



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

21st 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

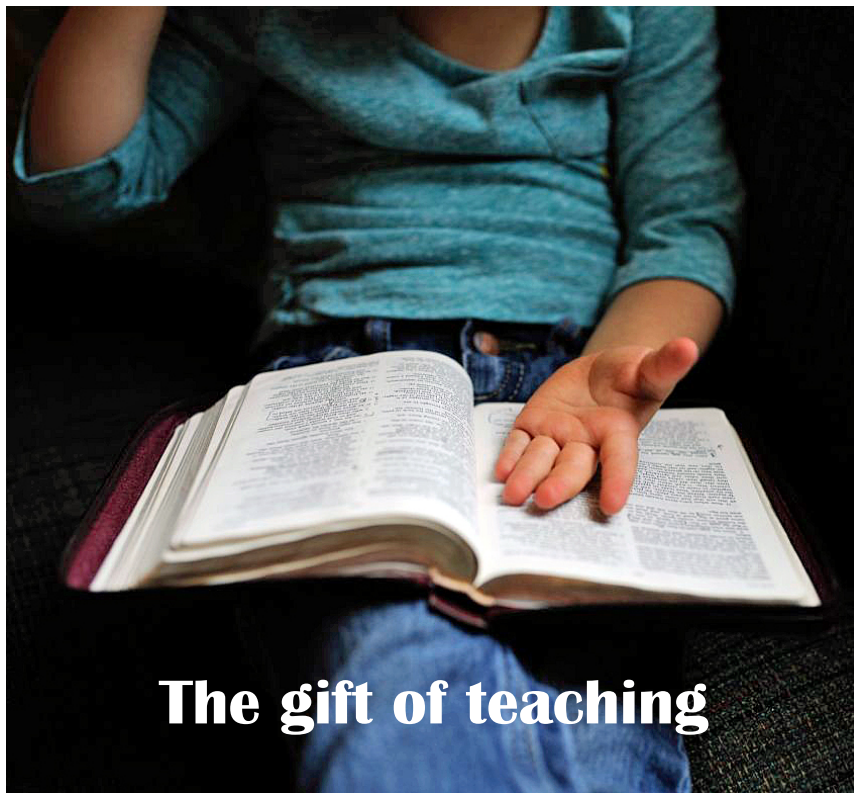
Weekend - Saturday 6.00pm;
Sunday 11.00am.
Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 9.00am

• GOOLWA

Weekend - Sunday 9.00am.
Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

St Joan's, Victor Harbor - Saturday
11am - 11.30am, or by appointment.



The gift of teaching

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the people through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3, 16-23

*Taste and see the goodness
of the Lord.*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will*

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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 McCoey, 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, Meg Klecko, Stephen Vernon.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid, Margaret Peake, Mary Siciliano, Nora Worrall

PARISH COLLECTION 17th & 18th August

1st (Presbytery) \$792.00
2nd (Parish) \$1,149.40

VICTOR MORNING TEA

1st September

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

8th September

A. Temme & M. Chalmers

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.



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

John and Chris Slagter are very grateful for all the prayers, love and support from Fr Vinh and parishioners during John's cancer treatment and hospitalisation. May God bless you always.

THE CENACLE

You are invited to join us in The Cenacle held every Wednesday at 9.30am in St Joan of Arc Church. We start by praying 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. Contact Gemma Woodhead 0492 849 414

HOUSE NEEDED TO 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.

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.



