



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

FOURTH 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
- Protect and 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

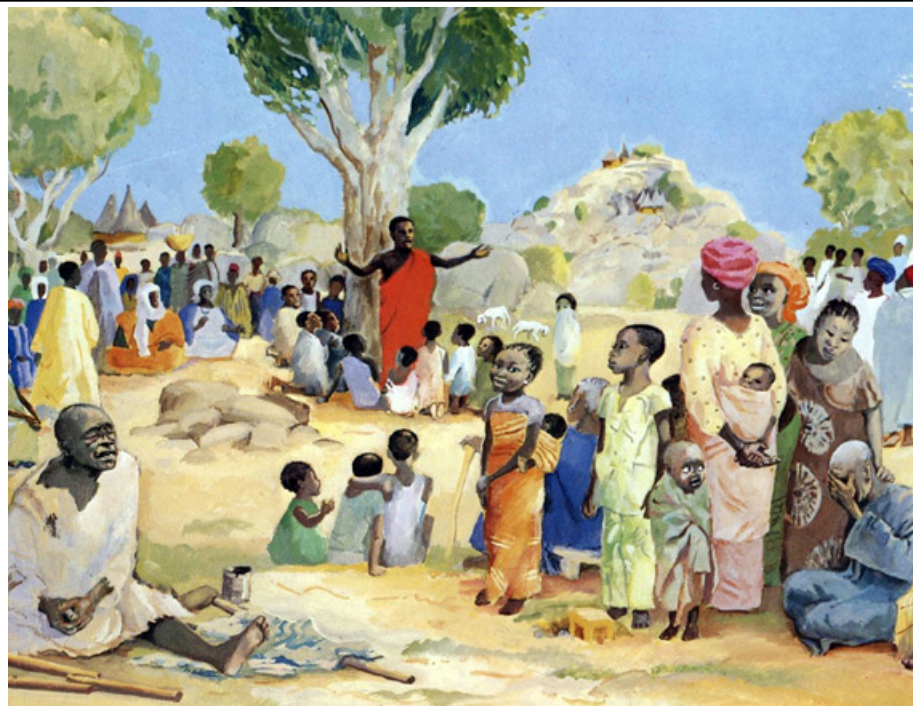
• GOOLWA

Weekend - Sunday 9.00am.

Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

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



FIRST READING

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 145: 7-10

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it

was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he

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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, Jane Lloyd,
Eileen McCoey, Len Peake,
Ron & Patrine Harris, Vin Slattery,
Neil Cumming, Clancy Retallick,
Ann & Kevin Hannagan,
Mollie Davis, Jutta Millar,
Cath Howard, Keith Fawcner,
Trudi McNamara, Elizabeth Nance,
Allen Odgers,

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Ray, Bill Longworth

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rita Britza (née Wallace)

PARISH COLLECTION

21st & 22nd January 2023

1st (Presbytery) \$ 1144.80
2nd Parish \$ 1487.60

VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

27th January & 3rd February

W. & J. Baker & F. Hanna

10th & 17th February

M. Farmer & C. Pearsons

VICTOR MORNING TEA

29th January & 5th February

L. Sunman & P. Chigwidden

VICTOR MEET & GREET

January Saturday

M. Farmer & M. Tuckey

January Sunday

R. Reid & A. Rose

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

January

A. Turner

MORNING TEA

Starts February

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday

Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199



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THE HOLY FATHER'S 2023 PRAYER INTENTIONS



JANUARY: For Educators:

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching community rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable of all.

MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

When Mike McBride was asked why the name change for the Victor Maintenance Group he explained it was meant to add a bit more interest to the title. A nearby parishioner with tongue in cheek felt it was meant to demonstrate the upgrade in skill now needed to belong to the group!



Whatever the explanation our Maintenance Engineers with their faithful work around St Joan's could be said to demonstrate the first paragraph of the Engineers' Code of Ethics:

As engineering practitioners, we use our knowledge and skills for the benefit of the community to create engineering solutions for a sustainable future.

Our thanks to you all.

FESTIVAL OF HYMNS



On Sunday
February 19th at 1pm,
James Lloyd,
Cathedral Organist at
St Francis Xavier's

Cathedral will give a free concert featuring well-loved hymns played on the magnificent Cathedral Casavant Frères pipe organ to which you are warmly invited to both attend and join in singing. James is the regular organist at the Cathedral's 11am Sunday Solemn Mass. The concert is part of the 2023 Fringe Organ Recitals program at the Cathedral.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



WALK FOR LIFE 2023

Declaration for the unborn

We decree that all children from conception forward are human beings and from this day that the unborn child now and forever be set free and shall be welcomed in life and protected by our laws. We pray that all mothers be given the support they need to care for their unborn child.



Details for the Walk for Life

When: 11th of February 2023

Location: Pennington Gardens

Event starts: 10:00 am

Gates open: 9:00 am

Parking: Parking is available in the Uni Lane Carpark on Pennington Terrace, parking is \$5.00.

Tickets: are available for free, please agree to the guidelines for the Walk for Life. See website for more details

<https://www.loveadelaide.org.au/>

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

Feb 1st - 7th



is based on the pioneering work of [The Common Word initiative](#). This initiative, which started in 2007, called for Muslim

and Christian leaders to engage in a dialogue based on two common fundamental religious Commandments; **Love of God, and Love of Neighbour**, without compromising any of their own religious beliefs.

The two commandments are at the heart of the three Monotheistic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam). The Baha'i faith also believes in one God as do others.

As well the World Interfaith Harmony Week extends the two Commandments by adding 'Love of **the Good**, and Love of the Neighbour'. This formula includes all people of goodwill. It includes those of other faiths, and those with no faith.

