



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

20th 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

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house, she
has erected her seven pillars, she has
slaughtered her beasts, prepared her
wine, she has laid her table. She has
despatched her maidservants and
proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this
way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and
eat my bread, drink the wine I have
prepared! Leave your folly and you
will live, walk in the ways of
perception.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3, 10-15

*Taste and see the goodness of the
Lord.*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives
you lead, like intelligent and not like
senseless people. This may be a
wicked age, but your lives should
redeem it. And do not be thoughtless
but recognise what is the will of the
Lord. Do not drug yourselves with
wine, this is simply dissipation; be
filled with the Spirit. Sing the words
and tunes of the psalms and hymns
when you are together, and go on
singing and chanting to the Lord in

your hearts, so that always and
everywhere you are giving thanks to
God who is our Father in the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who eat my flesh and drink my
blood live in me and I in them,
says the Lord. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has
come down from heaven. Anyone
who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my
flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with
one another: 'How can this man give
us his flesh to eat?' they said.

Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do
not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood, you will not
have life in you. Anyone who does
eat my flesh and drink my blood has
eternal life, and I shall raise him up
on the last day. For my flesh is real
food and my blood is real drink. He
who eats my flesh and drinks my

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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, Clancy Retallick, Mollie Davis, David Lee, Evelyn Liston, Ann Hannagan, Cath Howard, Trudi McNamara, Allen Odgers, Elizabeth Nance, 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, Greg Hope, John McAuliffe.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid, Margaret Peake.

PARISH COLLECTION 10th & 11th August

1st (Presbytery) \$788.80
2nd (Parish) \$934.05
Special Collection \$638.25

VICTOR MORNING TEA 18th August

M. Cunningham & F. Hanna
25th August
W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET August Saturdays

M. Farmer & H. Anderson
August Sundays
R. Reid & L. Sunman

GOOLWA MEET & GREET August M. O'Halloran

MORNING TEA

August T. Curtis, E. Bourne, B. Hallion.

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: FOR POLITICAL LEADERS

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.



IT IS GOD WHO ARMS
ME WITH STRENGTH
AND KEEPS MY WAY
SECURE.



FEELING THE NEED FOR PRAYER and REFLECTION?

VICTOR HARBOR OFFERINGS

NEWLAND-PT ELLIOT UNITING CHURCH REFLECTIONS

On Thursdays at 10am one of our talented organists plays piano and organ music, a mix of hymn tunes, classical pieces and old favourites, often around a theme. We call it Reflections, and everyone is welcome to come and think, pray, or just enjoy the music. This time is followed by morning tea in the hall - where we exchange warm fellowship and everyone is welcome.

ST AUGUSTINE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH EVENING PRAYER

TUESDAYS 5.00-5.30

This is a Christian Mindfulness group guided by Fr Nicolas. It is suitable for all and includes prayer, scripture and stillness.

AND DON'T FORGET OUR ST JOAN'S PRAYER GROUPS

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP
Sunday 5pm in the Annex
CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY
Monday afternoons at 4.00.

THE CENACLE

Every Wednesday at 9.30am in St Joan of Arc Church.

ROOM FOR RENT

A parishioner has a room available for rent in Leworthy Street, Victor Harbor. If you are interested please call 0477 366 635.



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

THE KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

BBQ: Our last BBQ was a great success with \$112.75 raised. Thank you to all who supported us, especially the many who gave generous donations. We will be staying inside for some time due to the very cold weather we are experiencing. The next BBQ will be on Father's Day 1st September.

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES:

Vic Davoren (18th August 1998)
Geoff Oates (30th August 2015)
Fr Peter Ward, former Parish Priest (9th August 2006).

FATHER'S DAY WINE RAFFLE:

Tickets are selling well, but only 2 weeks to go so if you have not purchased a ticket don't delay. What a great prize to celebrate Father's Day!

NEXT MEETING

At Goolwa 4.00 pm on Wednesday 21st August.

