



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

14th 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

Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

*I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:9,11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised

Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth, you have revealed
to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

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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,
Bob Willis, Jeffery Family,
Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee,
Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson,
Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, y,
Len Peake, Ron Harris,
Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers,
Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan,
Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar,
Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner,
Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance,
Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson,
Jesse Walker, Richard Eisenkoeck,
Rose Munro,
Monsignor Robert Aitken

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patrine Harris, Hayden Harrop,
Mary Davis

PARISH COLLECTION

1st & 2nd July

1st (Presbytery) \$ 737.00
2nd (Parish) \$1,111.40

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

14th & 21st July

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

9th July

A. Williss & F. Hanna

16th July

F. Hanna & L. McCallum

VICTOR MEET & GREET

July Saturdays

M. Farmer & C. Huppatz

July Sundays

R. Reid & M. Cunningham

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

July

J. McInnes

Morning Tea

V. Scriva, C. Rivers, S. Lee

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

For a Eucharistic Life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



POPE FRANCIS TAKES A "STAYCATION"

As has been his practice since becoming pope in 2013, Pope Francis will take most of the month of July off as a sort of "staycation".

To the disappointment of the people of Castel Gandolfo, the hill town south of Rome, Pope Francis has never used the papal villa there as a summer retreat from Rome's heat, breaking a tradition that began in 1626 and was interrupted only by war. Instead, he stays at his Vatican residence, the House of St Martha, praying, reading, writing, catching up with correspondence and resting. CathNews

CONFIRMATION

Our Parish Confirmation for five children will be celebrated by our Archbishop Patrick on Wednesday 9th August at 7pm at St Joan's. Please keep them in your prayers as they are preparing for their celebration. You are welcome to celebrate with them on the night.

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

VICTOR MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

meet this Wednesday, 12th July from 9.30am - 10.30am followed by morning tea.

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th July at 1.30pm in the Annex. Newcomers welcome.



St Joan's Annex

*for our Christmas in July Dinner
Come and mingle & jingle on
Friday 21st July - 6 for 6.30pm
Chicken roast with all the
trimmings, pudding & custard
plus more.*

*\$20 per head, BYO drinks. RSVP
Colleen Pearsons 0405 634 744 or
Pat Clingan 0410 593 617
Book & pay by 12th July*

NATSICC (ABORIGINAL) APPEAL

THIS SUNDAY

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Adelaide is housed in the Otherway Centre in Stepney, Adelaide.

The centre is a vibrant community-based organisation that works to improve the lives of those in need by offering programmes that are designed to promote self-esteem and healing. Mass is held weekly in the beautiful St Martin de Porres Chapel. Adorned with striking stained glass windows, the chapel is an awe-inspiring display of the way that Aboriginal Culture and Catholic faith can go hand in hand.



A HAPPY EVENT!!!



Congratulations to Vicki Lacey and Mark Leaney who exchanged their wedding vows during Mass last Saturday afternoon, celebrated with a small group of family and friends and with Fr Vinh presiding. May God continue to bless you both.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

14th Sunday in Ord. Time Yr. A

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all
compassionate to all His creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.



SAINT BENEDICT

Feast Day 11th July

(b. c.480 d.547)



St. Benedict was born at Nursia in Umbria in about 480 and educated in Rome, but soon left the world to live a solitary life at Subiaco. After living as a

hermit in a mountain cave for two years, he had acquired such a reputation that disciples came in numbers to join him and important Roman families entrusted him with the education of their children. He organized a form of monastic life in twelve small monasteries.

Under his guidance, as abbot, the monks vowed to seek God and devoted themselves to work and prayer. A few years later St. Benedict left the district of Subiaco to found the great abbey of Monte Cassino on the heights of Campania. There he wrote his Rule in which are wonderfully combined the Roman genius and the monastic wisdom of the Christian East. St. Benedict died in 547. Catholic Culture

WORLD POPULATION DAY

11TH JULY

80,000,000,000

"Reaching a global population of eight billion is a numerical landmark, but our focus must always be on people. In the world we strive to build, 8 billion people means 8 billion opportunities to live dignified and fulfilled lives."

UN Secretary-General António Guterres

COMORO PARISH- COMPUTER HUB



With the support from our PPC at its last meeting the Comoro Parish Working Group has worked very hard

and with the Parish generosity from two garage sales and donations, we are allocating \$14,000 AUD to support our Sister Parish Comoro to purchase computers for helping young people. They will be part of a computer hub designed by Comoro Parish Council. Our special thanks go to our working group: Mark Leaney, who as chairperson is on the way to represent us in Comoro, Sue McCarthy, John Dunthorne, Brian Fitzgerald, Pat Chigwidden and Father Vinh.