"I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. John 17:21

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Word-of-God-Sunday>

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is He who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

MESSAGE OF HOPE

from Archbishop O'Regan



In times such as ours
where families
struggle with the cost
of living, some

homeless and suffering hunger; where
climate change threatens the gift of
God's creation.

We look across the globe with concern
at battles that rage in Ukraine.

"At such times it can feel as if we are
alone, that nobody stands behind us.
Yet into that fear, into that darkness
comes the Promised One, the light who
is Christ, the light which becomes the
light that lights our way toward justice
and peace."

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs
is the kingdom of heaven."*

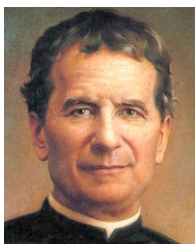
MATTHEW 5:3

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be
confusing. Think of it in this sense –
poor in spirit means depending on
God's providence and not depending on
our own self-reliance. Being detached
from earthly things (power, money, and
comfort) and being attached to
heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and
mercy). Denying ourselves from
satisfying our desires and helping
others obtain their basic needs.

SAINT JOHN BOSCO

Feast Day 31st January

(1815 – 1888)



Encouraged during his
youth in Turin to become
a priest, John was
ordained in 1841. His
service to young people
began when he met a
poor orphan in Turin,
and instructed him in preparation for
receiving Holy Communion. He then
gathered young apprentices and taught
them catechism.

After serving as chaplain in a hospice for
working girls, Don Bosco opened the
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales for boys.
Several wealthy and powerful patrons
enabled him to provide two workshops for
the boys, shoemaking and tailoring.

By 1856, the institution had grown to 150
boys and had added a printing press for
publication of religious pamphlets. He
combined catechetical training and fatherly
guidance, seeking to unite the spiritual life
with one's work, study and play. John is
patron of young apprentices and Catholic
publishers.

By 1850 he had trained his own helpers
and in 1854, he and his followers informally
banded together. With Pope Pius IX's
encouragement, John gathered 17 men
and founded the Salesians in 1859. Their
activity concentrated on education and
mission work. Later, he organized a group
of Salesian Sisters to assist girls.

Franciscan Media

**Our Comoro Parish is run by the
Salesian Fathers, Brothers and Sisters.**

GOOD NEWS IN THE KITCHEN!

A wonderful new island and
cupboard space has been
installed in the kitchen at
St John's. It is a great



working bench and storage space!

Anne Turner and Jan Henderson have
worked hard sorting the storage cupboards
and making ready for -

Morning teas after Mass.

These will recommence in February.

**Please come and enjoy a
cuppa and a chat.**

THIS WEEK 28th & 29th Jan

VICTOR HARBOR

Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 J. Ryan

E.M. M. Farmer

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: T. Hounslow

R. 1 A. Rose

R. 2 L. Sunman

E.M. P. Clingan

GOOLWA

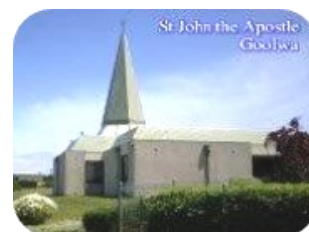
Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: J. Ryan

R. 1 R. Lee

R. 2 E. Bourne

E.M. M. Glazewski



NEXT WEEK 4th & 5th February

VICTOR HARBOR

Saturday 6.00pm

Commentator : L. Blacket

R.1 S. Duong

R.2 C. Sutherland

E.M. E. O'Connell

Sunday 11.00am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 A. Weygood

R. 2 W. Baker

E.M. J. Baker

GOOLWA

Sunday 9.00am

Commentator: P. Kennelly

R. 1 L. Healey

R. 2 J. Henderson

E.M. A. Turner

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 27/01/23)

- 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 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 TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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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)
Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• CHILD PROTECTION

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Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)
Victor Harbor (Parish Office 8552 1084)

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began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

CLASSICS ANEW

Certain pieces of music have had an incredible impact on my life. The first time I heard Pachelbel’s “Canon in D Major,” I was brought to tears. I felt the same way when I heard Ralph Vaughn Williams’s “Adagio for Strings” and the Righteous Brothers’ “Unchained Melody”. These three pieces remain favourites of mine and still have a huge impact on me. But nothing can replace the very first time I heard them.

Our gospel this weekend is one of the most important passages in all of scripture. The Beatitudes are the sum total of the meaning of salvation that Jesus came to share with us. They were destined to become the guideposts of who we are, even more than what we do, as Christians. They are radical in their outlook, challenging those who hear them to look at the world and all they value in new and different ways.

Imagine the very first time the Beatitudes were heard by the crowd

and the disciples sitting on the side of the hill. Most probably fled, some in disgust, others laughing at Jesus’ naïveté, and some in fear of the power of his message. The disciples must have felt something stir within them that would be dormant until the Spirit anointed them on the first Pentecost.

We’ve heard these words at weddings, at funerals, at Sunday Mass, and at prayer services. So perhaps they have lost some of their impact. Can we try to hear them as though we’ve never heard them before? Maybe not. But let’s listen more closely the next time the words “Blessed are ...” are proclaimed to our ears and hearts.

The Commissioning:

Go from here to be God’s blessing.
We will nurture our spiritual life.
We will comfort those who suffer loss. We will affirm the humble.
We will search diligently for the truth-tellers. We will find the compassionate way and live it. We will be light in the dark places. We will follow the peaceful way. We will be ready to pay the price for faithful living.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(30 January - 5 February)

- **Monday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20)
- **Tuesday 31:** St John Bosco (Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43)
- **Wednesday 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6)
- **Thursday 2:** The Presentation of the Lord (Malachi 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40)
- **Friday 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29)
- **Saturday 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34)
- **Sunday 5:** FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16)

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.