



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

THIRD 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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those

who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.'

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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)

Vivi Sriver, John Wallace, Claire Hamish, Jeffery Family, Natalie Millar, Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee, Charlie Nicolson, Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoey, Len Peake, Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers, Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan, Mollie Davis, Cath Howard, Keith Fawcner, Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance, Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson, Jesse Walker, J. Millar, Rose Munro, Bill Woodhead, Andrew Nichols, John Slagter, Patricia Harris

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Ray

PARISH COLLECTION

January 13th & 14th

1st (Presbytery) \$1,085.50
2nd (Parish) \$1,113.80

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

19th January

W. & J. Baker, F. Hanna

VICTOR MORNING TEA

21st January

A. Temme & M. Chalmers

28th January

W. & J. Baker

VICTOR MEET & GREET

January Saturdays

M. Farmer, M. Tuckey

January Sundays

R. Reid, A. Rose

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

January A. Turner

GOOLWA MORNING TEA

January No morning tea

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.

Claire Williams 0429 008 199

HOLY FATHER'S 2024 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church



GOSPEL REFLECTION 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.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet for Lectio Divina (Scripture Reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.00. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844.

THE CENACLE

The Cenacle is held every Wednesday at 9.30am in St Joan of Arc Church. We pray 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

ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB NOTICE

A big thank you to both Churches for your support over this past year. By attending our events you have helped us to be able to donate \$1,000 to Vinnies, \$1000 to our local Zonta towards supporting local homeless and \$1000 to Catherine House in Adelaide. So please continue to be part of our Parish events, you might just enjoy yourself. Pat Clingan President
Upcoming Event: Fish & Chips night 22/3/24

KEEP THE DATE



EACH OF US IS INVITED TO GET TOGETHER WITH OTHER PARISHES AND SCHOOLS IN OUR REGION ON SATURDAY MARCH 9TH 2024

FOR A REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

held at Cardijn College

WE ARE COMING TOGETHER TO SHARE OUR UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF CHURCH

and to hear the experience of parishioners from Kangaroo Island, Noarlunga, Willunga, Morphett Vale and of teachers, parents and students in Catholic Schools in our region. We hope to learn from each other and to find ways to work together in this new era of Church. *Fran will speak at each of next weekend's Masses to give you further information and ask you if you would like to attend.*

AUSTRALIA DAY

FRIDAY 26th JAN

Bounteous God,

We give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land, the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit.

A land of hope and sometimes despair,

A land of wealth and

abundant harvests,

A land of fire, drought and flood.

We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land

and bring forgiveness, reconciliation,

and an end to all injustice;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mary Help of Christians

come to our aid.

MASS FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

WILL BE AT 9.00AM AT ST JOAN'S.

COMORO PROGRESS REPORT



Working on the Futsal (small football) court with Senyor Pedro the headman of the Beto project area with the young men helping.



Senyor Pedro with the finished product – a multipurpose court for the young people and the wider community. It has already been used for a New Year's Eve celebration.

In a note to Mark Leaney from Sister Adina, a Dominican sister who works in the Beto project area, she talks of Senyor Pedro.

"He gave all his love, energy, time and even the family is supporting him to try to finish it before the end of the year.

At times I told him to slow down, not to get stressed. He said he can't sleep well at night just to think about the responsibility that is on his shoulder. Please pray for him that he may have strength and good health always."

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND



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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B

Teach me Your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know Your ways.
Lord, teach me Your paths.
Make me walk in Your truth, and teach me:
for You are God my saviour.

Remember Your mercy, Lord,
and the love You have shown from of old.
In Your love remember me,
because of Your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path;
He teaches His way to the poor.



CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Feast Day 25th January (d. c.66)

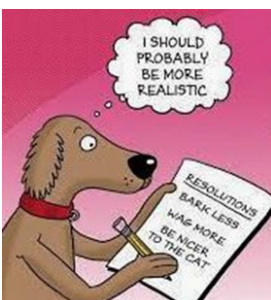
St. Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia. A Roman citizen, he was brought up a strict Jew, and became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of

Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord when a light from heaven suddenly blazed round him. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. His three missionary journeys brought him to the great centres of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was martyred in Rome around 66 A.D.,
Catholic Culture

KSC "45 CLUB"

Robert Lee has begun the first series of the year of the 45 Club and would appreciate your support again.

Please contact Robert on 8555 1999.



KSC GOOLWA REPORT.

A total of 16, including Fr. Vinh, attended the Knights' "Christmas in January" at the Elliot Hotel last Wednesday night. Along with our spouses we all enjoyed a great night with equally great food and service.

