



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

16<sup>th</sup> 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

*Wisdom 12:13,16-19*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly;  
Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16*

*Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

### SECOND READING

*Romans 8:26-27*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray

properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 11:25*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 13:24-43*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered.

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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,  
Bailey Smallacombe, Ann Tee,  
Charlie Nicolson, Paula Collinson,  
Jane Lloyd, Eileen McCoe, y,  
Len Peake, Ron Harris,  
Neil Cumming, Dave Rivers,  
Clancy Retallick, Ann Hannagan,  
Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar,  
Cath Howard, Keith Fawkner,  
Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance,  
Allen Odgers, Jan Henderson,  
Jesse Walker, Richard Eisenkoeck,  
Monsignor Robert Aitken  
Rose Munro,

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Patrine Harris, Hayden Harrop,  
Mary Davis, Bob Willis ,  
Fr. Kevin O'Loughlin

### PARISH COLLECTION

**15th & 16th July**  
1st (Presbytery) \$1,083.30  
2nd (Parish) \$1,090.05

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

**28th July & 4th August**

W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

### VICTOR MORNING TEA

**23rd July**

F. Hanna & L. McCallum

### 30th July

W. & J. Baker

### VICTOR MEET & GREET

**July Saturdays**

M. Farmer & C. Huppatz

### July Sundays

R. Reid & M. Cunningham

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET

**July**

J. McInnes

### Morning Tea

V. Scriva, C. Rivers, S. Lee

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

### HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

For a Eucharistic Life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



### IT'S HAPPENING NEXT TUESDAY, DON'T MISS IT!!

### PREPARING FOR SEPTEMBER SEASON OF CREATION

Parishioners are invited to contribute to the planning for this important month. Why not join with others over **lunch from 12 noon**



**next Tuesday July 25th** at Di Shearer's home in Port Elliot.

Bring a simple plate of food to share or a drink.

**Contact Di on 0448 536 835**

if you would like to attend.

Or register your interest with

**Rosemary Austin 0438 606 630** or

**Fran Hanna 0415 124 010** even if you don't intend to come to the lunch but would like to contribute ideas for the planning.

*Let's do this together.*

### TOGETHER

Welcome to a short prayer **together** on Wednesday 26th July straight after Mass at Goolwa.

**Together** we seek the

Lord's guidance toward Synodality, coming together as Church and the coming meeting of Bishops in October.



### IN THE MIDST OF WINTER

Lord: In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce

**remind us of the warmth of your love.**

In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early

**remind us that in the darkness**

**your light still shines.**

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that

we may feel the warmth of your love and **see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul.**

### FR. KEVIN O' LOUGHLIN PARISH PRIEST 1987-1993.

### PASSED AWAY JULY 12th 2023.

Fr. Kevin was the parish priest when the new St. Johns at Goolwa was constructed. He said once it was the last thing he wanted to be involved in but got through it all.



He was responsible for the design of the Cross of Christ on the back wall of the church.

**He requested that it not highlight the terrible sufferings of Christ, but depict Jesus reaching out to the world, showing his love for all people.** After Fr. Kevin left our parish he became parish priest of Lower North

Adelaide, which included the position of **chaplain at the Women's and Children's Hospital**. This was exactly what he was looking for in his ministry and his work received acclamation from many people. To make children and their families relaxed he would dress in bright clothes and **wear Disney ties with Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck on them**. He was available over 24 hours and would always come in an emergency. Peter Goers, the ABC radio commentator, who often visited the hospital, once said Fr. Kevin was one of the greatest men he had ever met. Vale Fr. Kevin.

### PARISH LAND ASSET SALE AND CEMETERY UPDATE

On the 8th May 2023 the Parish received Archdiocesan approval to sell the 4 blocks of land at 54-60 Tottenham Court Pt Elliot.

The rear boundary of the blocks will be fenced off from the Cemetery in the next couple of weeks and then the land will be advertised for public sale via a local Real Estate Agent.

Note: On the 10th June notices were placed in the Advertiser, online and at the Cemetery, advising the public of the proposed closure of the Cemetery on 31st December 2024. *Parish Finance Committee.*

### HISTORY

The land was purchased in 1864 and a Catholic Church, St John the Evangelist, was consecrated in Pt Elliot that year. A convent was also built at the same time which was used by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. While St John's Church was demolished in 1936, the cemetery remained 'active', with 67 burials recorded and a number of unmarked graves at the site noted. The last burial was more than 50 years ago in August 1972. *Southern Cross*



# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 16th Sunday in Ord. Time Yr.A

*Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice.

All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me.



## SAINTS JOACHIM and ANNE Feast Day 26th July



The couple early  
became models of  
Christian marriage.  
Her two great shrines  
— that of St. Anne  
d'Auray in Brittany,  
France, and that of

Ste. Anne de Beaupre near Quebec in  
Canada — are very popular. We know little  
else about the lives of Mary's parents, but  
considering the person of Mary, they must  
have been two very remarkable people to  
have been given such a daughter and to  
have played so important a part in the work  
of the Redemption and they may have been  
alive when their grandson was born. There  
is no record of when they died.

