parishioners would also like to do a

casserole they are welcome. If you are attending please bring a sweet and BYO drinks as usual. Tickets \$10.00 each.

Please phone

Anita on 8552 8751 or Bunny 8552 3906. **RSVP 26/9/17.**



Bulletin Board



PSALM FOR 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless His holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all His blessings.

It is He Who forgives all your guilt, Who heals every one of your ills, Who redeems your life from the grave, Who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end; He will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins

nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth

so strong is His love for those who fear Him.

As far as the East is from the West so far does He remove our sins.



PEACE IN ACTION

To celebrate World Peace Day there will be a workshop on Sunday 24th September at 3.00pm at Bethany Uniting Church Hall, corner of St Jude's St and St Andrew's Terrace, Willunga. Speakers will address the following:

Treaty SA and Makarrata – South Australian and Federal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

Ending male violence

Countering xenophobia and racism

Nonviolent responses to global violence – from terrorism to the nuclear threat.

The workshop will encourage participants to join others in taking action on one of these issues.

RSVP to <u>impe@internode.on.net</u> or Peter Laffan 8556 3915.

HOW TO PLAN A FUNERAL

There will be a session after 9.30am Mass at Goolwa on Wednesday 27th September for those of us who may wish to know what occurs if we are in the situation of planning a funeral for a loved one.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

A little giving goes a long way

Catholic Charities is the umbrella organisation that supports the following agencies working with the most vulnerable in South



Australia. Agencies supported by Catholic Charities are:

- * Hutt St. Centre
- * Catherine House
- * SA Catholic Deaf Association
- * Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- * Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special School
- * Centacare Catholic Family Services
- * Mary MacKillop Care: Ain Karim

SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON (1821-1846) & COMPANIONS

The first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. At the age of 15, Andrew travelled to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. That same year he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai and



was ordained a priest. Back home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured, and finally be-

headed. near Seoul, the capital. Besides Andrew, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men. (Excerpt:franciscanmedia)

ST VINCENT de PAUL BADGE DAY



At Goolwa on Friday 22nd Sept. Contact Maire Ryan. 8555 0174. At Victor Harbor outside the

Post Office in Ocean Street on Friday 29th September. John & Wendy are setting it up. Are there any Victor or Goolwa parishioners who would be able to give an hour to help on the roster? Phone Wendy 0438 525 477 or John 0419 046 147 or email johnbaker5211@gmail.com

MASS ROSTER

This Week: September 16th & 17th

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 J. Randabel-Williamson

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. S. Duong, E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: E. Temme

R. 1 R. Reid

R.2 A. Weygood

E.M. P. Clingan, A. Rose, I. Reid,

K. Rucioch, J. Baker

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: A. Fawkner

R.1 L. Healey

R.2 D. Huppatz

E.M. C. May, J. McInnes,

J. McMahon, S. Muller, K. Milne



Next Week: September 23th & 24th

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: B. Munday

R.1 J. Randabel-Williamson

R.2 B. Bullen

E.M. P. Harris, E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator: M. Ferguson

R. 1 W. BakerR.2 A. Rose

E.M. R. Reid, I. Reid, K. Rucioch,

P. O'Brien, V. Salmon.

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R.1 P. Kennelly

R.2 Michael Riddle

E.M. Marie Riddle, J. Ryan, M. Ryan,

T. Siciliano, J. Slagter

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 3.00pm

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) on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your

brother from your heart.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- The sum of ten thousand talents would have been an impossibly huge debt. A Jewish talent was made of silver weighing 43,620 grams!
- A debt of one hundred denarii was still a hefty sum. The denarius was a commonly used Roman coin made of silver weighing 3.64 grams. A denarius was the wage paid for one day's casual labour.

SHARING THE TRADITION

In the life of the Church the sacrament which celebrates forgiveness is the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance. Baptism into the community of Christ included an element of forgiveness of sin, but what happened when one of the faithful sinned again after baptism? In the early Church they grappled with the problem of people who denounced their faith in the face of persecution or committed a grave offence like murder or adultery. How often were they to be forgiven and reinstated to the community? In those early centuries, forgiveness required a public confession and public penance like the wearing of sack-cloth and ashes. Gradually the Celtic monastic practice of having a spiritual guide became more popular. This was a person with whom one had regular contact and with whom one shared failings and concerns. From this practice, the sacrament of confession and administration of forgiveness and penance became more private and auricular (heard). This is now the norm of the Church except in exceptional circumstances.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Jesus' teaching about the need to settle conflict, the basis of last week's gospel, was a surprising summons for Christians to fly in the face of accepted standards of judgement and condemnation. Here the teaching becomes even more outrageous! There is no end to the forgiveness offered. For the average person, represented by Peter, forgiving another person seven times would show a very substantial commitment to mercy. Seven is used in the Bible to signify perfection so Peter is not being mean in his suggestion. This is a very reasonable degree of tolerance. Yet Jesus, in his parable of the servant who is forgiven a debt equivalent to millions but cannot forgive his fellow a lesser sum, turns our human understanding of what constitutes a fair thing on its head. God's forgiveness is prodigious but it is dependent on our willingness to forgive each other in the same way. The inability or unwillingness of the servant to match the master's forgiveness is a powerful contrast. The master forgives in compassion but the servant resorts to violence. If one has truly experienced the loving forgiveness of God, it must be shared with others.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 24 September)

- Monday, 18: Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10)
- *Tuesday, 19:* Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Tim 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17)
- *Wednesday, 20:* St Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions (Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26)
- *Thursday, 21:* St Matthew (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13)
- *Friday, 22:* Weekday, Ord Time 24(1 Tim 6:12; Lk 8:1-3)
- *Saturday, 23:* St Pius of Pietrelcina (1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15)
- *Sunday 24:* 25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 2-:1-16)

PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know. Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (0429 098 802), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).