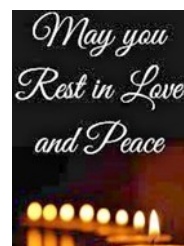
BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Once again there is a special blessing in September for couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries this year, for example an '0' or a '5' anniversary. Or there might be a personal reason to have a special blessing on your anniversary this year.

Please contact Fran Hanna by Sunday 21st August by phone 0415 124 010 or by email. fran.hanna@bigpond.com



MARY SICILIANO ANNIVERSARY



Mary passed away suddenly on 31st August four years ago. She was a much loved parishioner, who was welcoming to all with a lovely smile, as well as a great sense of humour. She was a great volunteer in the parish and in her time printed up the church

bulletin with the late Molly Williams as well as many other duties such as commentator and other jobs in our parish. She and husband Tony would have celebrated 61 years of marriage this year. Her birthday date is 21st September.

Rest in peace Mary, and our thoughts and prayers are with Tony and his family at this time.

**WE THINK TOO OF OUR OWN LOVED ONES
WHO HAVE DIED.
MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE.**



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 20th SUNDAY in ORD. TIME, YR.B

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
His praise always on my lips;
in he Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

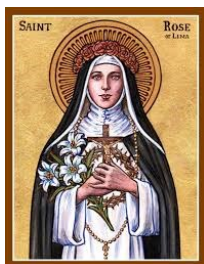
Revere the Lord, you His saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere Him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing.

Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace.



ST ROSE OF LIMA Feast Day 23rd August (1586-1617)



Born in Lima, Peru, of Spanish descent, Isabel Flores de Oliva was called Rose because of her reddish complexion. An intelligent and efficient girl, she took Saint Catherine of Siena as her model. At 15, Rose received the habit of a Third Order Dominican. She lived at home, leading a humble life of penance and mystical prayer. She is the first canonized Saint of the Americas.

NOTICE FROM VICAR GENERAL FR DEAN MARIN TO ALL AT VICTOR HARBOR GOOLWA PARISH

Fr. Marin wishes to thank our entire parish for the love and care given to Fr. Vinh during his recent health issues before he entered hospital and all the messages sent whilst he was in hospital as well as his great welcome home. Fr. Marin was very impressed with our support of Fr. Vinh and wishes to thank us all for the great care given to our parish priest.



WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY 19th August



World Humanitarian Day is commemorated every year to pay tribute to humanitarian workers killed and injured in the course of their work, and to honour all aid and health workers

who continue to provide life-saving support and protection to people most in need. We think of our own Zomi Frankcom who was among six foreign aid workers and their Palestinian driver who were killed in the air attack on the World Central Kitchen convoy in Gaza.

We pray for humanitarian workers everywhere. Give them courage in their work and give hope to those they are endeavoring to help.

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB Come and enjoy the last Sunday of Winter with a cup of soup and crusty bread after 11am Mass



on Sunday
25th August.
Please wear a hat and
enjoy.



HOUSE NEEDED FOR RENT

Our local parishioner, his wife & family of 2 children is requiring a long term house to rent in the area. Please contact him on 0421 042 129 if you can help.

NO RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION BILL THIS TERM OF GOVERNMENT

Anthony Albanese appears to have confirmed that his Government has abandoned attempts to pass a religious discrimination bill during this term of Parliament. The Prime Minister said he was unwilling to proceed without bipartisan support – which he claimed had not been forthcoming. Mr Albanese said.

"The last thing that Australia needs is any divisive debate relating to religion and people's faith ... I don't intend to engage in a partisan debate when it comes to religious discrimination."

Source: The Catholic Weekly

PARISH GIVING

Many parishioners have opted to make contributions via Direct Credit to the Parish Bank Account. If you would prefer to make your contribution in this manner, the following are the bank details.

BSB 085 005 A/c No 489 786 431
Thank you for your continued support.

