



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING
OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR C

*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

2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-5

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created

through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked 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,
Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor,
Rita Sullivan, Charlie Nicolson,
Paula Collinson, June Lloyd,
Eileen McCoey, Len Peake,
Ron & Patrine Harris,
Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick,
Ann & Kevin Hannagan,
Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar,
Cath Howard, Keith Fawcner.
Campbell Smallacombe,
Brian Ferrari, Trudi McNamara,
Elizabeth Nance

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Huppatz, Dorry Higgins,
Francesco Scriva

PARISH COLLECTION 11th&13th November

1st (Presbytery) \$ 887.85
2nd (Parish) \$ 937.00

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

25th November
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons
2nd & 9th December
W.&J. Baker & M. Cunningham

VICTOR MORNING TEA

27th November
M. Cunningham & J. Andrews
4th December
L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR MEET & GREET

November Saturday
M. Farmer & E. O'Connell
November Sunday
L. Sunman & F. Harris

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

November
A. Turner

MORNING TEA

November
D. McMahon, V. Scriva, C. Rivers

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

For children who suffer:

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Vinnies' Columban Calendars on sale from now on at both St John's and St Joan's – ten at each, so be quick! Still only \$10.

CHRISTMAS CARD PACKS

These are now available for \$5.00 in our porches.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL



The Vinnies 2022 Christmas Appeal envelopes are available after Masses at St John's and St Joan's this weekend. This year they will not be placed on pews, but instead will be given to interested parishioners. Thanks to all for your generosity!

2022 VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food to place in the Christmas boxes in both churches until Sunday 11th December.

Your generosity was much appreciated by 63 local families last year!



VICTORIA HOUSE AND IMMANUEL CARE:

All available gift cards for Christmas presents for residents have been taken.

Thank you all for your generosity.

PALLIATIVE CARE COMMUNITY FORUM



On Wednesday
23rd Nov 1.00pm -3pm
at the Gospel Centre,
2 George Main Road,
Victor Harbor.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



ST JOAN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Just when you thought the fun and good times were over **THINK AGAIN!**
St Joan's Social Club are having their Christmas Dinner on Friday night 2nd December 6pm for 6.30pm start. Cost \$20 per person. BYO drinks. Come along and join in the festivities. Call Colleen on 0405 634 744 or Pat on 0410 593 617 to book a seat or a table. Payment is due by 27th November.



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO MARGARET and LEN

Margaret and Len Fracek returned to Victor this week to share with us Margaret's 90th birthday this Friday. Len had his 90th birthday last month. Margaret and Len still get the Encounter every week and keep up with all our news. Congratulations and best wishes from all of us, Margaret and Len.



AND TWO OTHER BIRTHDAYS ARE ON THE HORIZON

Best wishes to Colleen Pearsons and Father Vinh whose birthdays are next Friday 25th.

KNIGHTS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Knights will hold their annual Christmas Party on Sunday December 4th at 6.00pm at St John's. There will be a full BBQ meal, with chops, hamburgers, sausages and salad for only \$5.00. BYO drinks.



There will be a door prize of \$100. This event is to show the Knights' appreciation for all the support given them throughout the year.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE
YR.C

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.



JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE Feast Day 20th November

This Solemnity, formerly referred to as



"Christ the King," was
established by Pope Pius
XI in 1925 as an antidote
to secularism, a way of
life which leaves God out
of man's thinking and
living and organizes his

life as if God did not exist. The feast is
intended to proclaim in a striking and
effective manner Christ's royalty over
individuals, families, society, governments,
and nations. *Catholic Culture*

SECOND AFGHAN FILM

Several parishioners attended the film the
"Staging Post" on Thursday last. The same
producer and the same actor (an Afghani
refugee, now settled in Australia) have
made a new documentary which traces
Afghan roots in Australia through the
cameleers in Central Australia. The result
is *Watanda, My Countryman*.

The film is coming to Victa Cinema on
Saturday 26th November at 6.30pm as part
of the Adelaide Film Festival. A very
worthwhile event in trying to understand
our links to Afghanistan.

Here is a link to the trailer. <https://vimeo.com/729465556>

THE KINGDOM OF GOD - WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US TODAY

Kingdoms and Kings don't have much
meaning for the modern
world. So how can we
think of this week's feast
of Christ the King.



