

# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

YEAR A  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

### WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.



## FIRST READING

*Exodus 17:3-7*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

## SECOND READING

*Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*

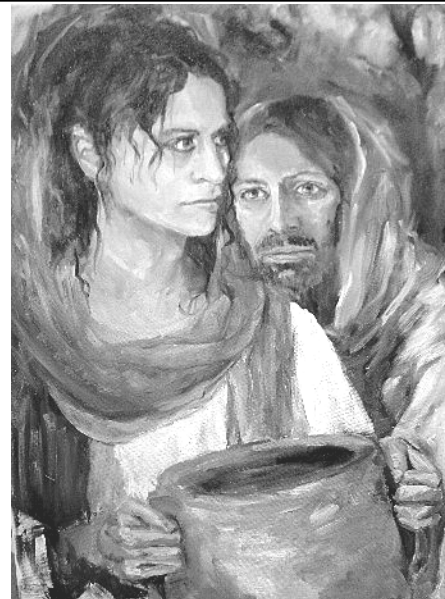
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Glory to you, Word of God,  
Lord Jesus Christ!*

*Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.*

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Lord Jesus Christ!*



## GOSPEL

*John 4:5-42*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband'

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

Barbara Bond, John Wallace,  
Father John Langtry, Michelle L,  
Adrian and Margaret Langtry,  
Brian Smallacombe,  
Bailey Smallacombe,  
Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth,  
Daniel Holliday, Mark & Lola Kelly,  
Mary Davis, Claire Hamish,  
Joan Pillion, Angelo Fantasia,  
Jane Lloyd, West Family,  
Joseph Barry Kearsley,  
Lyn McCabe

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Ian Ferguson, Frances Durdin,  
Geoff Bannon.

## PARISH COLLECTION 7th & 8th March

1st (Presbytery) \$1574.40  
2nd (Parish) \$1584.15

## VICTOR MORNING TEA 22nd & 29th March H. & P. Sampson

## VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER 21st & 28th March R. Munro & T. Clayton

## VICTOR MEET & GREET March Saturdays M. Farmer & D. McLaughlin March Sundays A. Wright & L. Sunman

## ST JOAN'S CHOIR : No Practice until further notice

## GOOLWA MORNING TEA March M. Burford, A. Fawkner, S. Butler, K. O'Shea GOOLWA MEET & GREET March C. & J. Slagter

## ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP Practice time 2pm each Tuesday Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199.

## THE HOLY FATHER'S 2020 PRAYER INTENTIONS: MARCH For Evangelisation Catholics in China:

We pray that the Church in  
China may persevere in its  
faithfulness to the Gospel  
and grow in unity.



## TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE GOOLWA

You are invited to our Taizé prayer service  
on **Wednesday 18th March** at 10.15 after the  
9.30 Mass followed by morning tea. Bring  
your friends. It is an Ecumenical Service.

**KSC SOCIAL AND DINNER \$25**  
on **Wednesday March 18th** at the  
South Lakes Golf Club. Telephone  
Paul Kennelly on 0402 852 825.

## FISH AND CHIPS NIGHT

to be held in the Annex on **Friday April 3rd**  
at 6pm. This is always an enjoyable  
evening. **Numbers attending are needed by**  
**March 27th.** Please contact Colleen  
Pearsons on 0411 724 997.

## ST VINCENT de PAUL

The next meeting will be held on  
Thursday March 26th at Victor Harbor  
after the 9am Mass.

## THANK YOU

There are too many people to mention  
everyone by name but we would like to say a  
special thank you to the following:

To the **Governor his Excellency Hieu Van Le,**  
**and Mrs Lan Le to Father Philip Marshall,**  
**Father Peter Sheedy, Monsignor Rob Egar**  
**and to all our special guests,** thank you  
for coming to celebrate with us. A special  
vote of thanks to **Milton Smith our guest or-**  
**ganist** from St Augustine's Anglican  
Church. Our thanks to **the combined choir**  
who have practised so hard for this event.  
Thanks must go to our two **leadlight artists**  
**Mark Leaney and Ray Klecko** for their  
generous donation of our new windows.  
Thanks to **Pat Clingan and her trusty band of**  
**helpers** for organising our luncheon and  
finally thank you to **our parish community** for  
the myriad contributions made towards the  
holding of this event.

