



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

18TH 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

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-9, 15-18

The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (R)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick. (Continued page 4)

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

(These names will be removed after one month. To keep names on this list please contact Parish Office)

Geoff & Rose Munro,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Christine Fitzpatrick, Mary Ferguson,
Pat Mezzino, Pat Chigwidden,
Stephen Chalmers, Lourdes Carle,
Sandy Lee, Tony Mawdsley,
Janet Murray, Claire Galpin,
Rosene Edwards, Vicki Cross,
Gemma Woodhead, Mary Jacobson,
Tanya Francis, Garry Hill, Les Hill,
Geoff Chalmers, Eric Temme,
Kevin and Cath Howard,
Richard Gubbins

PARISH COLLECTION

July 25th & 26th

1st (Presbytery) \$ 924.40
2nd (Parish) \$ 1102.35

VICTOR MORNING TEA

2nd August

L. Sunman & J. Davidge

9th August

E. Dabinett & K. Pedrosa

VICTOR MEET & GREET

August Saturdays

E. O'Connell

August Sundays

R. Reid & C. Allen

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

August

A. Turner

MORNING TEA

August

T. Curtis & E. Bourne

ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice 3.00pm Wednesday.
Claire Williams 0429 008 199

**PRAY FOR THE
PEOPLE OF UKRAINE
and
THE MIDDLE EAST**



Bulletin Board



HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE:

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

THE FUNERAL OF VALERIE LONDRIGAN will be held at Goolwa on Wednesday 5th August at 1 pm There will be no 9.30am Mass at Goolwa.

MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



If you or someone you know is celebrating a milestone (5th, 10th, 15th50th, 55th...70th etc) marriage this year we invite you to let us know your details so they can be

acknowledged by a special anniversary certificate signed by the Archbishop and celebrated at the Anniversaries Mass on the weekend of 20th and 21st of September. *Please let Fran Hanna 0415 124 010 know by 1st of September if you are interested.*

NATIONAL CENSUS – TUESDAY 11th AUGUST 2026

Every five years, the Australian Bureau of Statistics counts every person and household in Australia. The next Census is on Tuesday 11th August 2026.

The census form asks questions about your age, country of birth, cultural background, living situation, work and education.

The census data is used by the government and others to inform decisions about transport, schools, health care, infrastructure and business.

It also helps plan local services for individuals, families and communities.

From an Archdiocesan perspective it is important that you identify yourself as Catholic in the census. This information contributes to the parish social profiles and assists with pastoral planning for the future. Your assistance is appreciated.

Archbishop O'Regan

CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY RETREAT DAY

Saturday August 8, 2026, Bethany Hall, Uniting Church

Cnr St Jude St & St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Fr Tom Gleeson will guide the reflection.

10.30am Arrive/Greeting/Morning Tea

10.45am Start the Retreat 3.30pm Finish the Day

Please bring a small plate of food to share for lunch.

Tea and coffee supplied. We may be able to carpool on the day.

Speak to Fran Hanna if you would like a ride.

A donation for the hire of the hall is welcome. Many thanks.

Don't forget to RSVP Robyn Schrama: 0414 365 234

HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS FORUM

Wednesday 5th August

6pm for 6.30 start

Port Elliot Bowling Club

Hear from a speaker from the Homelessness Working Group

Book for yourself on

www.trybooking.com/DNMFx

or speak to Anne Fawcner on 0435 085 040

FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP – SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST



Mary MacKillop was an educator, a pioneer and a leader, someone who had compassion for others regardless of their situation or race. Mary's motto was '**never see a need without doing something about it**'. This led her to minister in many different ways to those who were poor and pushed to the margins especially through education.

Let us pray to her for the strength and compassion to reach out to those on the margins in our own day.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 3rd - 10th August

Over the next two weekends throughout the Church in Australia we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. **This weekend we acknowledge the unique call and vocation that each of us has through our Baptism.**

We celebrate, affirm and pray for those called to the committed Single Life, Married life and Family Life, as well as all Lay Ministries within the Church.

THIRD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND for Students for the Priesthood.

There is a third collection next weekend to support those studying for the Priesthood and Diaconate in our Archdiocese.

GOOLWA GARDEN DAY this coming Tuesday 4th Aug 9.30 - 11.30.

KNIGHTS BBQ after 9am Mass this Sunday

1 sausage for \$3 and 2 for \$5

All proceeds going to the needy in our area.

KSC FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE OPENS THIS WEEKEND 1/2 AUGUST

1st Prize \$100 meal voucher.

For Victor ...Crown Hotel For Goolwa ... Thai Days

2nd Prize for both Churches - 3 bottles of wine

3rd Prize for both Churches - 2 bottles of wine

Tickets \$5.00 ea or 3 for \$10

45 Club winner Fran Hanna No 28

ST JOAN'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP

meets next Saturday 8th August in the Annex at 4.30pm.

GROW A PLANT FOR THE EARTH AND FOR COMORO

The Comoro Working Group and Parish Earthcare Group

are jointly planning to have a Produce Stall at some time in

September, the month when we celebrate

Season of Creation, to raise money for Comoro.

