



Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

17TH 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 3:5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R)
2. Let your love be ready to console

me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R)

3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. (R)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!*

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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,

ANNIVERSARIES

Patrine Harris, Maureen Farmer,
Bob Willis, Sheila Hanna,
Mollie McGee

PARISH COLLECTION

July 18th & 19th

1st (Presbytery) \$851.65
2nd (Parish) \$1043.00

VICTOR MORNING TEA

26th July

W. & J. Baker

2nd August

L. Sunman & J. Davidge

VICTOR MEET & GREET

July Saturdays

C. Huppatz

July Sundays

R. Reid & W. Baker

GOOLWA MEET & GREET

July

J. Dunthorne

MORNING TEA

July

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



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 WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



Grandparents can have a vital role in their grandchildren's lives. Today we celebrate their generosity and love. We also celebrate the elderly in our community for their enormous contribution over many years. We reach out to those who feel lonely or forgotten. Some of us are among the elderly. Let us hear with joy the words Pope Leo has chosen for this day - Isaias 49:15

"I will never forget you."

We also celebrate the feast day of
Sts Anne and Joachim,
the grandparents of Jesus.

There will be a special blessing for
Grandparents and the Elderly at all our
weekend Masses.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - RCIA 2026.

Currently we have 2 candidates. Please pray with and for them.

Our first meeting is on Friday, 31st July at 2pm in the Annex.

If you know anyone who wishes to become a Catholic.
please contact Fr Vinh PRIOR to the first meeting.

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.*



Happy 80th Birthday
to Steve Muller

45 club winner ticket No 3 Pat Stone from Mt Compass

*Sadly we note the death of Dodge Farmer,
the late Maureen Farmer's husband.
May he rest in peace.*



INVITATION: Christian Community Care (CCC)

Christian Community Care (CCC):

Thank you for caring

On behalf of people seeking food from the CCC pantry, CCC would like to thank you for your donations of non-perishable food! Every non-perishable food item is appreciated and is given to an individual or family seeking food. Our CCC food drive finishes this weekend but you can donate non-perishable food items to the CCC at any time:

- Open Door, Uniting Church, 1 Collingwood St; Goolwa (Monday & Wednesday 11am-2pm)
- Church of Christ, Seaview Rd; Victor Harbor (on Monday & Wednesday 11am-2pm)

Please see Anne Fawkner or Rose Mulraney, CCC Parish Representatives if you would like to know more about the CCC.

SAVE THE DATE

Contemplative Living Community Retreat Day

ALL WELCOME

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.

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

RSVP Robyn Schrama: 0414365234

RECYCLING NEWS



Thank you to everyone supporting our latest collections of aluminium and recycled cans for Comoro - Lennie, Anne Fawkner, Marie Ryan, John Dunthorne, Lynne and Dave, Marilyn, Wendy and John Baker, Marie Galvin and recycled bottles and cans - Vivi, Chrisso and Alex for Comoro. *Rosemary.*
Soon there will be other beverage containers to be recycled for a refund in late 2027 - spirit and wine bottles, juice and cordial containers, and larger flavoured milk containers.

COMING NEWS ABOUT COMORO FUNDRAISING

and how you can be involved.

Next Sunday Comoro Working Group and our Catholic Earthcare Group will be unveiling a combined project for fundraising for Comoro.

THIS WEEK: July 25th & 26th

Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy

R.1 J. Ryan

R.2 L. Blacket

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: A. Fawkner

- Chalice 2: T. White

Sunday 11am

Commentator: P. O'Brien

R. 1 L. Sunman

R. 2 W. Baker

EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh

- Chalice 1: P. Clingan

- Chalice 2: K. White

Goolwa 9am

Commentator: M. Freeborn

EMHC - Host: Fr. Vinh

- Chalice 1: V. Scriva

- Chalice 2: Marie Riddle



NEXT 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.

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RAMINDJERI land

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• **PARISH PRIEST**

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Email: Vinh2511@bigpond.com

• **PARISH MANAGER**

Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)

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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)

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 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

**THE TREASURE WE
ALMOST MISSED**

There was once a woman who spent many years searching for something she felt was missing. She travelled to different places, read countless books, listened to inspiring speakers and constantly looked for the moment when everything would finally make sense.

She believed that somewhere ahead of her was the thing she needed. A new opportunity. A new experience. A new achievement. Something that would bring lasting peace and fulfilment.

One day, while walking along a familiar path near her home, she noticed an elderly neighbour sitting quietly outside. They began talking, and the woman shared her search for something more. The neighbour smiled and said, "Sometimes we spend so much time looking for treasure that we fail to notice what has been with us all along."

The woman thought about those words. She began to look differently at her life. She noticed the kindness of people who had supported her. She appreciated the simple conversations she had rushed through before. She saw the beauty in moments she had considered ordinary. She realised that the treasure she had been searching for was not hidden somewhere far away. It had been present in the relationships, blessings and moments of grace surrounding her every day.

Jesus tells us this week that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. The person who discovers it recognises its value and responds with great joy.

The challenge of this parable is that the treasure is not always obvious. We can become so focused on what we think we need next that we overlook the gifts already placed in our hands. We can chase what is impressive and miss what is meaningful. We can search for God in extraordinary moments while overlooking the quiet ways God is already present.

Perhaps the invitation for us is not always to find something new, but to see something familiar with new eyes. The people around us, the opportunities before us, the moments of generosity, forgiveness and love may be the very places where God has hidden the treasure.

The question is not only, "Where can I find God?" It is also, "Where have I failed to notice that God is already here?"

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(27 July - 02 August)

- **Monday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 13:1-11 ; Mt 13:31-35)
- **Tuesday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 14:17-22 ; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 29:** Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27)
- **Thursday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 18:1-6 ; Mt 13:47-53)
- **Friday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Jer 26:1-9 ; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 01:** St Alphonsus Liguori (Jer 26:11-16, 24 ; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 02:** 18 SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21)

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.