



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

**NINETEENTH 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

**1 Kings 19:9, 11-13**

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 84:9-14**

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.*

## SECOND READING

**Romans 9:1-5**

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Ps 129:5**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 14:22-33**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered.

'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.'  
'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water,

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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, Paula Collinson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, Len Peake, Ron Harris, 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.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr. Kevin O'Loughlin

## ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid

## PARISH COLLECTION

### 5th & 6th August

1st (Presbytery) \$769.50  
2nd (Parish) \$1,499.75

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

### 18th August

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons  
25th August 1st September  
W. & J. Baker

## VICTOR MORNING TEA

### 13th August

A. Williss & F. Hanna

### 22nd August

A. Temme & M. Chalmers

## August Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson

## August Sundays

R. Reid & J. Baker

## GOOLWA MEET & GREET

August M. O'Halloran

## GOOLWA MORNING TEA

August T. Curtis, E. Bourne  
B. Helion

## ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 3.00pm Wednesday.  
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

## HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST :

### FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY :

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



## LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

Sunday 5pm in the Annex.

You are welcome to join this group to reflect on the Gospel of the day.

Phone Carol Sutherland. 0418 856 799.

## 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

## BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

### SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will again be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment.

If you have an '0' wedding anniversary or a '5' one this year please ring, text or email Fran Hanna on 0415 124 010 [fran.hanna@bigpond.com](mailto:fran.hanna@bigpond.com)



## WE HAVE THREE SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

### CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL

50th: Jo & Terry Andrews  
11th August



60th: Horst & Rosemarie Kuske  
20th August

### And an extra special one:

70th: Arthur and Pat Cheadle  
15th August



Tony Siciliano reminds us that he and Mary would have been married for 60 years on this August 31st. Mary passed away on September 3rd, 2020.

## ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Come and enjoy the last Sunday of Winter with a cup of soup & crusty bread after 11am Mass on Sunday 27th August. Please wear a hat and enjoy.



## KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS REPORT AUGUST 2023.

### FATHERS DAY WINE RAFFLE

to open next week at both Mass centres . \$10 a ticket for a dozen lovely wines with a bonus added. See Des Wallace at Victor or Mike and Paul at Goolwa. The Goolwa draw will be on Fathers' Day, Sept 3rd at 9.00am Mass and the Victor one at 11.00am Mass the same day. We look forward to your support.



## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded subscriptions are now due. If you can pay by cash, please give to our treasurer Peter and he will forward the receipt on to you.

## ANNIVERSARIES FOR AUGUST

Geoff Oates, Vic Davoren and former parish priest Fr. Peter Ward.

**FOR THE SICK** We continue to remember those of our members or those in our parish who have health struggles at the present time.

**45 CLUB** Good luck to winners in the past month. The rest of us just hang in there.

**BBQ** The next BBQ will be held on Sept 10th to allow us to enjoy Fathers' Day on Sept. 3rd.

**NEXT MEETING** at Goolwa 4.00pm Wed 16th August.

## VOCATIONS APPEAL THIS SUNDAY

### 13th August

This appeal supports the education and formation over several years of 5-7 men who are seeking to serve the people of the Archdiocese of Adelaide as priests and deacons.



## Congratulations to

Nam, Samantha, Charli, Holly and Jordan who were Confirmed last Wednesday night and will receive their first Holy Communion this weekend.



# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

**Lord, show us Your mercy and love, and grant us Your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear Him  
and His glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before Him  
and peace shall follow His steps.



## ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Solemnity, 15th August



On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption. Thus he solemnly proclaimed that the belief whereby the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the close of her

earthly life, was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, definitively forms part of the deposit of faith, received from the Apostles. To avoid all that is uncertain the Pope did not state either the manner or the circumstances of time and place in which the Assumption took place — only the fact of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.  
*Catholic Culture*

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

on Wednesday 16th August after 9am Mass at Goolwa. Newcomers most welcome. Come along and see how you can help if only in a small way.

## DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD TO LOCALS IN NEED

You are invited to donate non-perishable food to Open Door, Goolwa and South Coast Christian Community Care (SCCCC), Victor Harbor who provide food to people in need. Donation boxes will be in our churches

**19-20 August & 26-27 August.**

All non-perishable food items are appreciated however, canned fish, canned meat, canned fruit, spaghetti, soups, jams, vegemite, peanut butter, cereal, health bars & coffee are in short supply. Thank you!

John Baker & Rose Mulraney represent our Parish on the SCCCC. Please contact them if you have any questions.



