



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

A living, vibrant
faith community

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

OUR VISION:

To build a faith community centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and communal parish activities.

OUR MISSION IS TO:

- Develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God
- Provide Faith Formation opportunities
- Care for each other particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled
- Witness to God's love for our earthly common home and all its creatures that abound

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill
- Engage with young people
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future
- Strengthen bonds with First Nation peoples

MASS TIMES

• VICTOR HARBOR

Weekend - Saturday 6.00pm;
Sunday 11.00am.

Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 9.00am

• GOOLWA

Weekend - Sunday 9.00am.
Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

St Joan's, Victor Harbor - Saturday
11am - 11.30am, or by appointment.



FIRST READING

Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 130

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not

to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 23:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You have one Father;
your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher:
the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they!

Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted

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Bulletin Board

SPECIAL INTENTIONS (These names will be removed after one month. To keep names on this list please contact Parish Office)

John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Jeffery Family, Natalie Millar, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar, Cath Howard, Keith Fawcner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson, Jesse Walker, Richard Eisenkoeck, Monsignor Robert Aitken, Rose Munro, Bill Woodhead, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter

ANNIVERSARIES

Dorothy Higgins

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kathy Tiltman, Ron Harris

PARISH COLLECTION

28th & 29th October

1st (Presbytery) \$998.40

2nd (Parish) \$1,020.50

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

10th November

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons.

17th 24th

W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

VICTOR MORNING TEA

5th November

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

12th November

A. Williss & F. Hanna

VICTOR MEET & GREET

November Saturdays

M. Farmer & C. Huppatz

November Sundays

R. Reid & L. Sunman

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

November J. Colver

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

November R. Austin, V. Scriva,

C. Rivers, D. McMahon

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER :

FOR THE POPE We pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



2023 VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food to place in the Christmas boxes in both churches until Sunday 10 December. Your generosity was much appreciated by 67 local families last year. Thank you!

VICTORIA HOUSE and IMMANUEL CARE

Rose Sadlon, Meredith Cunningham and Margaret Chalmers invite you to spread the joy of Christmas to residents! Please see Rose (Goolwa), Meredith or Margaret (St Joan's) after Mass (**11-12 November**) to collect a card suggesting appreciated gifts. Thank you!

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The popular Columban Calendars have arrived and will be on sale as from the weekend of 4th & 5th November – still only \$10, and there are just ten for sale at each end of our Parish. Be quick! *We are still waiting for the Christmas cards to arrive – watch this space!*

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 14th November at 1.30pm. All welcome.

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 8th November from 9.30 - 10.30am followed by morning tea. All welcome.

GOOLWA GARDEN DAY . Please note the day will be on November 14th due to the cup lunch this week.

ZONTA GARDEN SPECTACULAR

This Sunday November 5th. 10am - 4pm. \$10 Entry includes Devonshire Tea.

53 Tjilbruke Dve. Turn right at Tugwell Rd. Encounter Bay. Stalls, Sausage Sizzle, Entertainment, Guest Speakers, Raffle.

Proceeds to Zonta Homeless Project

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER

Just when you thought the good times and fun were over **WELL THINK AGAIN.**

St Joan's Social Club are having their Christmas Dinner on Friday 1st December 6pm for 6.30 start. Cost \$20 per person... **BYO drinks & glass.** Come along and join in the festivities...it's always a great night. Call Colleen on 0405 634 744 or Pat on 0410 593 617 to book a seat or a table. Payment is due by 26th November.



HELPING OUR OWN

This was a plan we had for the parish to assist our members who may be having trouble getting reliable transport in our area. The plan was to ask people with vehicles to assist those without a car when needed.

It was a parish initiative, and so when checking with the Church Head Office we found that we would have to get police checks, worry about insurance etc. to carry out the plan. We don't blame the church for their ruling as this is the way of our world today, but we don't expect the volunteers who offered to assist would want to go to this trouble, so the plan has been scrapped.

A person still may ask for someone to assist them to travel somewhere and if you are able to help out, that is fine. That is a private arrangement, and not a parish function.

And finally thank you to all who were happy to be part of the scheme, and who put their name down to help out.

ADVENT EVENING

Redeemer Lutheran Church Goolwa cordially invites members of the Catholic Church to join



them in an evening of fellowship and singing on Sunday 3rd December 6-9pm at the Catholic Church Goolwa. Please bring a plate of food to share and BYO drinks, glasses and nibbles. Please register your plan to attend with Vivi Scriva on 0439 430 486.

Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

In You, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever.



THE 1ST PART OF THE SYNOD CLOSES AFTER A MONTH OF DELIBERATIONS



A report
summarising
discussions at the
Synod on

Synodality's first assembly said the Church
may need more welcoming pastoral
approaches, especially to people who feel
excluded, but also acknowledged fears of
betraying traditional Church teachings.
Among the topics addressed in the report
were clerical sexual abuse, women's roles
in the Church, outreach to the poor and the
concept of "synodality" itself.

The assembly's discussions set the stage
for a year-long period of reflection for the
whole church that will culminate in the
second and final synod assembly in late
2024 on the same topics. *CathNews*

11th NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE DAY

As we remember the ending of the war with
Germany in WWI at the 11th hour of this day
and honour those who have given their
lives over many wars since, let us pray for
all those involved in wars today and the
civilians who are suffering. May peace
prevail in all wars.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Dates are now set for a group of
approximately 8 people to meet on
Tuesday afternoons for an Advent retreat.
These are times when we need to be
forerunners for Christ as John the Baptist
and Teilhard de Chardin were.

**Dates are each fortnight,
Nov 14, Nov 28 and Dec 12
from 2.30 – 3.30pm in Port Elliot**

Spaces are limited but we may be able to
squeeze you in. Contact:

Di Shearer dishearer@icloud.com
phone 8554 3703 and 0448 536 835.

