



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

19TH 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

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R)

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 129:5

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side
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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, Di Shearer
Baby Alfrey, Carolyn Labram.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Reid, Colin Galvin

PARISH COLLECTION

August 1st & 2nd

1st (Presbytery) \$ 746.65

2nd (Parish) \$ 880.75

VICTOR MORNING TEA

16th August

Y. Rogers & F. Hanna.

23rd August

W. & J. Baker

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, B. Hallion

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 AUGUST FOR MUTUAL COEXISTENCE:

Let us pray that Societies, where coexistence seems more difficult, might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

AUGUST IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. St. Bernard of Clairvaux expressed

Mary's presence in our lives beautifully:

"In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. With her for your guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary." St Bernard of Clairvaux, born 1090.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY - SATURDAY 15th AUGUST

At the core of our faith is the belief, based on the biblical accounts, that Christ experienced a bodily resurrection from the dead and ascended, while still in bodily form, to heaven. Mary was taken up (assumed) into heaven and it confirms that this extraordinary reversal of death is not limited to Christ. If Mary can end up in heaven, body and soul, so can we who share in her humanity.

May Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, assumed into Heaven, pray for us, now and at the hour of our death. Amen!

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.*

COMORO/EARTHCARE PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY



Our Comoro/Earthcare project made a great start last weekend with parishioners in Victor and Goolwa being given demonstrations by Mark and Vivi of how to plant and care for seeds. We look forward to seeing the fruits of their efforts. As well, people are planning to send along chutneys and jams and other produce.

Father Vinh has put in his order for a jar of chutney!! We will let you know when the Plant and Produce Sale is going to take place as we get closer to September.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOUTH - 12TH AUGUST

UN Secretary-General António Guterres

"Young people are already leading the way as organizers and innovators. But to go further, they need access to the skills that will shape the future – from critical thinking and problem-solving to digital literacy."

Across countries and communities, young people seek dignity, opportunity, meaningful participation, decent work, quality education and a sustainable future.

It was good to see our two altar servers Rosmita and Renita taking part in their school's -Victor Harbor High School - very successful presentation of the musical "Oliver". It was especially heartening to read in the programme the introduction by their teachers, talking about the extra work it involved for them:

"We do it for the students. We do it for the relationships they make with others, the skills they learn, the fun they have and the memories they make."

**May God bless all our young people and those who support them
with joy and hope at this difficult time for the world.**

KSC FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND

1st Prize \$100 meal voucher.

For V.H ...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 Des Wallace No 38

JULY PPC MEETING POINTS



Pastoral Council

- **Living the Joy of the Gospel:** A new Synod formation program for parish group study will be introduced soon. Fr Vinh hopes to run it in our parish. An online information session was held via Zoom on **5th August at 7.00 pm**. A facilitator is being sought for Goolwa.

- **Parish Boundaries:** The Diocese is reviewing parish boundaries, with a forum planned later this year. While this is not currently an issue locally, the Synod has suggested greater sharing of resources between parishes. An online information session will be held on **25th August at 7.00 pm**.
- **Homeless Awareness Forum:** Anne and Fran attended the Fleurieu Community Foundation Homeless Awareness Forum on **5th August**.
- **Parish Manager's Report:** The Working With Children Check (WWCC) application process is being simplified, allowing most parishioners to complete applications from home without office assistance.
- **General Business:** Parishioners were warned about scam emails requesting money and appearing to come from the Parish Priest. Similar scams have been reported in several parishes across the Diocese.

**ST JOAN'S SOCIAL CLUB meeting
this Tuesday 11th at 1.30 in the Annex**



THIS 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. Fawcner

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

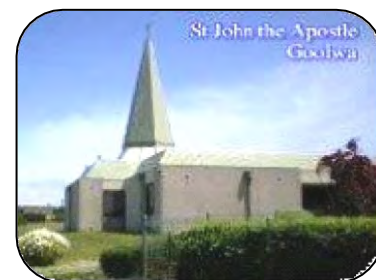
R.1 E. Bourne

R.2 V. Scriva

EMHC - Host: Fr. Vinh

- Chalice 1: M. Freeborn

- Chalice 2: S. Muller.



NEXT WEEK: August 15th & 16th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L. Blacket

R.1 J. Jeffery

R.2 M. Mulvihill

EMHC - Host Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: E. O'Connell

- Chalice 2: A. Fawcner

Sunday 11am

Commentator: F. Hanna

R. 1 A. Weygood

R. 2 V. Coffey

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1 E. Dabinett

- Chalice 2: P. Clingant

Goolwa Sunday 9am

Commentator: A. Fawcner

R.1 R. Lee

R.2 M. Wilcock

EMHC - Host: T. Siciliano

- Chalice 1: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 2: T. Riding

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NGARRINDJERI and
RAMINDJERI land

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will get back to you asap)
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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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• **PARISH MANAGER**

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

• **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)
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• **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.

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(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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while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'

It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

**THE LIGHTHOUSE
IN THE STORM**

A young sailor once asked an experienced captain, "How do you stay calm when the waves are bigger than the boat?"

The captain smiled and replied, "I don't pretend the storm is small. I remember that the storm is not the only thing that is there."

The young sailor did not understand. "But when the wind is loud and the waves are high, how can you think about anything else?"

The captain pointed towards the distant shore, where a lighthouse stood shining through the darkness. "Because I know where I am heading. The light does not remove the storm, but it reminds me that I am not lost."

In Matthew's Gospel, Peter steps out of the boat and walks towards Jesus across the water. For a moment, he does the impossible. He trusts, he takes courage and he moves beyond what

seems safe. But then he notices the wind and the waves. Fear takes over, and he begins to sink.

Like Peter, we all have moments when the storms become louder than the hope within us. We become focused on the problems, the pressure and the uncertainty around us, and we forget to look towards the One who is already reaching out.

The invitation of Jesus is not to deny the storms of life. It is to remember that the storm does not have the final word. We are called to keep moving forward with courage, knowing that even when our confidence wavers, God's hand is still reaching for us.

The challenge for each of us is simple but powerful: What has become louder than our faith? What waves are distracting us from where we are called to go? And how might we become a source of light and hope for someone else who feels overwhelmed by the storm?

Because sometimes the greatest act of faith is not walking on water. It is taking the next step, trusting that we are not walking alone.

GPBS eNews

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
(10 - 16 August)**

- **Monday, 10:** St Lawrence (2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26)
- **Tuesday, 11:** St Clare (Ezek 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20)
- **Thursday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1)
- **Friday, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Ezek 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Saturday, 15:** The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Sunday 16:** 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28)

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.