SAVE THE DATE

Melbourne Cup Tuesday 5th November in the St Joan's Annex
Christmas Dinner on Friday 29th November in St Joan's Annex

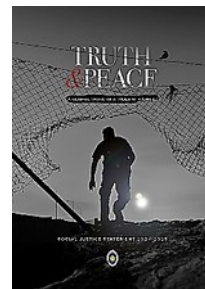
Further details to follow

LAST CHANCE FOR

KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS WINE RAFFLE FOR FATHER'S DAY
15 bottles of Premium Reds plus 3 bonus Chapel Hill Chardonnay.
Tickets are \$10 each with book of 35 available at each Mass Centre.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 27th August TRUTH AND PEACE:

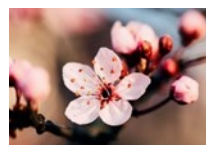
A GOSPEL WORD IN A VIOLENT WORLD
In the 2024 – 2025 Social Justice Statement, Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. They also ask what is needed if there is to be peace.



"Peace is possible if we put our trust in Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and the Prince of Peace. It is from him that we learn about how peace is made. From him, we learn a commitment to the culture of encounter, the value of dialogue at all levels and the importance of seeing everyone as our sister, our brother."

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/resources/social-justice-statements/>

IT HAS ARRIVED AT LAST THE LAST SUNDAY OF WINTER!!



SPRING BECKONS AND WE ARE ABOUT TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION

- ♦ SO TO OUR POETS – SEND IN YOUR OFFERINGS – IF POSSIBLE KEPT TO 30 LINES.
- ♦ WE WILL HAVE OUR PRODUCE TABLE WITH FLOWERS, PLANTS, FRUIT AND VEGGIES SO BRING ALONG YOUR OFFERINGS TO SHARE
- ♦ OUR LITURGY WILL REFLECT THEMES OF THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION
- ♦ THE THEME FOR OUR NOTICE BOARD IS ANYTHING IN NATURE YOU LOVE- BRING ALONG A PHOTO OR AN ILLUSTRATION!

SO LET GO OF THOSE WINTER BLUES
AND PREPARE TO WELCOME
NEW LIFE!!

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF
UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND



Bulletin Board



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 21st SUNDAY in ORD. TIME, YR.B-2

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
His praise always on my lips;
in the 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.



SAINT MONICA

**Feast Day 27th August
(333 – 387)**



St. Monica was born in Tagaste, northern Africa and died in Ostia, near Rome. Monica was a Christian, but her husband Patricius was a pagan and a man of loose

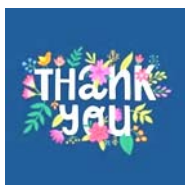
morals. When her son, Augustine, went astray in faith and morals, Monica's tears and prayers for him were incessant. She followed him to Milan, where Augustine went to teach, and there her prayers for her son brought about his conversion. She had the joy of witnessing St. Ambrose baptize Augustine in 387. She died in Ostia, her son beside her as they gazed at the sea.

Catholic Culture

SPECIAL THANKS

to Vivi, Chrissy and Chrisso for an amazing job so well done, removing all the stickers on the pews at St John's.

Their expertise and talent knows no bounds! And now, our pews look shiny and beautiful! Well done.



REPORT INTERCHURCH CONNECT MEETING HELD AT UNITING CHURCH 15th AUGUST.

MESSY CHURCH To be held this afternoon in St John's from 3.30 pm.

The group is now having many grandparents bringing their grandkids to these services so they may have an understanding of the Christian story.

The group feel the need for more to find out about their Services and may go on social media to promote them. The theme this afternoon will be the story of Naaman.

GOOLWA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Good news as it looks likely to run again this year. The plan is to start in our car park at our church and slowly move down to the oval. Updates later.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

The Pt. Elliot church in the main street has closed. Uniting Church at Goolwa is still without a minister and other churches are still waiting for permanent appointments.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at schools to assist students to be served breakfast from 8.15 am till 9.00 am

KSC BBQ . As our volunteers now have changed plans for Father's Day the next BBQ will be held on 8th September.

KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Knights are seeking more men in the parish to join our group.

Just to put a few stories to rest that we are not an elite group in any way.

Our members come from many different backgrounds, and we would be welcoming to any men in the parish who may wish to join us.

Our meetings on a monthly basis include a faith formation talk and planning for fundraising to support the many worthy causes we donate to.

