



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY  
TIME - YEAR B

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

*Ezekiel 2:2-5*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 122*

*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.*

## SECOND READING

*2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, "My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness," So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite

content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Lk 4:18*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to  
the poor.  
Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Mark 6:1-6*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?

This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few

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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, Ann Tee, Bailey Smallacombe, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Geoff Munro, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Mollie Davis, David Lee, Ann Hannagan, Cath Howard, Trudi McNamara, Allen Odgers Elizabeth Nance, Jesse Walker J. Millar, Rose Munro, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, William Ash, Eloise Ash, Gavin Schumacher, Jim Ryan, Leonie Hassan, Fr Vinh Tran, John Tregeagle, Mairead Cummings, Maire Ryan

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Bette Higgins, Des Walsh

## ANNIVERSARIES

Rita Sullivan, Mary Meade.

## HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY:

### FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.



## WELCOME HOME FATHER!



## MESSAGE FROM FATHER VINH

I'm home. Thank you for your prayers, thoughts and caring and support. I arrived home on Tuesday. Doctors have stabilized me with medication and sent me home to recover from my depression. I'll continue to enter priestly ministry gently.

## MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

will meet in the Annex this Wednesday 10th July at 9.30 followed by Morning Tea. All welcome.



## ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

will meet on Saturday 13th July at 4.30pm in the Annex.

## RENTAL PROPERTY NEEDED

A parishioner and his family are looking for a rental house urgently. If anyone can help please call 0421 042 129.

**THE SOUTHERN CROSS** is available in the porch at Goolwa and Victor. Cost is \$2.00

## GOOLWA GARDEN DAY



this Tuesday 9th July from 9.30am to 11.30am. If you would like to add to our group of about 5, just see Tony.

## KNIGHTS' BBQ

This Sunday 7th July after 9.00am Mass. What better way to warm up in this freezing weather than to have a nice hot sausage with choice of your topping and still just \$2.00.

## SEA SUNDAY APPEAL NEXT WEEK 14th July



Sea Sunday is when the church prays for those who live and work on the sea. **Stella Maris Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.** Next week we will have an appeal collection which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. From very humble beginnings, with the support of the clergy and the St Vincent de Paul Society, Stella Maris now has centres in every state of Australia and in the Northern Territory but there is still work to do, including providing support for seafarers in all Australian ports. May Mary Star of the Sea bless this important work. Donations can also be sent online:

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

## PLASTIC FREE JULY CAMPAIGN

*"Small steps, big difference".*

**NEXT WEEKEND** we are hosting a

**PLASTIC FREE MORNING TEA** **AFTER 11.00 MASS.** Come along and join in the fun and spot any plastic we've missed.



**Posters with "small steps" in each foyer.**

**One suggestion for the week – remember to take along our plastic bags for re-using when shopping or use non-plastic bags. AND**

**Goolwa parishioners, don't miss the wonderful poster board in your foyer all about avoiding plastic use.**

## THANK YOU JOHN MCMAHON

John has decided to step aside from his role on the Finance Committee and as Maintenance Officer for the Goolwa Parish. John has been active in these roles for over the last 15 years and has always been a strong advocate for the parishioners in terms of ensuring money was well spent. He has also reliably attended to ongoing maintenance issues necessary to ensure parishioners comfort and safety. Well done John and many thanks for your outstanding contribution to our parish community.

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND**



## PARISH COLLECTION 29th & 30th June

1st (Presbytery) \$959.75  
2nd (Parish) \$1,211.20  
Special Collection \$782.20

## VICTOR MORNING TEA 7th July

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden  
14th July  
A. Temme & M. Chalmers

## VICTOR MEET & GREET July Saturdays

M. Farmer & C. Huppertz  
July Sundays  
R. Reid & A. Rose

## GOOLWA MEET & GREET July J. Dunthorne

## MORNING TEA

July V. Scriva, C. Rivers,  
S. McCarthy.

## ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.  
Claire Williams 0429 008 199





## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

14th SUNDAY in ORD. TIME, YR.B-2

*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy.*

\* To You have I lifted up my eyes,  
You who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords.

\* Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till He shows us mercy.

\* Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain.



## NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY JULY 7th



## KEEP THE FIRE BURNING - STRONG IN FAITH

Aboriginal Stations of the Cross  
John Paul II's visit to Australia in 1986 was a long time ago but his address to Aboriginal people was pivotal in the journey of Aboriginal Catholics and still has meaning today:

*-Take heart from the fact that many of your languages are still spoken and that you still possess your ancient culture.*

*-You have kept your sense of family. If you stay closely united, you are like a tree standing in the middle of a bush-fire sweeping through the timber.*

*-The leaves are scorched and the tough bark is scarred and burned; but inside the tree the sap is still flowing, and under the ground the roots are still strong. Like that tree you have endured the flames and you still have the power to be reborn. Pope John Paul II*

*We pray for our First Nations people.*

*Bring them healing and hope.*

*May we appreciate what they have to share with us and work together for our common good.*

## ACBC RESEARCH PROJECT ABSENT FROM THE TABLE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass (Sunday Mass includes the Saturday Vigil).

[https://bit.ly/](https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey)

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The survey closes on **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024**. Parishioners are encouraged to reach out to those they know who could participate in the survey.