THIS WEEK: 17th & 18th August

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppatz

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 C. Sutherland

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 M. Cunningham

R. 2 K. Dudley

EMHC L. Sunman

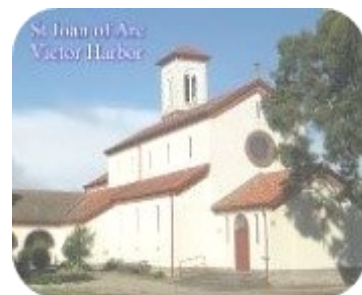
GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 Michael Riddle

EMHC T. Siciliano



NEXT WEEK: 24th & 26th August

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 B. Bullen

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 S. Duong

R. 2 A. Willis

EMHC K. Dudley

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

R. 1 C. May

R. 2 L. Healey

EMHC R. Austin

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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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)
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• CHILD PROTECTION

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

• CSHW SA (Safety, Health, Welfare)
Cathy May (0401 584 237)

DID YOU KNOW?

- After the flood (Gen. 6-8) God established a covenant with Noah. He promised never again to send a deluge on the Earth and said to Noah, 'every living and crawling thing shall provide food for you, no less than the foliage of plants. I give you everything, with this exception: you must not eat flesh with life, that is to say blood, in it' (Gen 9:3).
- Based on Scripture, Jewish people have various laws governing what may or may not be eaten. These rigorous dietary laws are adhered to even today.

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blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

GETTING IT

The people in this week's gospel who just "don't get it" when Jesus tells them his flesh is the living bread from heaven remind me of a time we scared the daylights out of my much younger sister. She was just about 3 years old when she and her older sister were having trouble getting to sleep. They were in the same room and kept giggling and laughing long past their bedtime. Our parents were tired and the end of the day and getting exasperated. One of them whispered something and once again the giggling erupted uncontrollably.

In desperation, I yelled out, "It looks like we're going to have to separate you two." At that, my younger sister started wailing in terror. Mum and Dad went in to console her, but she cried all the more saying, "Don't separate me, don't separate me!" Earlier that day she'd been watching Mum separate a whole chicken into pieces for the barbecue grill and the image obviously stayed with her. She thought that's what we were threatening to do to her and her sister.

We sat with her and soothed her. We reassured her mummy and daddy might get mad but they would never do anything like that to hurt her. Comforted, the two little girls drifted off to sleep, and we learned a lesson about the trouble of taking things literally.

DINNER AT WISDOM'S TABLE

Jesus continued, "I am the Bread – living Bread! – who came down out of heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live – and forever! The Bread that I present to the world so that it can eat and live is myself, this flesh-and-blood self."

Do a quick calculation of how many times you've received communion. If you're a cradle Catholic, and have been taking communion since the age of

seven, that is, technically speaking, a LOT of communion. The numbers don't really matter, of course, but the habitual reception of communion does. What do we GET, exactly, when we get Eucharist?

The Church teaches that the bread and wine are Christ's Body and Blood. Transubstantiation is the million-dollar word for the event, but it's mostly helpful for theologians. Long before the invention of that word, table fellowship was shared among Christians. They understood that eating and drinking in memory of Jesus made them bearers of his life. They knew that sharing his supper also meant they shared his saving mission in the world. They believed that taking part in this meal was a commitment, a covenant in flesh and blood. This was serious business. To claim Jesus in this way meant that they might die for him.

Most of us in the receiving line at communion time will not be asked to die for Christ. But every one of us IS being asked to live for Christ. Are we in the right line, or aren't we?

Bread is the food of life. Food is essential for our bodies to function. But food and drink also give pleasure and satisfaction. When people come together to celebrate, food and drink are part of the celebration. As food and drink are to the human person so Jesus is to those who believe in him.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(August 19 - 26)

- **Monday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tuesday, 20:** St Bernard (Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 21:** St Pius X (Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14)
- **Friday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 24:** St Bartholomew (Rev 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51)
- **Sunday 25:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69)

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.