



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

13TH 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

**2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16**

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 88:2-3, 16-19**

*For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R)

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; by your favour it is that our might is exalted; for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (

### SECOND READING

**Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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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

Dennis Edward Kennelly, Rita Sullivan  
Molly Meade, Patrine Harris

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## PARISH COLLECTION

### June 20th & 21st

1st (Presbytery) \$936.60  
2nd (Parish) \$901.25

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## VICTOR MORNING TEA

### 28th June

L. Sunman & J. Davidge

### 5th July

W. & J. Baker

## VICTOR MEET & GREET

### July Saturdays

C. Huppatz

### July Sundays

R. Reid & W. Baker

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## 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

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



# Bulletin Board

## RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

is the official spiritual and educational journey adults take to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Currently there are three people in our area who are interested in becoming Catholics. If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested please contact Father Vinh.

## A CHANCE TO HELP OUR NEIGHBOURS



There is no doubt that we live in a 'Global World'. Our neighbours are countries beyond our shores just as the people living in our street or, in a wider context, the people living throughout Australia. Jesus calls us to attend to those of our neighbours who are poor and not to ignore them. The word "catholic" means "all embracing". And, while we do this locally, through St. Vincent De Paul Society, the Knights of the Southern Cross and other

charities, our parish is embracing the poor overseas in our near neighbour of Timor-Leste through our Comoro Sister Parish Connection. *Report Mark Leaney*

**We are currently focusing on the needs of the agricultural school of Fuloro run by the Salesians to prepare students (female and male) to return to their area to pass on what they learn. Recently a tank for water for the school was built by our donations (see photo). There are other practical projects awaiting our help. Mark Leaney will be visiting later this year as our parish representative.**

## SACRIFICE FOR COMORO

**On June 28th at 12.00 in St Joan's Annex John Baker has bravely volunteered to have his beard shaven by Mark, our local hairdresser, to raise funds for Comoro.**



John will be at all three Mass this weekend to take your sponsorship donations. If you don't get to support John this weekend you can contact him on 0419 046 147.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE  
TO SUPPORT COMORO**

## 45 CLUB



We would like to thank all those who have renewed their membership for the next series but we are still needing 7 members to pay by this weekend so that it can be filled for the first draw on July 4th. Please see Paul or John at Goolwa and for Victor parishioners please place \$20 in an envelope with your name and hand it in on the 2nd collection. Any queries please call Paul on 0402 852 825. Thank you for your cooperation.

**KSC BBQ** to be held next weekend July 5th after 9am Mass. A profit of \$78.70 was made at the last BBQ and we would like to thank those who helped when we were short on volunteers.

**NEWS FOR SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH**  
from Andy Nicholls



Congratulations to our beautiful community in achieving our Goals and setting outstanding Standards for Safeguarding within our Parish. The following are a few reminders of what is expected for ensuring safety and integrity for all:  
*All Policies including new policies can be found in the Annex of each Church*

- Safeguarding Essentials Training must be completed by all volunteers along with a Working with Children Check. Training can be completed online by contacting [caasafeoperations@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:caasafeoperations@adelaide.catholic.org.au). You will then be provided with login information. Or you can contact me at [andrewnicholls6@gmail.com](mailto:andrewnicholls6@gmail.com) for face to face training.
- Posters displayed in each Church provide succinct information for Mandatory Notification as well as many other welfare procedures.
- A wealth of resources is available at the Adelaide Archdiocesan website or the link on our Parish website. Many Children activities and Parent resources can be found here.
- If you wish to access the Sacristy, other than for a pop in - pop out, you must sign the registry available in the Sacristy of each Church.
- Feedback Forms and secure feedback boxes are provided in each Church and Feedback is always welcome and confidential unless you would like it shared at our PPC meetings. Personal Feedback with Fr. Vinh, Parish Leaders or myself as Safeguarding Contact Person are always welcomed.

God Bless Andy

***Our thanks to Andy and Pat Clingan for their hard work in preparing for the Audit and their ongoing commitment to meeting our safeguarding standards particularly with our volunteers.***

**THE FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**



**on Monday, June 29th** is a solemn feast day celebrated by Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican communities worldwide to honour the martyrdom of two foundational apostles of the early Christian church.

We pray for Pope Leo as he continues to guide the Church in these difficult times and preach the message of Jesus to the whole world.

**FEAST OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**Patron Saint of India - July 3rd**

St Thomas is said to have first landed in India in 52BC and established many Christian churches there.

He is also believed to have travelled to Sri Lanka.

We give thanks for our parishioners from India and

Sri Lanka. May St Thomas help us all to grow in faith.



**VINNIES WINTER APPEAL: THANK YOU!**

The Vinnies thank you for your very generous donation to the 'Vinnies Winter Appeal'. Your \$4250 donation will enable the local Vinnies to support people in need of 'a hand up' during their times of crisis or when they are struggling.

