



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

*A living, vibrant
faith community*

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.

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

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 39:2, 4, 7-10

*Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother

Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 1:14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising

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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,
Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor,
Rita Sullivan, Charlie Nicolson,
Paula Collinson, Jane Lloyd,
Eileen McCoey, Len Peake,
Ron & Patrine Harris, Vin Slattery,
Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick,
Ann & Kevin Hannagan,
Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar,
Cath Howard, Keith Fawcner.
Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance,
Allen Odgers

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Clingan, Margaret Ray

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brian Ferrari

PARISH COLLECTION

7th & 8th January 2023

1st (Presbytery) \$1080.00
2nd Parish \$1384.20

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

13th & 20th January

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

27th January & 3rd February

W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

VICTOR MORNING TEA

15th January

A. Williss & R. Reid

22nd January

F. Hanna & M. Hatley

VICTOR MEET & GREET

January Saturday

M. Farmer & M. Tuckey

January Sunday

R. Reid & A. Rose

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

January

A. Turner

MORNING TEA

Starts February

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199



Bulletin Board

THE HOLY FATHER'S 2023

PRAYER INTENTIONS

JANUARY: For Educators:



We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching community rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable of all.

DEATH OF CARDINAL PELL

Cardinal Pell's death last Tuesday due to heart complications during a hip replacement operation has shocked us all. *Let our prayers go out to the God of Jesus Christ, whom Cardinal Pell believed in and sought to serve, that he may be welcomed into eternal life.*

Our prayers of comfort and condolence are also with his family, especially his only surviving sibling David Pell. May eternal light shine upon him, and may he now rest in peace and rise to glory in the Lord.

Adapted from words of Peter Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne

CLICK TO PRAY APP

The motto of the **Click To Pray** app is



"Together, we make each day different."

The app was launched globally in March 2016 in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French.

Click To Pray encourages users to pray every day for the challenges facing humanity and the mission of the Church, as expressed by the Pope in his monthly prayer intentions found at the start of our Encounter news.

The app supports us in our faith journey and in finding solidarity "together" and proposes a rhythm of prayer three times a day: with Jesus in the morning, during the day, and at night. It's free to download.

A wonderful supportive resource.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



WORLD-WIDE SYNOD

(Gathering of Bishops)

2023 - 2024

For a new vision of Church



We have had our

- local Parish Assembly, our
 - Adelaide Diocesan Assembly, our
 - Australian Plenary Council
- and now we are preparing for a

World-wide gathering or synod of Bishops to take place from October 4th-29th 2023 and again in October 2024.

Submissions have been sent in from Australia in much the same way we sent submissions to the Plenary Council. From

Adelaide our Diocesan Assembly results have been forwarded as of course were the Australian Plenary Council documents as well as personal/group submissions so our hopes for our Church are well-represented.

Different **geographical regions** are having preparatory gatherings for the Synod. This is called the Continental stage. The Bishops of Oceania, which includes Australia, are meeting in February.

May the bishops of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Oceania, gathering together next month in preparation for the Synod of Bishops later this year, have a pastoral care for their people, especially as climate change is affecting so many.

KSC "45 CLUB"

"45 Club wishes you all a Happy New Year and invites you to make your contribution to the first of three series of 2023.

The first draw is on 4th February so please contact a member of the Knights or Robert Lee on 0409 945 019 to ensure a place in the draws. We thank you for your past involvement which has enabled the Knights to help those in need."



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YR. A

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and He stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.



SAINT ANTHONY, Abbott



(b.(c)250 – d.356)

17th January

Anthony "the Great", the
"Father of Monks", was
born in Middle Egypt. One
day while in church he

heard the words of the Gospel: "If you wish
to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give
it to the poor" (Matt. 19:21) He sold his
property, gave the proceeds to the poor,
and went into the desert (about 270). St.
Anthony lived in solitude for about twenty
years. He died in 356 on Mount Kolzin by
the Red Sea, 105 years old. *Catholic Culture*

SAINT AGNES

(c.304)



Feast Day 21st January

St. Agnes is among the
most famous martyrs of
Rome. At the height of the
Diocletian persecution,
Agnes, at twelve, freely

chose to die for Christ. When commanded to
offer incense to false gods, she made the
Sign of the Cross. "Agnes" means 'lamb' in
Latin, but in Greek it denotes 'the pure one' "
Catholic Culture

REVELATION OF THE TRINITY



In this Sunday's
Gospel John the
Baptist bears witness
at the Baptism of
Jesus, where we see
an image of the
Trinity - Father, Son
and Holy Spirit, and
the power that binds
them together - love -

as Jesus hears that he is the beloved son.
We, as one with him, can hear that same
voice telling us that we too are
greatly loved.

**May we have the courage and humility
to accept this unconditional love.**

**In the name of the Father who gives us
life, the Son who came to show God's
love and the Spirit who strengthens and
inspires us. Amen.**

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS



Last Sunday we
celebrated the
Epiphany.
Immediately after
that we know that

Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus were
forced to flee to Egypt to escape the
persecution of Herod.

It is a good time to reflect on our Australian
refugee policy. Would we have welcomed
the Holy Family?

Some see positive signs.

***"We are here today in a moment when I
believe true change is possible. Where
Australians are being called towards
compassion and generosity for
refugees and for other marginalised
groups for the first time in a very long
time. Where our leaders are saying
positive things about refugees, wanting to
expand intakes, celebrating diversity of all
kinds in a different way than I've seen for
much longer than a decade.***

Brad Chilcott at a recent Refugee Forum
reported in the Southern Cross

**May we open our hearts to those who
seek refuge with us**

THIS WEEK 14th & 15th Jan

VICTOR HARBOR

Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator: C. Huppatz

R.1 S. Duong

R.2 L. Blacket

E.M. E. O'Connell

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 K Dudley

R. 2 F. Hanna

E.M. P. Clingan

GOOLWA

Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 G. Byrne

R. 2 L. Healey

E.M. R. Austin



NEXT WEEK 21st & 22nd Jan

VICTOR HARBOR

Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 B. Bullen

R.2 J. Jeffery

E.M. E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 A. Williss

R. 2 R. Klecko

E.M. M. Taylor

GOOLWA

Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 M. Mulvihill

R. 2 C. May

E.M. S. Muller

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 13/01/23)

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the SA Health instructions in regard to isolating and other government health protocols. Stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is recommended. (Show you care and wear a mask.)
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.

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• PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or 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

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Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Parish Office 8552 1084)

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with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptises with water; Jesus will baptise with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's

baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptised in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

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MAKING CONNECTIONS

- How do you witness to the Chosen One of God?
- Twice John says that he did not know Jesus himself, but that Jesus was revealed to him by God. What was it that first revealed Jesus to you?
- What sin of the world is in need of redemption today?
- Have you ever been an eye witness to something significant, either in your family or in the wider community? How did you bear witness to this event? What effect did it have on you?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(16 - 22 January)

- **Monday, 16:** Weekday Ord Time 2 (Heb 5:1-10 ; Mk 2:18-22)
- **Tuesday, 17:** St Anthony (Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28)
- **Wednesday, 18:** Weekday Ord Time 2 (Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6)
- **Thursday, 19:** Weekday Ord Time 2 (Heb 7:25 - 8:6; Mk 3:7-12)
- **Friday, 20:** Weekday Ord Time 2 (Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19)
- **Saturday, 21:** St Agnes (Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21)
- **Sunday 22:** 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 8:23 - 9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23)

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.