We hope to be able to sell various items especially

pot plants, both flower and vegie plants.

(We have decided not to have succulents this time.)

as well as homemade jam, chutney, cakes, scones etc.

We are asking parishioners to donate pot plants that they have cultivated themselves in the time leading up to the sale. These can be plants you have grown from cuttings of plants or those cultivated by you from seeds.

This weekend Mark at Victor and Vivi at Goolwa will demonstrate how to grow plants from seed. You can take home egg cartons and the soil you need to undertake this project after our Masses today or from the porch later in the week.

THIS WEEK: August 1st & 2nd

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: T. White

R.1 L. Blacket

R.2 C. Huppatz

EMHC - E. O'Shaughnessy:
- Chalice 1: E. O'Connell
- Chalice 2: Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 A. Weygood

R. 2 V. Coffey

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 L. Sunman
- Chalice 2: E. Dabinett

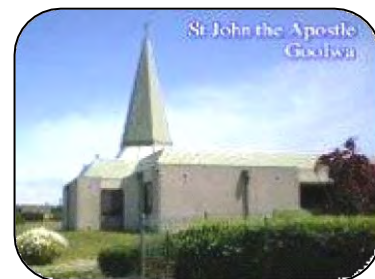
Goolwa 9am

Commentator: Marie Riddle

R.1 A. Cowley

R.2 Michael Riddle

EMHC - Host: Fr. Vinh
- Chalice 1: S. Muller
- Chalice 2: T. Riding.



NEXT WEEK: August 8th & 9th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 C. Huppatz

R.2 C. Allen

EMHC - Host J. Jeffery:
- Chalice 1: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 2: A. Fawkner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko

R. 1 W. Baker

R. 2 P. O'Brien

EMHC - Host: K. Dudley
- Chalice 1 Fr. Vinh
- Chalice 2: F. Hanna

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: Paul Kennelly

R.1 E. Bourne

R.2 V. Scriva

EMHC - Host: Fr. Vinh
- Chalice 1: M. Freeborn
- Chalice 2: S. Muller.

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **PARISH MANAGER**

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)

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• **PARISH ENCOUNTER**

Please forward items for the news-letter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084,

catholicvhg@bigpond.com

(All items for the newsletter by Wed)

• **PARISH TREASURER**

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)

Email: parish_treasure@bigpond.com

• **INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING**

We are a safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

• Andy Nicholls

(VH/G contact - 0475 893 521 or
andrewnicholls6@gmail.com)

• Integrity and Safeguarding Dept
(8210 8150 - select Option 2)

• CSHW SA (Work, Health and
Safety) please contact Jim Dabinett
(0460 033 529)

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When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.'

But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

THE GIFT THAT WAS ENOUGH

There is a story told about a small coastal town that decided to rebuild an old community garden that had been neglected for many years. The garden had once been a place where people gathered, shared food and connected with one another, but over time the weeds had taken over and fewer people noticed it. A local group decided it was time to bring it back to life and invited the whole community to help.

On the first day, people arrived carrying different things. Some brought gardening tools, some brought plants, some brought knowledge and experience, and others simply brought their willingness to help. Among them was an older woman who arrived quietly carrying a small packet of seeds. She apologised that she did not have much to offer and said, "I know this isn't much compared to what others have brought." But she carefully planted the seeds and continued to visit the garden each week, watering them and caring for them.

Months later, the garden began to flourish. The vegetables grown there were shared with people who needed support, children learned about caring for creation, neighbours who had never spoken before became friends, and the once forgotten space became a place of life and connection. When people asked what had made the biggest difference, many pointed to the small packet of seeds

that had been planted at the beginning.

The woman smiled and said, "I thought I was bringing something small. I didn't realise what God could do with it."

The story of the loaves and fish reminds us that Jesus is not limited by what we think is too little. The miracle began with someone willing to offer what they had. The same invitation is given to each of us today. We often convince ourselves that our contribution is too small, our voice is not important enough, our time is too limited or our gifts are not significant. Yet the Gospel challenges us to stop measuring the size of our offering and start trusting the power of God working through it.

The world does not need more people waiting until they have everything perfectly organised before they make a difference. It needs people willing to offer what they already have with generosity, courage and love. A small act of kindness, a moment of encouragement, a choice to forgive, a willingness to serve or a decision to include someone who feels forgotten can become the beginning of something much bigger.

The question Jesus asks us today is not "Do you have enough?" The question is "Are you willing to share what you have?" Because when ordinary people place ordinary gifts into God's hands, extraordinary things can happen.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(3 August - 09 August)

- **Mon, 03:** St Dominic (Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36)
- **Tues, 04:** St John Vianney (Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 15:1-2, 10-14)
- **Wed, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28)
- **Thur, 06:** The Transfiguration of the Lord (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Mt 17:1-9)
- **Fri, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Nahum 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28)
- **Sat, 08:** St Mary of the Cross (1Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34)
- **Sun 09:** 19th Sunday in Ord Time (1Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22 - 33)

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.