THE KNIGHTS' BBQ in January raised \$56.45. Our next two BBQ events will be on 28th January (long weekend) and then in the following month on 4th February. (Two In a row.)

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Longworth, Fr. Jim Honner

NEXT MEETING

The next Knights' meeting is on 22nd Feb at Goolwa at 4 pm.

COMPLIMENTS ALL ROUND

1. GOOLWA CHOIR

Our choir is going from strength to strength, with not only the regulars making favourable comments, but many of our visitors as well. They are certainly now an important part of our Eucharistic celebration.

2. VICTOR WELCOMING APPRECIATED

Recently Victor had two events involving people from outside the parish – a threesome of Baha'i believers and visitors participating in a Baptism. Both groups remarked on how welcome they felt.

MEMORIAL CARDS We have three memorial cards from the board for the deceased in November to be collected from the front table in the church (Goolwa)

DEAR SUPPORTERS OF REFUGEES

You don't need to watch the latest news from overseas to be aware that the current world refugee situation is drastic, but we have been able to help refugee families living here in practical ways as well as sending money overseas. There are many calls on us for help and yet we can only donate what is given to us to pass on.

Our resources are currently running low, so we would ask you to please consider sending a donation to Victor Harbor Refugee Support Group, either directly to the Bank Account BSB 633 000, Account Number: 183 885 342, or to the Treasurer, Graeme Swincer, 41 Endeavour Drive McCracken 5211.

Yours sincerely,
Marjorie Keeble (Secretary,
Victor Harbor Refugee Support Group

THIS WEEK: 20th & 21st January

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 S. Duong

R.2 J. Jeffery

EMHC M. Farmer

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 A. Williss

R. 2 R. Reid

EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 E. Bourne

R. 2 R. Lee

EMHC A. Turner



NEXT WEEK: 27th & 28th January

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 J. Ryan

EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

EMHC P. O'Brien

GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 C. May

R. 2 M. O'Halloran

EMHC M. Ryan

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA
NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **PARISH MANAGERS**

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)
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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)

DID YOU KNOW?

- John the Baptist was arrested and ultimately killed by Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, who ruled over the region of Galilee. John had been highly critical of the behaviour of Antipas in marrying Herodias who was his niece and the former wife of his brother.
- The Sea of Galilee is also known as Lake Tiberias and Lake of Gennesaret. It is the largest freshwater lake in Israel, and is approximately 53 km in circumference, 21 km long and 13 km wide.
- Simon and Andrew, James and John lived in the town of Capernaum on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Look at a map of Palestine.

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And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

**ABANDONING OUR
NETS CAN HELP US
LAND A BETTER GIG'**

Readers almost always gravitate to the same question. Why do Simon and Andrew, then James and John after them, abandon everything to follow Jesus? Mark leaves no doubt as to the immediacy of their response. Seeing Simon and Andrew casting for fish, Jesus says, 'Follow after me, and I will make you to be fishers for people.'

Ancient philosophies often built their ranks from those persons who found ordinary life unsatisfying. According to Diogenes Laertius, Socrates encountered a young man named Xenophon in a narrow passageway. Blocking the path with his stick, the philosopher asked where he might find various kinds of food. Then Socrates asked, "And where do people become good and honourable?" With Xenophon looking perplexed, Socrates called him: "Then follow me, and learn" (Lives 2.48).

And some people abandon their nets because they hear good news worthy of our lives. If things were just fine in the world, perhaps they'd stay with their nets. But sensing God's kingdom drawing near, they reshape their lives in response to God's call. They drop everything and go another way. Far too few churches ask this question, this vocational question, of their members: to what life is God calling you? And far too many of us domesticate the question, as if Simon and his colleagues were just volunteering for a single night at the

winter shelter. The realities of our world press us with questions greater than how we'll spend a given night. Meanwhile, the kingdom of God lies right at hand. And what about those nets?"
Greg Carey

SHARING THE TRADITION

The first disciples to be called by Jesus offer us a model of how we are expected to be followers of Christ. A disciple is one who takes another as teacher and model. As disciples, we must not only believe in the teachings of Jesus but allow them to influence how we live our lives. We are called to 'profess our faith, bear witness to it and spread it'

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22 - 28 January)

- **Monday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (2 Sam 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30)
- **Tuesday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (2 Sam 6:12-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35)
- **Wednesday, 24:** St Francis de Sales (2 Sam 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20)
- **Thursday, 25:** The Conversion of St Paul (Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18)
- **Friday, 26:** Australia Day (Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Mt 5:2-12)
- **Saturday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (2 Sam 12:1-7, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41)
- **Sunday 28:** FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28)



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.