TAKE PART IN PLASTIC FREE JULY

Plastic Free July was begun by one Australian in 2011. It has grown into an international campaign with 144 million people taking part last year.

You can sign in at

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/thanks-for-taking-part/>

or just choose one action yourself for the month: e.g., re-using those plastic bags, avoiding single plastic use, avoiding plastic straws.

PREPARING FOR SEPTEMBER SEASON OF CREATION

Let Peace and Justice Flow is the theme for



this year's

Season of Creation
in September.

Parishioners are

invited to help with planning these weeks.

Care for Earth and Care for the Poor are vital as we move further into the 21st Century. Why not join with others over **lunch from 12 noon on July 25th** at Di Shearer's home in Port Elliot. Bring a simple plate of food to share or a drink.

Contact Di on 0448 536 835 if you would like to attend.

Or register your interest with

Rosemary Austin 0438 606 630 or

Fran Hanna 0415 124 010 even if you don't intend to come to the lunch but would like to be part of the prayerful planning.

Let's do this together.



**PRAY FOR
THE PEOPLE OF
UKRAINE**

THIS WEEK 8th & 9th July

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 C. Huppertz

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 R. Reid

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: D. Huppertz

R. 1 R. Lee

R. 2 M. O'Halloran

EMHC T. Siciliano



NEXT WEEK 15th & 16th July

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 J. Ryan

R.2 S. Duong

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 T. Hounslow

R. 2 P. Clingan

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 L. Healy

EMHC S. Muller

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **PARISH MANAGERS**

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
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 06/07/23)

- 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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‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

ALL THIS STUFF
(Matthew 11: 25 - 30)

Consider the last time you struggled with a too-heavy suitcase or had to pack and move your possessions to another address. Compare that with the yoke of Christ: the burden of love we carry in our hearts. Which experience is better, more life-giving, more real?

The yoke of Christ is the mandate to love, even when it means sacrifice, even if it involves suffering. It's not the silly, romantic love that shows up in all the movies, but the day-to-day love of parents for children, the plodding fidelity of spouses, the single-hearted devotion of artists to their craft, the constancy of friends who support us even when the news is bad. It's a mirror of the love God has for us, and when we're faithful in love, we open a window to that greater love for those around us to experience.

Love is a burden; but it's a lovely one to bear. Anyone who has loved, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, knows that some burdens are a privilege to carry. If our love is tied up in the things of this world, we'll be dragging that overstuffed suitcase around and wondering why we ache so. If our hearts are free to love others, Christ will carry that love to places we haven't dreamed of.

GIVE ME A BREAK

I have a problem: I struggle to rest. Some people don't get to rest – because they have too much work and too many personal responsibilities. That's often the case with me, too, but even when I know I should take time to rest, or am simply blessed with the opportunity, I have a hard time doing so.

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.

I was even an insomniac for a while – how could I sleep when there was so much I needed to get done? I managed to kick that problem, but I'm still trying to figure out how to slow down, or even do nothing at all. Prayer helps – being quiet and still in conversation with God. I took up knitting, and the repetitiveness is very calming. I got a kitten, who insists I sometimes simply hold her. I tried yoga – also helpful, but there are times in the practice when I am supposed to do nothing but breathe. Impossible, I told the instructor, because I'm not doing anything. We discussed my difficulty. “You know,” she said, “you deserve to be happy”. That's it, isn't it? We're all worthy, by God's grace, of the peace and happiness of rest. We just have to breathe in God's love to experience it!

Ponder: How do you spend your love, on people or things? Are the burdens you carry difficult, or easy? Make a decision to simplify. Be drastic! Give away one-third of what owns you: books, clothes, CDs, money, or some other item that's collected around you. Contemplate what the new space in your life means, and what it's for.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
(10 - 16 July)

- **Monday, 10:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 14 (Gen 28:10-22; Mt 9:18-26)
- **Tuesday, 11:** St Benedict (Gen 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 14 (Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24; Mt 10:1-7)
- **Thursday, 13:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 14 (Gen 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15)
- **Friday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 14 (Gen 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23)
- **Saturday, 15:** St Bonaventure (Gen 49:29-33; 50:15-26; Mt 10:24-33)
- **Sunday 16:** 15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-3)