**THE BOOK SALES TABLE** at St Joan's is running again between now and December ... grab a good read for a gold coin donation to St Vincent de Paul to help us continue our good works locally!!

## WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

Saturday 19th August

Whenever and wherever people are in need, there are others who help them. They are often the affected people themselves – always first

to respond when disaster strikes – and a global community that supports them as they recover. Far from the spotlight and out of the headlines, they come together to ease suffering and bring hope. We pray for them and those they are endeavouring to help sometimes at the cost of their own lives.



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." - MATTHEW 14:29*

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

## THIS WEEK 12th & 13th AUGUST

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** L. Blacket

**R.1** S. Duong

**R.2** B. Bullen

**EMHC** M. Farmer

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** F. Hanna

**R. 1** A. Weygood

**R. 2** W. Baker

**EMHC** A. Rose

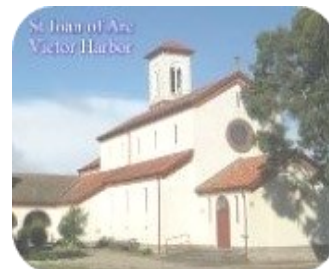
**GOOLWA 9.00am**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R. 1** M. Freeborn

**R. 2** A. Fawcner

**EMHC** M. Ryan



## NEXT WEEK 19th & 20th AUGUST

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** C. Huppertz

**R.1** L. Blacket

**R.2** J. Jeffery

**EMHC** E. O'Shaughnessy

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** P. O'Brien

**R. 1** F. Hanna

**R. 2** K. Dudley

**EMHC** L. Sunman

**GOOLWA 9.00am**

**Commentator:** D. Huppertz

**R. 1** M. Mulvihill

**R. 2** E. Bourne

**EMHC** R., Austin



**PRAY FOR THE  
PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA**  
NGARRINDJERI and  
RAMINDJERI land

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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)  
Email: [parish\\_treasure@bigpond.com](mailto: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 10/08/23)

- 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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but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

**A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE**  
(Matthew 14: 22 - 33)

Peter was a fisherman. He was long accustomed to the sea and its moods, and surely this was not the first stormy night he'd spent on the water. Peter knew how to compensate for wind and waves in choppy weather. He also knew there was a point beyond which negotiation with a tempest was impossible. But Peter had no experience at all with a ghost, or a man, walking on the waves. Like the others in the boat, he was afraid. But like the others, he was willing to negotiate with this new situation. Peter decided to take a walk on the wild side.

A fisherman who stays with his boat knows how to ride a wave. But with wind at his back and water under his feet, all Peter had for support was the steady view of his Lord. As his consciousness of the peril grew, his confidence in the Lord shrank. Many of us too have lost our faith in time of crisis. Our trust in God is steady within the boat, and up for grabs when life is less predictable. Peter scores points for risking a walk on the wild side, which the rest of the disciples were unwilling to do. An untested faith is worse than the "little faith" Peter showed. God can always plant a mustard seed.

When has your faith been tested by stormy events? How did your faith endure?

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**DON'T MIND THAT  
SINKING FEELING**

Have you ever tried to teach someone to swim? That was part of my job description when I volunteered at a youth ministry camp back in my uni days. Some of the kids took to the water like little otters, slipping and swooshing around and having a ball.

**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.

Others sank like the sand-filled milk bottles we used as anchors for the camp rowboats. The difference in outcomes had little to do with athletic ability and almost everything to do with fear – or lack of it. The ones who were not afraid swam like fish. The ones who were afraid of the water tended to splash and splutter wildly and sink, sink – which of course did nothing to allay their fear of the water.

Peter demonstrates this principle quiet effectively in this week's gospel. Impetuous as always, when Peter sees the astounding sight of Jesus walking toward his boat in the middle of the night, he rushes out to meet him. But quickly he begins to realise what he has just done. Like a cartoon character that ran too far off a short pier, he starts to sink. Luckily for him, Jesus is standing nearby and stretches out his hand, catches him up, and brings him to safety.

As you navigate your way through the stormy waters of life, does fear give you a sinking feeling? Learn from Peter. Know that Jesus is always nearby, ready to stretch out a hand a catch you up and bring you to safety. All it takes is a little faith.

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**  
(14 - 20 August)

- **Monday, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Deut 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27)
- **Tuesday, 15:** The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6.10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Deut 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20)
- **Thursday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 - 19:1)
- **Friday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Joshua 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 19 (Joshua 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Sunday 20:** 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28)