Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

32ND 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 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-8

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R)
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R)
4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R)

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.
We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS
Geoff & Rose Munro,
Tommy & Eileen McCoey,
Mairead & Neil Cummings,
Christine Fitzpatrick, Mary Ferguson,
Pat Mezzino, Pat Chigwidden,
Stephen Chalmers, Sandy Lee,
Tony Mawdsley, Gemma Woodhead,
Janet Murray, Claire Galpin,
Rosene Edwards, Vicki Cross, Mary
Jacobson, Tanya Francis, Garry Hill,
Les Hill, Geoff Chalmers, Eric Temme,
Kevin and Cath Howard,
Richard Gubbins, Di Shearer,
Baby Alfreya, Delia Lewis,
Patricia Haynes, Gerard Siciliano.
Rob Randabel-Williamson,
Meredith Cunningham.

ANNIVERSARIES
Margaret Hope, Ron Harris,
Chris McCarthy, Frank Scriva,
Reginald Meade.

RECENTLY DECEASED
Lourdes Carle, Giovanni Mignanelli.
Margaret Ryan.

PARISH COLLECTION
October 31st & Nov 1st

1st (Archdiocesan Priests)	$ 952.20
2nd (Parish Expenses)	$ 1107.35

VICTOR MORNING TEA
November 8th
E. Dabinett & K. Pedrosa
November 15th
Y. Rogers & F. Hanna

VICTOR MEET & GREET
November Saturdays
E. O'Connell
November Sundays
R. Reid & K. Pedrosa

GOOLWA MEET & GREET
November
J. Dunthorne
MORNING TEA
November
V. Scriva, C. Rivers,
P. Stone, T. Riding

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

SUPPORTING OUR PRIESTS AND DEACONS
through the First Collection

We are truly blessed by the dedication and service of our priests and deacons. We give special thanks to Fr Vinh for his care for the parish.
Let us show our gratitude by supporting our priests through our parish life, keeping them in our prayers and contributing regularly to the First Collection. Together, we can encourage and support those who give so generously in service to our Church.
You can also contribute to the first Collection online:
First collection (Priests of the Archdiocese)
Account name: Presbytery account.
BSB 066782
Account: 100013968
Ref: Your name:
or please **contact Treasurer Merv Mallett on Mondays on 0412 103 443 for more details.**
Alternatively you can give directly to the Parish on the **Archdiocese website: Giving - Donate - Donate to Your Parish (1st and 2nd collections).**

THE SYNOD IS OVER. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
BE PART OF THE ANSWER – JOIN OUR SYNOD WORKING GROUP OF PARISH VOLUNTEERS. Meeting once a month, the group will gradually work through the five Declarations, explore practical ideas and bring suggestions back to the PPC for prayerful discernment. ***We have four volunteers to date*** so if you would like to join them and help shape the future of our parish, please speak to **John Dunthorne in Goolwa 0437 515 144 or Fran Hanna 0415 124 010**





THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL met at Goolwa on 22nd October. Plans are underway to establish a Synod Working Group. The parish received a very positive safeguarding audit report, and recent garden and produce sales raised $1,600 for our sister parish in Comoro. Activities for Advent and Christmas were discussed. The Church Annex will no longer be available for hire due to administrative and legal requirements.

As this was the final meeting of the current Council, we encourage parishioners to consider joining the PPC. Your ideas, gifts and enthusiasm are always welcome.

-Maintenance Engineers next Wednesday 11th November 9.30 followed by Morning Tea

-St Joan's Social Club next Tuesday 10th November in the Annex at 1.30.

-Liturgy Committee will meet on next Friday 13th November at 2.30pm at Victor Harbor.

-St Joan's Pastoral Care Group will meet on Saturday 14th at 4.30pm in the Annex.



ST JOAN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas is fast approaching and to start the festive season St Joan's Social Club is holding their

Magnificent Christmas Dinner in the Annex

Friday night 27th November at

6.00pm for 6.30pm start.



Come along and enjoy a wonderful night, make up a table or we will seat you. The cost is the same as last year... **$20.00 per head** for turkey, ham off the bone and salads followed by pudding and custard or fruit salad and ice-cream.
There will be a Christmas Basket raffle and lucky door prizes.
BYO drinks and your own glass.

Call or txt Pat on 0410 593 617 or Colleen on 0405 634 744.

Numbers and money by Sunday 15th November.

THE ANNUAL VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL (14-15 NOVEMBER)

The Appeal launches the weekend of 14-15 November with envelopes available. We thank parishioners for their generosity towards people facing hardship during the festive season!
Donations of $2 or more are tax-deductible.

2025 VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food to place in the Christmas boxes in both churches. Thank you for your generosity towards local families!

Please Keep the Dates:



Parishioners are invited to pack Vinnies Christmas hampers:
St Joan of Arc: Tues 15 & Thurs 17 Dec after 9.00a.m. Mass
St John the Apostle: Wed. 9 Dec after 9.30a.m. Mass

KNIGHTS' BBQ last Sunday raised $106 following a great result in October. Many thanks to those who supported us especially to all who donated so kindly. The next BBQ is on Dec 6th

GOOLWA CHRISTMAS GATHERING Dec 6th from 6pm. We will be holding a shared plate function this year. Please byo food, drink and glasses. There will be carols and a great chance to catch up with fellow parishioners. Over the next few weeks, we will take names of those intending to come and will need at least 30 to go ahead with function. There will no charge any raffles.