## The Centenary Committee

(Father Vinh, Ray Klecko, Rachela Caiapich,  
Meredith Cunningham, Fran Hanna. Rob and  
Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson, Rose  
Mulraney and the late Ian Reid.)

## CENTENARY 1920 – 2020 AN ECUMENICAL CHURCH FOR VISITORS



Preparation for this centenary  
celebration began over a hundred 100 years  
ago when a decision was made to build a  
church "**chiefly for the sake of**  
**Catholic visitors to the principal seaside**  
**resort of the State**" as there were "*only a*  
*handful of Catholics permanently resident in*  
*Victor Harbor.*"

That small group of pioneers held many fund-  
raising events involving Catholics and non-  
Catholics alike and at the laying of the founda-  
tion stone on March 7th 1920 *Archbishop*  
*Spence noted "the splendid support of non-*  
*Catholics toward the cost of the Church.* He  
was pleased indeed that such **friendly**  
**relations existed between the different**  
**denominations.** He hoped the friendly  
relations would continue.

He congratulated the  
people of Victor Harbor and  
said *everyone should be*  
*proud of it, Catholics and*  
*non-Catholics alike* as it  
would be "*one of the finest*  
*buildings in Victor Harbor*".

**From the Blue Book, a history of the first 50**  
**years of our parish. It includes information**  
**about St John's, Goolwa as well. You can**  
**find it on our website:**

<http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au/history>

## MEMORIES: A LIVING HISTORY

When we reflected on how we might tell the  
story of the last 50 years we realised that we  
parishioners were now living and had lived in  
those years. So we decided to write **a living**  
**history of the memories of our parishioners.**  
There are many different nationalities  
represented among us, many different ages,  
newcomers and longstanding parishioners.  
Of course we know there are as many stories  
to be told as there are parishioners and our  
hope is that this is not the end of our sharing.  
**Our book also contains a brief history of**  
**both parish churches, an article on the pipe**  
**organ, on St Joan of Arc herself and a**  
**reflection on the future by Father Vinh.**  
Thanks to our organisers Jocelyne and Rob  
Randabel-Williamson and their team of  
interviewers and John Tregeagle for his help  
with the printing arrangements and to all those  
who were willing to share their experiences of  
St Joan's, Victor and St John's, Goolwa with  
us. **Copies of the book are available today at a**  
**cost of \$5.**



# Bulletin Board



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

3rd Sunday in Lent

**If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before Him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for He is our God and we  
the people who belong to His pasture  
the flock that is led by His hand.

O that today you would listen to His  
voice!

Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.



## PROJECT COMPASSION



Barry grew up in a tough  
environment. With the  
support of a program from  
Caritas Australia's part-

ner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has over-  
come many of life's challenges. He is  
now an inspirational father to his four girls  
and a leader in his community.

You can donate through Parish boxes  
and envelopes, by phone 1800 024 413  
or online.

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)

## STUDY SESSIONS DURING LENT

**Victor** Tues. after 9.00 Mass.

**Goolwa** Friday 2pm before Stations of  
the Cross.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY IN LENT

GOOLWA 3PM

VICTOR 5PM



## PARISH PASTORAL CARE GROUP

Next meeting Saturday **April 18th** 4.30  
pm.

## MINISTERS' ROSTERS FOR EASTER

Please advise your availability for Easter  
ceremonies on the forms at the back of  
the Church.

## ST PATRICK

Feast Day March 17th

(c. 386 – 461)



Legends about Patrick  
abound; but truth is best  
served by our seeing two  
solid qualities in him: He  
was humble and he was courageous. The  
determination to accept suffering and suc-  
cess with equal indifference guided the life  
of God's instrument for winning most of  
Ireland for Christ.