One spiritual writer talks of
it in scientific terms as *an energy field of
compassion*.*

**We see some examples of this
compassion in the Fleurieu Sun this
week where parish members and parish
friends are supporting community
gardens or palliative care forums.**

**So many of us are involved in service
groups, social groups, environmental
groups, neighbourhood groups,
interacting with others to bring about
communities that care for each other
and for our earth.**

**We have our Vinnies group, our Knights
of the Southern Cross. Our Comoro
Sale is another example of that field of
compassion - working together to care
for our sister parish. So many of us
reach out to our neighbours.**

**So many of us are caring for sick family
members. Many of us are bearing the
burden of illness as best we can,
accepting the care that others give.
Many of us grieve for loved ones.**

We don't need to preach, we just need to
take part in life with an attitude of kindness
and care.

**Jesus help me to create that field of
compassion in my life today.**

(*Field of Compassion, Judy Cannato)

MESSY CHURCH

This Sunday at St John's from
3.30 - 5.30pm. This is a Combined
Churches' effort to bring families into an
inviting and stressless introduction to
the Christian story. This service will be
concentrating on telling the families and
children about Christmas. A light meal
will be served. All welcome.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER

for November is now on sale. There is an
article about our Parish Annual Assembly
with a comment by Archbishop O'Regan.

K S C CHRISTMAS WINE RAFFLE open-
ing at Goolwa and Victor this weekend ...
\$10 a ticket. Draw at both centres will be
held a week before Christmas. Good luck!

**THIS WEEK 19th & 20th Novem-
ber**

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm
Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 B. Bullen
R.2 L. Blacket
E.M. M. Farmer

Sunday 11.00am

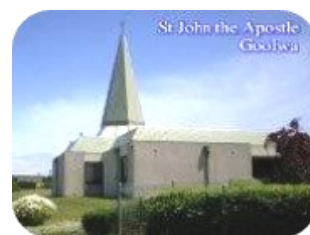
Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 L. Sunman
R. 2 T. Hounslow
E.M. P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: D. Huppatz

R. 1 M. Freeborn
R. 2 L. Longworth
E.M. R. Austin



THIS WEEK 26th & 27th November

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm
Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 C. Huppatz
R.2 C. Sutherland
E.M. S. Duong

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 A. Rose
R. 2 K. Dudley
E.M. M. Cunningham

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 G. Byrne
R. 2 K. O'Shea
E.M. S. Muller

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 18/11/22)

- 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 strongly 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.

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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• PARISH MANAGERS

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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

Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Parish Office 8552 1084)

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'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Saviour of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognises Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognise Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognise that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour of all. *Loyola Press website*

THY KINGDOM COME

Some king! Poor, dishonoured, naked, mocked, Jesus dies while villains howl with glee. What kind of king is this, defenceless and alone? The criminal next to him lays down the challenge. If you ARE a king, save yourself! Save us! And Jesus, authorised to save the whole world, reaches out to rescue one last soul, the humble fellow who admits his sin.

That's the kind of king Jesus is: one

who champions the sinner who genuinely turns to him. Jesus never shows much interest in building a kingdom of righteousness, or shepherding strong and pious souls into his reign. Jesus spends his final hour on the lookout for small sad people who make mistakes and know who they are – and who he is.

This is how Christ chooses to spend his time to the end of time, as we understand it: building a kingdom of contrite hearts. If we don't allow ourselves to be built into that kingdom, we'll certainly be joined into another.

What goes into the assemblage of a contrite heart?

Honour Christ the King by honouring the least of his people, the poor and the powerless. Lift up the lowly with your voice, your friendship, your concern.

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels – everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(21 - 27 November)

- **Monday, 21:** The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (Rev 14:1-5; Lk 21:1-4)
- **Tuesday, 22:** St Cecilia (Rev 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Rev 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19)
- **Thursday, 24:** Sts Andrew Dũng-Lac and companions (Rev 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9; Lk 21:20-28)
- **Friday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Rev 20:1-4, 11 – 21:2; Lk 21:29-33)
- **Saturday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Rev 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36)

ADVENT

New liturgical year begins:
Sunday cycle A, weekday cycle 1

- **Sunday 27:** FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44)

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.