MESSY CHURCH on Nov 22nd at Goolwa Catholic church 3.30pm to 5pm. There will be arts, crafts and games and teaching of the Christmas story.

LUTHERAN ADVENT EVENING 29th Nov 6pm to 9pm. Please bring savoury or finger food as well as your drink and glasses. We always have a group from our church who regularly attend but all are welcome. There are forms at the back of the church to fill in to advise of your attendance.

45 Club Winner No 18 Sue McCarthy

ARMISTICE DAY – 11 NOVEMBER

On 11th November, we pause to remember Armistice Day, marking the end of fighting in the First World War in 1918. At 11 am, we observe one minute's silence to honour all those who have served and sacrificed in wars and conflicts and to remember those who continue to suffer because of war today. May this day remind us of the precious gift of peace and strengthen our commitment to building a world where understanding, compassion and reconciliation prevail.



THIS WEEK: November 7th & 8th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator L. Blacket
R.1 C. Huppatz
R.2 C. Allen
EMHC - Host Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 T. White
- Chalice 2 E. O'Connell

Sunday 11am

Commentator: R. Klecko
R. 1 M. Libutan
R. 2 W. Baker
EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 K. Dudley
- Chalice 2 P. Clingan

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator**:** P. Kennelly
R.1 M. Busby
R.2 V. Scriva
EMHC - Host: Fr. Vinh
- Chalice 1 M. Freeborn
- Chalice 2 A. Turner



NEXT WEEK: Nov.14th & 15th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator T. White
R.1 M. Mulvihill
R.2 L. Blacket
EMHC - Host E. O'Shaughnessy
- Chalice 1 C. Sutherland
- Chalice 2 Fr Vinh

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien
R. 1 T. Hounslow
R. 2 F. Hanna
EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh
- Chalice 1 E. Dabinett
- Chalice 2 L. Sunman

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator**:** A. Fawkner
R.1 R. Lee
R.2 C. Huppatz
EMHC - Host: T. Siciliano
- Chalice 1 Fr Vinh
- Chalice 2 T. Riding

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CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- PARISH PRIEST

Fr Vinh
in Geelong - 0429 098 802)

FR VINH IS ON LEAVE

In an emergency contact:
Fr Julius (0455 878 907
juliusphilip122@yahoo.com)

- PARISH MANAGER

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)
(Monday & Thursday:10am - 12noon)
Email: Parish_manager@bigpond.com

- PARISH ENCOUNTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - 8552 1084, catholicvhg@bigpond.com
(*All items for the newsletter by Wed)*

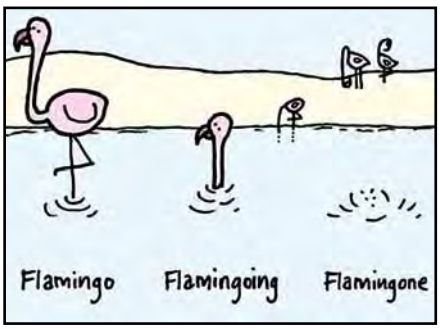
- PARISH TREASURER

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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GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

SEEKING WISDOM

For a few years I worked in downtown San Francisco. It's a lovely city by every standard, but it has one major drawback that gives newcomers pause: it's located on an earthquake fault line. When you ask long-term residents how they cope with the idea that at any moment, without warning, their entire world could collapse under their feet, they look at you with the amusement of experience. "You get used to it," they tell you.

Most people who live on fault lines dismiss the odds. They don't have the emergency supplies on hand that local phone books recommend: enough bottled water for several days, flashlights, spare batteries, a transistor radio. To non-residents, this seems like madness. But consider all the things you may not be prepared for. How many people go through life without health insurance? Who prepares for divorce, disability, or even unemployment? In some ways, we all go about without oil in our lamps, like the five in this week's story, playing the odds that we won't come up short.

One way to be prepared for any event uality is to ground our lives, not in fluctuating circumstances, but in Christ. Though the earth shiver and crack open beneath us someday, we won't be lost if Christ is the bedrock upon which we stand.

What is the central truth upon which your life is grounded? Will that truth support you 'come hell or high water'?

Keep vigil for wisdom. Make time for spiritual reading regularly, as well as prayer, solitude, and worship. Get into the habit of discerning God's will as you make decisions regarding relationships and resources.

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MAKING CONNECTIONS

- The lamp oil represents those resources we have to meet the challenge of being ready: our actions, our faith, our service to others, our prayer, how much we have loved. It is not that the sensible virgins are being selfish; it is simply that this kind of oil—the way we live our lives—cannot be exchanged. We have to rely on our own resources to be ready.
- Think about the priorities in your own life. What are the activities that take up your time and energy? Are they the kinds of activities that prepare you to meet the bridegroom?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(09 - 15 November)

- ***Monday, 09:*** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9,12; Jn 2:13-22)
- ***Tuesday, 10:*** St Leo the Great (Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10)
- ***Wednesday, 11:*** St Martin of Tours (Titus 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19)
- ***Thursday, 12:*** St Josaphat (Philemon 7-20; Lk 17:20-25)
- ***Friday, 13:*** Weekday, Ord Time 32 (2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37)
- ***Saturday, 14:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8)
- ***Sunday 19:*** 33rd Sunday, Ordinary Time (Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6l; Mt 25:14-30)

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.