*Franciscan Media.*

## ST JOSEPH

Feast Day 19th March



The Bible pays Joseph the  
highest compliment: he  
was a "just" man. This just  
man was simply, joyfully,  
wholeheartedly obedient to  
God - in marrying Mary, in  
naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious  
pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth,  
in the undetermined number of years of  
quiet faith and courage. St Joseph, pray  
for us. *Franciscan Media*

## THE SCHOOL

The school was run by the Sisters of Mercy  
from 1930 – 1967. When  
the school closed they  
generously came down  
each weekend to give  
Religious Instruction from  
1968-1979. Lay people then took over.

The school as you can imagine made a  
wonderful contribution to parish life. We  
have three parishioners who attended the  
school, Colleen Pearsons, Richard  
Edwards and Barry Wilks. Sr Catherine  
Seward RSM was Parish Assistant in 1985  
and 1986 and hopes to be with us for the  
Centenary. All that is left now of the school  
is the convent building at 26 Seaview  
Road. We are having a plaque put in the  
grounds to commemorate the convent. It  
will be available to examine in the Annex  
after 11am Mass. Colleen Pearsons is  
organising a school re-union over the long  
weekend in October when more of the  
school's history will be shared.

## SOUTHERN CROSS

This month's edition has a  
tribute to Phil Burns and  
Father Sean McGearty.

Copies available later in the month.



## This Week : 14th & 15th March

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** E. O'Shaughnessy

**R.1** M. Farmer

**R.2** L. Blacket

**E.M.** E. O'Connell

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R1** Governor Hieu Van Le

**R2** F. Hanna

**E.M** P. Clingan, M. Von Holst,  
M. Ferguson, P. O'Brien

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**

**Commentator:** M. O'Halloran

**R1** K. Fawkner

**R2** A. Fawkner

**E.M.** R. Austin, D. Huppatz,  
L. Healey, S. Muller, J. McMahon



## Next Week : 21st & 22nd March

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** J. Jeffery

**R.2** C. Sutherland

**E.M.** M. Farmer

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator:** R. Klecko

**R1** S. Duong

**R2** T. Hounslow

**E.M** R. Kuske

**GOOLWA Sunday 9am**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R1** D. West

**R2** D. McMahon

**E.M.** M. Ryan



## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

#### • PARISH PRIEST

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Email: [Vinh2511@bigpond.com](mailto:Vinh2511@bigpond.com)

#### • PARISH MANAGERS

Monday and Thursday mornings  
Mr Ray Klecko (0438 364 870)  
Mrs Pat Clingan (0410 593 617)  
Email: [Parish\\_manager@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_manager@bigpond.com)

#### • PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com)  
(All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening)

#### • PARISH TREASURER

Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)  
Email: [Parish\\_treasure@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_treasure@bigpond.com)

### MASS CENTRES AND TIMES

#### • ST JOAN OF ARC

30 Seaview Road, Victor Harbor

#### MASS TIMES

Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 11.00am

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11.00am - 11.30am  
Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm

#### • ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

10-14 Gardiner Street, Goolwa

#### MASS TIMES

Sunday 9.00am  
RECONCILIATION  
Sunday 8.30am - 8.50am

### CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159  
Cathy May (Goolwa - 0401 584 237)  
Parish Office (Victor Harbor 8552 1084)



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said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

*'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'*

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people. 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

*'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one*

*sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'*

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

### DID YOU KNOW?

- There was an ancient enmity between the Jews and Samaritans that sprang from the split of Israel and Judah into two kingdoms after the death of Solomon. Samaria was the capital of the northern kingdom while Jerusalem remained the capital in the south. The Samaritans built a 'break-away' Temple on Mount Gerizim.
- In speaking to a woman who is unknown to him, and a Samaritan woman at that, Jesus is contravening the acceptable social mores of his time. This causes shock in the disciples but indicates that the kingdom of God is open to all who recognise Jesus.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(16 - 22 March)

- **Monday, 16:** Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Lent (2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30)
- **Tuesday, 17:** St Patrick's Day (Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 18:** Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Lent (Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19)
- **Thursday, 19:** St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14; Rom 4:13m 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24)
- **Friday, 20:** Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Lent - (Josea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34)
- **Saturday, 21:** Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Lent (Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14)
- **Sunday 22:** FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT (1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41)

### PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.  
Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).