OUR ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY



was voted a worthwhile event by
those who attended –
approximately 50 parishioners
from Victor and Goolwa.

Once again our parish manager

Pat Clingan with her helpers organized a
Subway lunch and later after the event we
were treated to a delicious afternoon tea.
Our other parish manager **Ray Klecko** was
our able and gracious MC.

Father Vinh thanked all those involved in so
many ways in service to the parish using our
Windows for Life to illustrate his talk.

Helen Taylor gave a comprehensive financial
report and noted that the parish is on a good
footing financially. She thanked the
parishioners for their continued generosity.
She also thanked our hard-working treasurer
Merv Mallett and our dedicated counters.

Paul Kennelly reported on the PPC and it's
activities throughout the year noting that we
were very much down on our PPC numbers.
Fortunately to Paul and Father's delight two
more parishioners Robin Reid and
Peter Redden volunteered their services.
Paul also talked about our outreach in the
local community through the Knights and
Vinnies. Ray thanked Paul on our behalf for
his long service in leadership in the parish.

Fran Hanna gave advance notice of a
Regional Assembly of the parishes in our
area that will take place next year at
Noarlunga. (The organisers are borrowing
our idea of a Subway lunch!!). Fran also
spoke about our parish link with Catholic
Earthcare in response to Pope Francis' 7-yr
Laudato Si Plan for the Church.

Mark Leaney outlined the projects in Comoro
for which our Parish has donated over
\$60,000 (including a \$45,000 donation from
two parishioners). He emphasized that our
relationship with Comoro is a person-person
one not just handing over money. It has
brought the two ends of the parish together.
Finally we were blessed with a wonderful talk
on the Mass and its relation to our daily lives
by **Jenny O'Brien from the Archdiocesan
Office for Worship**. A copy of the talk is
available in our porches and well worth
reading if you get a chance.

(And thanks to John Baker for his assistance
with our Power Point presentations).

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

7th NOV. FROM 12 NOON

All booked out. On Monday morning 6th
Nov. from 10 am we will be setting up the hall,
and all help would be appreciated.

KSC BBQ THIS SUNDAY AFTER 9 AM MASS.

THIS WEEK 4TH & 5TH NOVEMBER

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: I. Blacket

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 C. Huppertz

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 R. Reid

R. 2 F. Hanna

EMHC L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: D. Huppertz

R. 1 M. Mulvihill

R. 2 P. Kennelly

EMHC S. Muller



NEXT WEEK 11TH & 12TH NOVEMBER

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E O'Shaughnessy

R.1 S. Duong

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. Clingan

R. 1 K. Dudley

R. 2 A. Williss

EMHC L. Sunman

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Joe Ryan

R. 1 M. O'Halloran

R. 2 A. Fawkes

EMHC Maire Ryan

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA

NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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• PARISH MANAGERS

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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 - 8552 1084, catholicvhg@bigpond.com
(All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)

• PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)
Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Office 8552 1084)

• CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare)
Cathy May (0401 584 237)

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 02/11/23)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact.

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obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

‘You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.’

KNOWING WHO'S BOSS

(Matthew 23: 1 - 12)

Rabbi, father, master. In the time of Jesus, there were terms of respect reserved for people in authority. Jesus was a controversial figure precisely because of his power to command. He seemed to have a natural authority expressed in his words and extraordinary works, whereas the leaders with lofty titles often failed to demonstrate any real signs of leadership. We can safely say this is a modern problem as well. The titles and trappings of leadership do not necessarily identify people with the ability to lead. Someone may be a president, prime minister, priest, or professor, but authority has to be earned personally and not simply academically or electorally.

We have to be careful in deciding whom to follow and how to lead. We choose the leaders, thinkers, and do-ers who will serve as our moral guides. Some we will outgrow, and some will continue to inform our consciences. In turn, we have authority over others around us – the young, the voiceless – and we have to use our power for their benefit. The way to make both choices well is to reflect on how Jesus is our ultimate master and teacher. Jesus is anointed with God's authority. All legitimate leadership imitates his example. What kind of authority does Jesus wield in your life?

YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT

Jesus said, “Do you want to stand out? Then step down. Be a servant. If you puff yourself up, you'll get the wind knocked out of you. But if you're content to simply be yourself, your life

will count for plenty”.

Politicians, civil servants, and business and religious leaders get themselves into trouble when they hold themselves above accepted and expected moral and ethical standards. Not a day goes by where we don't read in the newspaper or hear on the nightly news the sorry story of someone abusing their authority or taking unfair advantage of their position. A politician accepts a free trip here, a financial officer fudges with a few numbers there, a clergy member closes his or her eyes to the serious problems of others in ministry.

Let's face it, people in power protect their own mainly for self-preservation. If one bad apple gets exposed, they fear the worst – that the whole bunch gets thrown out. So they cover-up, distract, and evade. Little by little their attention gets so focused on keeping up appearances, that they have no time for real leadership.

These leaders will, of course, deny that they've been remiss in their duties. They'll count off their achievements and good works until we're persuaded that there really is no need to worry about their frequent moral lapses.

Jesus sees things much differently. Though perfection is not required from those in power, humility is. Humbled servants are who Jesus calls to leadership. Anyone else less is not worthy of the public trust.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(6 - 12 November)

- **Monday, 6:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14)
- **Tuesday, 7:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Rom 12:5-16; Lk 14:25-33)
- **Wednesday, 8:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33)
- **Thursday, 9:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Jn 2:13-22)
- **Friday, 10:** St Leo the Great (Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8)
- **Saturday, 11:** St Martin of Tours (Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15)
- **Sunday 5:** 32nd Sunday, Ordinary Time (Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8552 1084 or in an emergency 0429 098 802.