***Your donation will make a difference. Thank you!***



**THIS WEEK: 27th & 28th June**  
**Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm**

Commentator: E. O'Shaughnessy  
R.1 M. Mulvihill  
R.2 L. Blacket  
EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh  
- Chalice 1: A. Fawkner  
- Chalice 2: C. Sutherland

**Sunday 11am**

Commentator: P. O'Brien  
R. 1 K. Dudley  
R. 2 G. Ryan  
EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh  
- Chalice 1: E. Dabinett  
- Chalice 2: A. Rose

**Goolwa 9am**

Commentator: V. Scriver  
R.1 E. Bourne  
R.2 M. O'Halloran  
EMHC - Host: A. Turner  
- Chalice 1: Fr Vinh  
- Chalice 2: S. Muller



**NEXT WEEK: July 4th & 5th**  
**Victor Harbor Saturday 6pm**

Commentator: L. Blacket  
R.1 C. Huppatz  
R.2 A. Fawkner  
EMHC - Host: J. Jeffery  
- Chalice 1: T. White  
- Chalice 2: Fr Vinh

**Sunday 11am**

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

**Goolwa 9am**

Commentator: Marie Riddle  
R.1 M. Wilcock  
R.2 Michael Riddle  
EMHC - Host: Fr Vinh  
- Chalice 1: S. Muller  
- Chalice 2: A. Turner

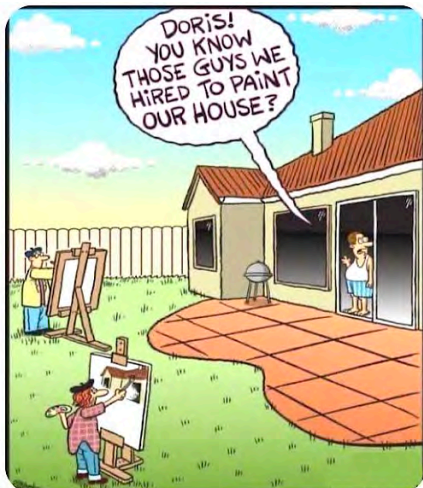
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CATHOLIC PARISH**  
NGARRINDJERI and  
RAMINDJERI land

**CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE**

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- **PARISH MANAGER**  
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
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(All items for the newsletter by Wed)
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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.
- Andy Nicholls  
(VH/G contact - 0475 893 521 or  
[andrewnicholls6@gmail.com](mailto: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 ACCLAMATION**

**1 Peter 2:9**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*You are a chosen race, a royal  
priesthood, a holy people. Praise God  
who called you out of darkness and  
into his marvellous light. Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 10:37-42**

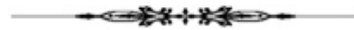
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:  
'Anyone who prefers father or mother  
to me is not worthy of me.

Anyone who prefers son or daughter to  
me is not worthy of me.

Anyone who does not take his cross  
and follow in my footsteps is not  
worthy of me. Anyone who finds his  
life will lose it; anyone who loses his  
life for my sake will find it.  
'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes  
me; and those who welcome me  
welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet  
because he is a prophet will have a  
prophet's reward; and anyone who  
welcomes a holy man because he is a  
holy man will have a holy man's  
reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of  
cold water to one of these little ones  
because he is a disciple, then I tell you  
solemnly, he will most certainly not  
lose his reward.'



**THE CUP OF WATER,  
A SIGN OF THE KINGDOM**

Jesus has a way of turning our  
assumptions upside down. We often  
imagine that changing the world  
requires wealth, influence or grand  
gestures. Yet in this Gospel, Jesus  
points to something as simple as a cup  
of water. A small act of kindness. A  
practical response to another person's  
need. An ordinary moment filled with  
extraordinary grace.

This message could not be more  
relevant today. We live in a society  
where many people feel unseen,  
isolated and left behind. Families are  
carrying financial pressures. Young  
people are searching for purpose and  
belonging. Many in our communities  
struggle with loneliness, injustice and  
uncertainty about the future.

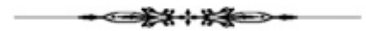
The Gospel calls us beyond sympathy  
and into action. As disciples of Jesus,  
we are not simply invited to admire  
compassion. We are called to practise  
it. We are called to notice those who  
are overlooked, welcome those who  
are excluded and stand alongside  
those whose dignity is threatened.  
Faith is not measured by what we say  
on Sunday alone. It is revealed by  
how we treat people on Monday.

Every act of generosity, every effort to  
build justice, every choice to forgive,  
welcome and serve becomes a sign of  
God's Kingdom breaking into the  
world.

The challenge for us is clear. Are we  
content to be observers of the Gospel,  
or are we prepared to live it? Are our  
homes, our parish and our community  
places where people encounter the  
compassion of Christ? Do our actions  
reflect the values we proclaim?

Jesus reminds us that no act of love is  
insignificant. Every cup of water  
offered in his name becomes part of  
something much bigger than  
ourselves. It becomes a witness to a  
world transformed by mercy, justice  
and hope.

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(29 June - 05 July)

- **Monday, 29:** Sts PETER and PAUL  
(Acts 12:1-11; Mt 16:13-19)
- **Tuesday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 13  
(Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27)
- **Wednesday, 01:** Weekday, Ord Time  
13 (Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt  
8:28-34)
- **Thursday, 02:** Weekday, Ord Time  
13 (Amos 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8)
- **Friday, 03:** St Thomas (Eph  
2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29: )
- **Saturday, 04:** Weekday, Ord Time  
(Amos 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17)
- **Sunday 05:** 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in  
ORDINARY TIME (Zech 9:9-10;  
Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30)

**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.