## NATIONAL SIMPLICITY DAY 12th JULY

was founded in honour of Henry David Thoreau, who was born on July 12, 1817. Thoreau was an advocate of living simply. *In the complicated world that we inhabit today where mobile phones, laptops and other modern-day gadgets mean that we very rarely experience true peace and quiet to gather our thoughts, what better excuse to leave the technology at home and experience the feeling of truly being in the moment. Happy Simplicity Day!*

## HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO ROSEMARIE KUSKE



**Congratulations  
Rosemarie and every  
best wish  
for the future !!**

## ECUMENISM ALIVE AND WELL ON THE FLEURIEU

*Ecumenism is the movement within Christianity that aims to restore unity among all Christian denominations by encouraging dialogue and collaboration between churches. We give thanks for our parishioners who work with other Churches on the Southern Fleurieu. We have the Ministers Group to which Father Vinh belongs. In Goolwa we are part of the Interchurch Connect, in Victor we work with the South Coast Christian Community Care. Our hosting of the World Day of Prayer in March was another example and of course our Goolwa community shares its premises with the Lutheran community.*



## THIS WEEK: 6th July & 7th July

### VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

**Commentator:** C. Huppatz

**R.1** M. Mulvihill

**R.2** L. Blacket

**EMHC** J. Jeffery

### Sunday 11am

**Commentator:** T. Hounslow

**R. 1** A. Weygood

**R. 2** A. Willis

**EMHC** M. Taylor

### GOOLWA 9am

**Commentator:** V. Scriva

**R. 1** M Freeborn

**R. 2** M. O'Halloran

**EMHC** S. Muller



## NEXT WEEK: 13th July & 14th July

### VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

**Commentator:** L. Blacket

**R.1** C. Sutherland

**R.2** J. Jeffery

**EMHC** M. Farmer

### Sunday 11am

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R. 1** T. Hounslow

**R. 2** P. Clingan

**EMHC** P. O'Brien

### GOOLWA 9am

**Commentator:** D. Huppatz

**R. 1** E. Bourne

**R. 2** L. Healey

**EMHC** R. Austin

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

NGARRINDJERI and  
RAMINDJERI land

### CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

#### • PARISH PRIEST

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(*Fr Vinh is currently on leave*)  
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#### • PARISH MANAGERS

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#### • PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084, [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com)  
(*All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening*)

#### • PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)  
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#### • 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)

### KIDS' CORNER

*My grace is sufficient for you*  
(2 Corinthians 12:9)

Before her basketball game, Kelly prayed for a win. But even though her team played a great game, they lost in overtime. At first, Kelly couldn't understand why God hadn't answered her prayer. Then Kelly's coach told them that one of the kids on the other team had a sister who was in hospital. The whole team was playing for her. When Kelly saw how happy everyone on the other team was, Kelly felt a joy deep inside her that she couldn't explain. She also felt sure that God had answered her prayer and gave her something much greater than a win. What do you think Kelly received?

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sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

### OFFENDED BY JESUS

Jesus left there and returned to his hometown. His disciples came along. On the Sabbath, he gave a lecture in the meeting place. He made a real hit, impressing everyone. "We had no idea he was this good!" they said. "How did he get so wise all of a sudden, get such ability?" But in the next breath they were cutting him down: "He's just a carpenter - Mary's boy. We've known him since he was a kid."

Jesus had the opposite problem to the one Paul laments in Corinthians. Paul faces rejection because he's a flawed person. Jesus is rejected because he's not flawed enough. How can the local kid be such a font of wisdom and grace? Where are the warts? Must be a scam, they reasoned. He looks too good.

The hometown folks fall victim to an old sin, and of the most unattractive: envy. The crowds in Nazareth were jealous that someone from their midst seemed to have a rare gift that put him beyond them. It's a familiar near-sightedness; they were staring right at Clark Kent and had no idea he was Superman, even though the difference was only a cape and a pair of glasses. You can only see Superman in Clark if you can get past the mental obstacle that says Clark can't possibly BE that special. Then it's obvious that he is.

In the same way, we can only see Christ in others when we drop the blinders of our envy and start looking for him. Out of the mouths of babes comes wisdom, and from the most unlikely sources, fountains of grace.

### HE WAS AMAZED AT THEIR LACK OF FAITH

Who are the people that we tend to ignore or pass by? Many of us find it difficult to deal with beggars. It is easier to pretend not to see them and pass by. Some people tend to ignore people in wheelchairs, especially if they have somebody wheeling them or standing by. The conversation takes place with the person assumed to be the carer; wheelchair occupants are often treated as people who can't speak for

themselves.

People who serve in shops or get us tickets or leisure activities, they too can somehow disappear off our radar as human beings. We only really notice them when they are inefficient or all too human in their responses, perhaps a little like ourselves. Then we may ignore those who are closest to us in our household. As the saying goes, "Familiarity breeds contempt", and we can too easily take our nearest and dearest for granted, not really noticing who they are any more or what is concerning them.

There is an argument that we would become overloaded if we tried to take on board the full humanity of all the people we meet. Yet if we let go of that recognition of the other as an important human being, our equal and equally worthy of respect, we can lose sight of our own humanity. And if we lose sight of our own humanity, we lose sight of Christ.

That is why it is so important not to ignore each other or pass each other by. We miss the many-splendored thing and become lost and sightless, thinking we see but only being aware of the outer semblance. Perhaps, too, we need to look in the mirror more carefully, at least from time to time, to remind ourselves of our own humanity and that Christ is present in us too.

Where do we still find Jesus when we least expect to encounter him?

GPBS eNews

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(July 08/14)

- **Monday, 08:** Weekday, Ord Time 14 (Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26)
- **Tuesday, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 14 (Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time (Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7)
- **Thursday, 11:** St Benedict (Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9; Mt 10:7-15)
- **Friday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 14 (Hosea 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23)
- **Saturday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 14 (Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33)
- **Sunday 14:** 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13)

### 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 0438 364 870.