



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FOURTH 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

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 94:1-2, 6-9*

*If today you hear his voice  
harden not your hearts.*

### SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 7:32-35*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 4:16*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A people in darkness have seen a  
great light: a radiant dawn shines  
on those lost in death.*

*Alleluia!*

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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 Scriva, 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, 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

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Keith Fawkner

## PARISH COLLECTION

January 20th & 21st

1st (Presbytery) \$1268.60

2nd (Parish) \$1391.40

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

26th January & 2nd February

C. Pearsons & M. Farmer

## VICTOR MORNING TEA

28th January

W. & J. Baker

4th February

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

## VICTOR MEET & GREET

February Saturdays

M. Farmer, E. O'Connell

February Sundays

R. Reid, M. Cunningham

## GOOLWA MEET & GREET

February C. Rivers

## FEBRUARY MORNING TEA

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 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



## WORK, HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDER

As the WH&S coordinator it is my responsibility to monitor safety in our parish. As a parishioner if you discover any equipment that is malfunctioning or any safety issues of concern could I request that you contact me and I can perform a Risk Assessment. Once the Risk Assessment is completed an informed decision can be made on appropriate corrective action. Thank you for your assistance in this important issue of keeping us all safe.

Cathy May (WH&S Coordinator) 0401 584 237 [catherinemay@ozemail.com.au](mailto:catherinemay@ozemail.com.au)

## DEATH OF KEITH FAWKNER

Keith Fawkner passed away this week after a long illness. Our deepest sympathy goes to Anne and the family. Keith's funeral was held this Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 1.00 pm at Goolwa.

## WANT SOME HELP TO PRAY

Remember *Click To Pray*

the Pope's prayer app which helps us pray for the challenges facing humanity and the mission



of the Church? *Click To Pray* offers you three brief moments of prayer each day which invite you to meet with Jesus and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Each prayer is an invitation to unite your heart with the heart of Jesus and make yourself available for a mission of compassion towards the world.

There are other apps to help you with prayer. Search for *Free Prayer Apps*.

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



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

### PALESTINE

I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love

This year St Joan's will be hosting World Day of Prayer with the combined churches of Victor Harbor, on Friday 1st March at 2.00pm. Please keep this date free and join us and 170 countries around the world in praying as one.



## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

### 50th BIRTHDAY IN AUSTRALIA



It is a faith-based program that aims to help husbands and wives strengthen their relationships and is next month celebrating its 50th anniversary in Australia.

Source: *The Catholic Weekly*.

The first Australian weekend was held in Sydney in February 1974.

The weekends quickly drew couples and priests in large numbers with Marriage Encounter weekends being held every other week.

Married couples experiencing this weekend of renewal, away from family, home activities and parish commitments, refreshed their initial love for each other and the Church and gained deeper joy and commitment in their relationships.

## VIVI SCRIVA

After extensive tests Vivi has been pronounced free of cancer and will hopefully be with us for a long time yet.

## CONGRATULATIONS BETTE HIGGINS 95 ON TUESDAY 30th JANUARY



## 45 CLUB

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

Please ring Robert on 8555 1999 or 0409 945 019.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B

*If today you hear His voice  
harden not your hearts.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before Him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us kneel and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for He is our God and we  
the people who belong to His pasture,  
the flock that is led by His hand.

O that today you would listen to His voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put Me to the test;  
when they tried Me, though they saw My  
work.'



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Feast Day 2nd February



Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of

Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is often included in today's liturgy.

The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas."

The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter. *Catholic Culture*

## KEEPING FAITH



In the midst of war and suffering, the Catholic faithful of Holy Family Parish in northern Gaza continue to walk in the light of faith, with eight children receiving their First Holy Communion on 7th January. Many parishioners reportedly chose to seek refuge in the parish compound rather than assume the risks of fleeing south.

*CathNews*

**EARTHCARE MATTERS**  
*Laudate Deum (Praise God)*  
is Pope Francis' new apostolic letter in which he emphasizes the severity and depth of our climate



crisis, and the need for immediate and bold action to care for our common home. He writes that *"with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point."*

*"Although the measures that we can take now are costly, the cost will be all the more burdensome the longer we wait."*

<https://www.pillaratholic.com/p/laudate-deum-a-brief-guide-for-busy>

## PRAYER FOR OUR SICK



God of all goodness,  
Look with mercy on all  
who suffer any kind of  
infirmity, sickness  
or injury,  
that they may be

comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage.

When they feel alone,  
send them someone to listen and to care.

When they are confused,  
provide reassurance and direction.

When they are in pain,  
ease their suffering.

When they despair, give them hope.

May they experience your healing presence in the comfort of a caregiver's calm gaze and tender touch.

We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

**THIS 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



**NEXT WEEK: 3rd & 4th February**

**VICTOR HARBOR Saturday 6pm**

**Commentator:** L. Blacket

**R.1** M. Mulvihill

**R.2** C. Sutherland

**EMHC** E. O'Connell

**Sunday 11am**

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R. 1** A. Weygood

**R. 2** W. Baker

**EMHC** J. Baker

**GOOLWA 9.00am**

**Commentator:** D. Huppertz

**R. 1** P. Kennelly

**R. 2** Michael Riddle

**EMHC** S. Muller

**VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA**  
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](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com) (*All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening*)

• **PARISH TREASURER**

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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)



**POPE FRANCIS ANNOUNCES  
YEAR OF PRAYER**

Pope Francis announced the start of a Year of Prayer last Sunday in preparation for the Catholic Church's 2025 Jubilee Year.

In his Angelus address, the Pope said that a Year of Prayer starting on January 21 will be "*a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world.*" *CathNews*

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**GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:21-28**

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- In the ancient world many forms of mental illness were attributed to being possessed by 'evil spirits'.
- In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is often presented in confrontational situations with evil spirits, with the Jewish authorities and even with his own disciples when they fail to understand who he is and what his mission entails.

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

This is the first of the miracles of Jesus recounted in Mark's Gospel and it is a significant introduction to the person of Jesus and the power he possesses. Only a few verses earlier, at his baptism, Jesus had been revealed as the beloved Son of God. In this short text, Mark contrasts Jesus and the authority of his teaching with that of the scribes. Jesus teaches in such a way that he makes a deep impression on his hearers. Clearly, this is because his

authority and his wisdom come from God. Whilst his human audience may still be unclear as to the true identity of Jesus, this is not the case with his 'other-worldly' audience: the unclean spirits know exactly who Jesus is—the Holy One of God—and they recognise his authority and obey his command. They know that the power of the Almighty is greater than the power of the evil one.

**SHARING THE TRADITION**

In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the catechetical process is often begun or concluded with a 'Prayer of Exorcism'. Our understanding of what is meant by this term may be clouded by 'Hollywood' representations of casting out demonic possessors. The Rite itself suggests that the prayers of exorcism 'draw the attention of the catechumens to the real nature of Christian life, the struggle between flesh and spirit, the importance of self-denial for reaching the blessedness of God's Kingdom, and the unending need for God's help' (#90). The question of how a good and gracious God can allow the existence of evil in the world is one which has been debated for centuries.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(29 January - 4 February)

- **Monday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (2 Sam 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20)
- **Tuesday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43)
- **Wednesday, 31:** St John Bosco (2 Sam 24:1, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6)
- **Thursday, 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (1 Kg 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13)
- **Friday, 2:** The Presentation of the Lord (Malachi 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40)
- **Saturday, 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (1 Kg 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34)
- **Sunday 4:** FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39)

**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.