



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS
(MACKILLOP) - YEAR B

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter
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• PARISH TREASURER

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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



FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please', he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth.'

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 63:1-8

*My soul clings to you; your right hand
holds me fast.*

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

As the chosen of God, the holy people whom he loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same.

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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)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace,
Margaret Langtry, Claire Hamish,
Brian Smallacombe, Barry Wilks,
Bailey Smallacombe,
Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth, ,
Mark & Lola Kelly, Peter Harris,
Josephine Proctor, Jen Jeffery,
Charlie Nicolson, Bette Higgins,
Paula Collinson, June Lloyd,
Ann Tee, Emily Slattery,
Shona Edwards, Eileen McCorry,
Carmen Kernahan,
Cass Le Poidevin

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid

RECENTLY DECEASED

Shirley Godfrey

PARISH COLLECTION

31st July/1st Aug

1st (Presbytery) \$721.00
2nd (Parish) \$1,274.40

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

13th August

J. & P. Mezzino

20th & 27th August

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

15th August

F. Hanna & M. Mattson

VICTOR MEET & GREET

August Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson

August Sundays

L. Sunman & J. Schulze

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

August

M. O'Halloran

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021 PRAYER INTENTIONS: AUGUST Intention for Evangelisation *The Church*

Let us pray for the Church,
that She may receive from the
Holy Spirit the grace and
strength to reform herself in the light of the
Gospel.



CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.30pm. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

THE CENACLE

You are invited to join us in The Cenacle held every Wednesday at 9.30am in St Joan of Arc Church. We start by praying the Rosary, reading, meditating and reflecting on one of the messages given to Father Gobbi by Mary our Mother, and making an act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Gemma Woodhead 0492 849 414

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 10th August at 1.30pm in the annex. All welcome.

ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP.

Our next meeting is on Saturday 14th August at 4.30 in the Annex.

ST JOAN'S MAINTENANCE GROUP

Will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 11th August at 9.30am.

Morning tea to follow. All welcome

SOUTHERN CROSS

The August issue of the Southern Cross is available at both Churches.

APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS

This appeal will be taken up at all Masses in our Parish this weekend.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are baptised in your name, and grant peace and harmony to all families.

We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many Priests, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved. Amen



*We welcome Father Francis to
our Parish and thank him
sincerely for looking after us
while Father Vinh is away.*

CELEBRATION OF YOUR SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



On Sunday September 19 in parishes across the Archdiocese a ceremony will be held to celebrate any special

wedding anniversaries. This is normally held centrally at the Cathedral but this year **will take place in our local parish churches.**

Parishes are being asked to provide **details of couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries** of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 or more years so that a certificate can be prepared and sent to them. Names must be sent to the Events Office by September 3.

If you would like to participate please give **your names and number of years married to Fran Hanna** either by text on 0415124010 or email fran.hanna@bigpond.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

17th-18th September

More than **600 responses** have been received as part of the consultation phase of the Diocesan Assembly. **Diocesan Assembly coordinator Peter Bierer said he was still hoping for more people to share their "thoughts, ideas, feelings and hopes".** "The more responses we receive from a wider diversity of people, the better the discussions will be at the Assembly."

If you would like to send in your ideas you can write your own personal response on the postcard we have been given or on paper and post it to:

Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

Reply Paid 84960

ADELAIDE SA 5000 OR

Submit it online

<https://adelaidediocesanassembly.org/respond>

DEADLINE AUGUST 16TH



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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

*O God, you are my God, for you I long;
 For you my soul is thirsting.
 My body pines for you
 Like a dry weary land without water.*

*So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
 To see your strength and your glory
 For your love is better than life,
 My lips will speak your praise.*

*So I will bless you all my life,
 In your name I will lift up my hands.
 My soul shall be filled as with a banquet.,
 My mouth shall praise you with joy.*

*On my bed I remember you,
 On you I muse through the night.
 For you have been my help;
 In the shadow of your wings I rejoice.*



SAINT CLARE

Feast Day 11th August

(b. c.1194 – d.1253)
 St. Clare of Assisi was the first woman to

practice the life of entire poverty as taught by St. Francis. Placed by him at the head of a few companions she governed her community for forty-two years, thus founding at the gates of Assisi the Order of Poor Clares. Of Pope Innocent IV she requested that she and her community live in absolute poverty. She was a perfect follower of St. Francis of Assisi.

COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

Capacity at both churches 1 person per 2sq metres. **St Joan's**—68 allowed in the Church, 71 in the Annex.

St John's 170 allowed in the Church.

* Wearing of masks is mandatory indoors

* No singing

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS

Feast Day 8th August
 (1842 – 1909)



As a young woman Mary MacKillop was drawn to religious life but could not find an order that met her needs. In 1860, she met

Father Julian Woods, who became her spiritual director. Together they founded a new community of women—the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, also known as the Josephite Sisters.

Mary and her Sisters offered social services that few government agencies in Australia could. They served Protestants and Catholics alike; worked among aborigines, taught in schools and orphanages and served unmarried mothers.

She suffered many financial and clerical difficulties, including at one point ex-communication (later rescinded). In the end, Rome proved to be Mary's best source of support. After a long wait, official approval of the congregation—and how it was to be governed—came from Pope Leo XIII.

Mary died at the age of 67. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1995. When she was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010, she became Australia's first saint. *Franciscan Media*

NEVER SEE AN EVIL WITHOUT DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT

Mary MacKillop

She would be pleased to hear that a coalition of Catholic organisations has launched a campaign to change Federal Government policy and increase support for refugees and asylum seekers. **It is being led nationally by the Sisters of St Joseph and locally by Vinnies Refugee and Asylum Seeker Service (VRASS – their website is worth a visit),** The national campaign calls on people to **write to their local Federal politicians** urging them to:

- Provide income support and a financial safety net for all people seeking asylum in Australia
 - End temporary protection visas and create a clear pathway to permanent residency
- Ensure access to family reunion for refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia.
Southern Cross

Can you spare some time to send a letter or email?

This Week : 7th & 8th August

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 M. Farmer

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. S. Duong

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. P. Clingan

R.2 J. Tregeagle

E.M M. Cunningham

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: M. O'Halloran

R1 D. Huppertz

R2 L. Healey

E.M R. Austin



Next Week : 14th & 15th August

VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm

Commentator: F. Hanna

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am

Commentator : P. O'Brien

R.1. L. Sunman

R.2 A. Rose

E.M M. Cunningham

GOOLWA Sunday 9am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R1 A. Fawkner

R2 K. Fawkner

E.M. M. Ryan

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 5 August, 2021)

- The density requirement has changed to 1 person per 2 sqm. Weddings and funerals are capped at 50 people (depending on SA Gov approved maximum number - call the Parish Office for details).
- Wearing of masks is mandatory for indoor places. Wearing of masks is strongly recommended for Parish Offices.
- Choirs and congregational singing are not permitted. A single distanced singer is permitted.
- Recommendation from Archdiocesan Office that tea/coffee after Mass be suspended.
- Social distancing is mandatory - DO NOT CONGREGATE at entry/exit and outside.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is available at Church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around, but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccination for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access: [Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

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Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body. Always be thankful. Let the Word of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and whatever you say or do, let it be in the name of the Lord Jesus, in thanksgiving to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

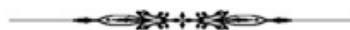
Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus said to his disciples: I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

EXPLORING THE WORD

As you know, the gospel texts for Year B normally come from the Gospel of Mark, but this week a text from Matthew is used because of the special feast that is commemorated today, 8 August, which may or may not fall on a Sunday.

This particular text from Matthew is chosen because it speaks so well to St Mary of the Cross and her over-arching vision for her ministry: that God would provide what was needed for her important work, especially among the rural poor, to thrive and prosper. In this text, Matthew reminds his community that they should not overly concern themselves with the material world. To do so is to be distracted from those things that are far more important. 'Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well.' If God provides all that is needed for the birds of the air and the flowers of the fields, surely he will provide everything for those who follow the way of truth and faith. Excessive concern for material comfort, wealth or splendour will not ensure salvation. Only trusting in God and setting our hearts on the kingdom will achieve this lofty result. Do not be distracted by the things of the world! In what ways do you experience God providing all that you need?



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(August 09 - 15)

- **Mon, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Deut 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27)
- **Tues, 10:** St Lawrence (2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26)
- **Wed, 11:** St Clare (Deut 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20)
- **Thur, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 - 19:1)
- **Fri, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Joshua 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Sat, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Joshua 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15)
- **Sun 15:** The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).