Our fundraising with the great support of our parishioners, over the past few years has amounted to \$5000 each year to charitable organisations.

Our Fellowship Our meetings always finish with fellowship over a few drinks, and our meetings last about an hour.

Now they are all at Goolwa as we only have one member at Victor but if some men from Victor join, meetings would revert to alternate monthly venues at each Mass centre.

Enquiries to Paul on 0402 852 825 or to Des Wallace at Victor on 0414 486 140.



THIS WEEK: 24th & 25th August

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

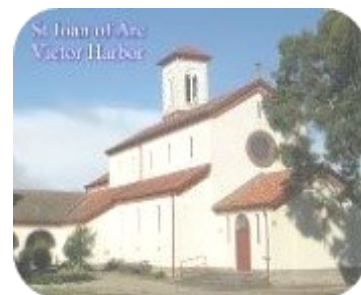
Commentator: L. Blacket
R.1 J. Jeffery
R.2 B. Bullen
EMHC E. O'Shaughnessy

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna
R. 1 S. Duong
R. 2 A. Williss
EMHC K. Dudley

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn
R. 1 C. May
R. 2 L. Healey
EMHC R. Austin



NEXT WEEK: 31st August & 1st September

VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy
R.1 C. Huppatz
R.2 M. Mulvihill
EMHC J. Jeffery

Sunday 11am

Commentator: T. Hounslow
R. 1 P. Clingan
R. 2 P. O'Brien
EMHC M. Taylor

GOOLWA 9am

Commentator: V. Scriva
R. 1 P. Kennelly
R. 2 M. O'Halloran
EMHC A. Turner

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RAMINDJERI land

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Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• PARISH MANAGERS

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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?

- This is another example in the gospels of Peter taking a leadership role among the twelve.
- Peter's role of leadership among the chosen is why, to this day, his successor, the Pope, has a special position among the leaders of the Church.
- In John's Gospel, the author often uses the device of 'dualism' to contrast life in the spirit with the life of this earthly existence.
- There is no institution of the Eucharist at the last supper in John's Gospel. That occurs in this passage. At the supper, Jesus washes the feet of his disciples.

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become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:63, 38

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

TOUGH CALL

In the first frame of a comic strip by Tom Toles, a man slouched in an armchair watches TV and hears, "Worldwatch Institute says we need to stop consuming the planet immediately or we lose it. It's as simple as that." In the next two frames there is silence until, at last, the fellow - dare we call him "Everyman"? - responds: "Decisions, decisions," and we laugh at his self-delusion.

When Joshua asks, bare-faced, "Who are you going to serve?" the people answer as if it's obvious: "Far be it

from us to serve any other God!" In the gospel, Jesus asks the wrenching question: "Do you also want to leave?" and we can shake our heads at those who do walk away because Jesus' demands are so hard.

If only we humans were not so complicated. In daily life, most choices do not present themselves as "Am I going to serve the one God or not?" or "Am I going to stick with Jesus or walk away from him?" We just read them as ordinary choices, unrelated to our spiritual life. So in case we've missed the point that we often frame life's questions a self-referential way, there is a footnote in the cartoon's last frame where the question is restated in painful honesty: "How much longer am I going to need (the planet)?"

To be part of this believing community of faith implies that your answers are, "Far be it from me to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." You are answering Jesus in your heart: "Lord, to whom shall I go but you?" The problem is that when you cross the church's threshold, life instantly becomes so much more complicated and it's easy to complain, "Decisions, decisions."

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(August 26 - September 01)

- **Monday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (2 Thess 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22)
- **Tuesday, 27:** St Monica (2 Thess 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22)
- **Wednesday, 28** St Augustine (2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32)
- **Thursday 29:** The Passion of St John the Baptist (Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29)
- **Friday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13)
- **Saturday, 31:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30)
- **Sunday 01:** 22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

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.