*Catholic Culture*

## FUNERAL OF BOB WILLIS

**Bob Willis' funeral will take place on  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> at Tarlee Catholic Church at  
1.30, then on to Navan for the burial.  
Bob was born at Tarlee and lived there  
on his family's farm until he left to join  
the Railways.**

**PRAY FOR  
THE PEOPLE OF  
UKRAINE**



## THANKS VINNIES!



Our thanks to each of our  
Vinnies' members. You are  
the face of our parish to those  
of our community who are in  
need. We are grateful for your

willingness to answer their call whenever  
it comes. May God bless each of you and  
give you joy and strength in his service.  
Vinnies are always looking for others to  
join their group even if you don't have a  
lot of time to spare. Every little helps.  
Contact people:

Kevin Phillips Goolwa 0478 609 820.  
Wendy Baker Victor 0438 525 477.

## CONFIRMATION - CHANGES

Most of us would have  
been confirmed at around  
the age of 12 or 13, well  
after our First Holy  
Communion. Some people  
may believe that this is "how it was always done"  
and wonder why the familiar pattern has recently  
changed.



### In the early church, Initiation consisted of

1. Immersion in water (**Baptism**)
2. laying on of hands and anointing with chrism by  
the bishop (**Confirmation**) and finally
3. joining the community for the first time at the  
Lord's table (**First Holy Communion**) all of which  
happened at the one ceremony.

For historical reasons, Confirmation became  
separated from First Holy Communion but has now  
been returned to its proper place.

**Remember the date for Confirmation for  
our five young people on  
Wednesday August 9th at 7pm.  
Archbishop Patrick will celebrate.**

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 23rd July

Pope Francis writes:  
"We grandparents and elderly people have a  
great responsibility: to teach the women and  
men of our time to regard others with the  
same understanding and loving gaze with  
which we regard our own grandchildren.  
We ourselves have grown in humanity by  
caring for others, and now we can be  
teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and  
attentive to those in greatest need."

## THIS WEEK 22nd & 23rd July

### VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: C. Huppatz

R.1 J. Jeffery  
R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC E. O'Connell

### Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 K. Dudley  
R. 2 F. Hanna

EMHC P. Clingan

### GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: V. Scriva

R. 1 M. Mulvihill  
R. 2 J. Ryan

EMHC R. Austin



## NEXT WEEK 29th & 30th July

### VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: J. Ryan

R.1 B. Bullen  
R.2 C. Huppatz

EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

### Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 A. Willis  
R. 2 R. Klecko

EMHC A. Rose

### GOOLWA 9.00am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R. 1 R. Lee  
R. 2 Michael Riddle

EMHC A. Turner

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

**CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE**

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**PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **PARISH MANAGERS**

Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)  
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
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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*)

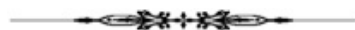
• **PARISH TREASURER**

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 20/07/23*)

- 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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And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

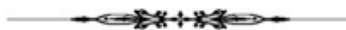
He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables  
and expound things hidden since the  
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'



**MIGHT AND MERCY**  
(*Matthew 13: 24 - 43*)

Just as power is used for good or harm, not all seeds are created equal. Jesus tells a story of good seed and bad, and how they grow up together in the

harvest of the world. We experience this reality in the contents of our own hearts. We have wonderful, generous impulses; and also cruel, petty thoughts. We may be heroic in our love one day, and selfish the next. We forgive and withhold forgiveness. Our fields are waist-high in grain and thistles.

No wonder that good and bad grow up together in families; parishes are a mixture of charity and snobbery; politics is full of high-minded ideals and crude scandal. If we were surprised when nice people do things that are not nice, we have to look no further than this parable for the reason. Reasons are not excuses, of course. Jesus says even a tiny seed of good can create immense goodness. A bit of yeast makes the whole dough rise. The existence of evil is no reason to view it as inevitable. If I find within myself both good and evil, I have a responsibility to grow the grain and invite the Spirit to uproot the thistle in me.

**KIDS' CORNER**

Have you ever seen a seed when it first sprouts? So tiny and tender! But sometimes a weed pops up nearby. If you try to pull it, you might hurt that little seedling too. Sometimes it's best to leave the weed alone until the seedling is stronger. In the parable, Jesus is telling us that sin can be all around us. It's not going to go away. We are all tempted – even Jesus was tempted. But if we put our trust in Jesus and nothing else, we don't have to worry about what happens around us. We will grow strong in Jesus' love.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**  
(*24 - 30 July*)

- **Monday, 24:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 16 (Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 25:** St James (2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28) Time
- **Wednesday, 26:** Sts Joachim and Anne (Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9) Time
- **Thursday, 27:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 16 (Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20; Mt 13:10-17)
- **Friday, 28:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 16 (Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23)
- **Saturday, 29:** Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (1Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27)
- **Sunday 30:** 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (1Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52)

**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.